



**International Liaison Committee
of the
3rd International Wildland Fire Conference
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Official Scope Statement

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Scope Statement

Brief Description

Following the 3rd International Wildland Fire Conference in Sydney, Australia in October 2003, a one-day summit will be held between representatives from all regions of the globe to develop a strategy for the improvement of wildland fire management. Also attending will be invited representatives of those countries and international agencies most able to assist, or having a significant stake in the situation. The participants will meet to collectively plan both short and medium term pragmatic solutions to the problems being confronted in wildland fire management. This summit will seek agreement for the implementation of a five-year wildland fire strategy.

Rationale

Sydney, Australia will host the 3rd International Wildland Fire Conference and Exhibition on 3rd to 6th October 2003. This conference will bring together representatives of those countries most severely impacted by forest fires as well as international agencies that are in a position, either because of their charter or because they have both the resources and the will to assist.

While the conference will provide the opportunity to exchange ideas and disseminate new information about wildland fire management, it needs a summit to provide the forum where commitments to action can be sought and attained.

All countries attending the Sydney conference are searching for pragmatic and sustainable answers to the mitigation of risks to health and safety of communities, and the environmental, ecological and economic damage caused by uncontrolled wildland fires. Each country has valuable contributions for providing synergistic solutions. Many countries and international agencies, especially those with well developed wildland fire management systems or with resources available to share, are in the position to assist others that are in need of help.

The participants at the Summit have an unprecedented opportunity to consider the key issues and to help identify solutions and ways to commit to global action. All communities around the world afflicted by wildland fires can benefit from initiatives taken at this Summit.

Objectives

The summit will recommend a series of strategies for a concerted international forest fire management program. To this end the summit will:

1. Reflect on the Political Declaration and Plan of Implementation of the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD), international conventions and the outcomes of previous key conferences on wildland fires and identify outcomes and develop strategies to support and enhance the knowledge shared and networks developed at the 3rd International Wildland Fire Conference;
2. Determine appropriate mechanisms to improve global communication and knowledge sharing on wildland fire management;

3. Call for commitment-in-principle from participants to immediate pragmatic actions which can be taken to assist in the management of wildland fuels and fires; and
4. Call for commitment-in-principle from participants to a global plan of action over the forthcoming five-year period that will result in positive outcomes in the reduction of the damage caused by wildland fires.

Theme

The theme of the summit is:

Fire Management and Sustainable Development: Strengthening international cooperation to reduce the negative impacts of wildfires on humanity and the global environment.

Intended Outputs

As a result of the summit, participants will be invited to consider the following position papers:

1. An agreement on the **principles** that should apply to international wildland fire management projects. (To be prepared by Gary Morgan, Larry Hamilton and Jerry Williams).
2. An agreement on a **template document** that can be used by countries wishing to form a cooperation arrangement with one or more other countries for mutual assistance with wildfire management. (To be prepared by Tom Frey and Ricardo Velez)
3. An agreement that the **Incident Command System, (ICS)** will become the international standard for all wildfire incident management; For this purpose we will need to develop easy-to-handle "International ICS Guidelines" that can be used by countries with limited infrastructures and personnel capabilities. (To be prepared by Buck Latapie and Murray Dudfield)
4. An agreement to a **strategy for future development** of the issues and international responses to wildland fires, including commitments to a series of regional conferences, an international wildland fire congress (Global Wildland Fire Summit), a 4th International Wildland Fire Conference in 2007, and cooperation between nations on wildland fire research. The strategy will explore the availability of the UN to offer Geneva as a platform for the global follow up. The strategy will also propose an organisational structure for management of international liaison in wildland fire issues, based on an expansion of the role of the International Liaison Committee and the provision of secretarial support. The strategy will also give attention to the question of ongoing funding. (To be prepared by Johann Goldammer and Denny Truesdale)

Participants

Participants invited to the summit will include heads of government agencies within the countries most affected by forest and wildland fires who would be regional representatives from each of the ten regions listed above, United Nations agencies with a mandate in relation to wildland fires and their impacts, international agencies with the capacity and commitment to assist and NGO representatives with the capacity to influence key outcomes. Participants would be sufficiently senior to commit their governments or agencies to the courses of action and undertakings being proposed by the summit. United Nations agencies with strong mandates in the area of wildland

fires would be represented at the summit, for example FAO, ISDR, UNEP, OCHA, WMO, and WHO. Development agencies would include WB, ADB, USAID, CIDA, EU, JICA, GTZ, AusAID, and others. NGOs would include TNC, IUCN, WWF, and others. (see appendix).

Regional Nominations

Nomination of participants from the ten regions has been delegated to the following ILC members:

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| 1. North America | Allan Jeffrey (Canada) |
| 2. South America | Patricio Sanhueza (Chile) |
| 3. Australasia | Len Foster (Australia) |
| 4. Mediterranean | Ricardo Velez (Spain) |
| 5. Baltic | Johann Goldammer (Germany) |
| 6. Meso-America | Ricardo Velez (Spain) |
| 7. Sub-Sahara Africa | Brian van Wilgen (South Africa) |
| 8. Southeast and North Asia | Duncan Sutherland (Australia) |
| 9. Central Asia | Johann Goldammer (Germany) |
| 10. Balkans | Johann Goldammer (Germany) |

Summit Format

The host for the Summit is the New South Wales Minister for Emergency Services The Hon Tony Kelly MLC. The Summit will be chaired and moderated by The Hon Neville Wran QC, former Premier of NSW, Australia.

In recognition of the United Nations International Day for Disaster Reduction, which is 8th October 2003, a message will be provided by Mr. Jan Egeland, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and read by the Mr Juan Carlos Brandt, Director of the UN Information Centre in Sydney.

The summit will include approximately 60 key players and a limited number of invited observers and advisors.

Papers setting out the commitments and undertakings to be considered by the summit will be circulated to the participants during the third quarter of 2003.

The summit will be conducted in English.

The meeting will take account of the principles and strategic goals of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), Working Group on Wildland Fire.

Pre-Summit

- Preparation of position papers on the four proposals for inclusion in the communiqué.
- Preparation of Summit presentations by authors and by 2 regional representatives.
- Preparation of Draft Communiqué

Summit Program

- 0830hrs Welcome by Host (The Hon Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Emergency Services, NSW, Australia)
- 0845 hrs A Message from Mr Jan Egeland, the Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, read by the Mr Juan Carlos Brandt, Director of the UN Information Centre in Sydney, in honour of the International Wildland Fire Summit and the UN International Day of Disaster Reduction
- 0900 hrs Overview of business by Chairperson The Hon Neville Wran QC
- 0915 hrs Presentation on Principles for International Fire Management Projects including group discussion: Gary Morgan.
- 0950 hrs Presentation on Template Arrangement for international assistance including group discussion: Ricardo Velez-Munoz
- 1025 hrs Presentation on ICS as the International Protocol for Emergency Management including group discussion: Murray Dudfield
- 1100 hrs Morning tea
- 1130 hrs Presentation on current global and regional networks: Johann Goldammer
- 1140 hrs Strategy for Future Development of International Cooperation in Wildfire Management: Denny Truesdale
- 1220 hrs Discussion on the presentations.
- 1245 hrs Lunch
- 1345 hrs Regional presentation: South East Asia (Ibu Liana Bratasida, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation, Indonesia)
- 1415 hrs Regional presentation: Latin America (Patricio Sanhueza, Chile)
- 1445 hrs Afternoon Tea
- 1515 hrs Discussion of Strategy for Future Development
- 1545 hrs Consideration of final versions of position papers.
- 1630 hrs Consideration of draft communiqué
- 1800 hrs Close

Summit Follow-up Arrangements

For the summit to be successful it is imperative that it has the support and endorsement of the United Nations as well as the national wildland fire authorities and/or agencies of key participant countries.

The implementation of recommendations of the Summit will be facilitated by the International Liaison Committee through a range of forums including the Regional Wildland Fire Networks.

APPENDICES

Participant Countries at the Conference

Albania	México
Argentina	Mongolia
Australia	Myanmar
Belarus	New Zealand
Bolivia	Papua New Guinea
Brazil	Paraguay
Brunei Darussalam	Peru
Bulgaria	Philippines
Cambodia	Poland
Cameroon	Portugal
Canada	Republic of Cameroon,
Central African Republic,	Republic of Congo,
Chile	Republica de Panamá
China	Russian Federation
Colombia	Scotland
Croatia	Singapore
Dem Rep of Congo	Slovakia
East Timor	South Africa
Ecuador	Spain
Ethiopia	Sudan
Finland	Switzerland
France	Syria
Germany	Thailand
Ghana	Gambia
Greece	The Philippines
Honduras	Turkmenistan
India	UK
Indonesia	Ukraine
Iran	Uruguay.
Italy	USA
Japan	Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	Venezuela.
Kenya.	Vietnam
Korea	Zimbabwe N=70
Malaysia	

International Agencies and Conventions

ASEAN Secretariat	IUCN
Asian Development Bank	IUFRO
AusAID	JICA
CIDA	NFPA
CIFOR	UNEP-OCHA Joint Environment Unit
European Union	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
FAO	UN Forum on Forests
GFMC	UNU
GOFC-GOLD	USAID
GTZ	World Bank
ITTO	WWF
ISDR	UNCBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD - N=27

International Liaison Committee Membership

Chair: Gary Morgan, Dept of Sustainability & Environment, Vic, AUSTRALIA
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Eduard Davidenko, Aerial Forest Fire Centre of Russia, RUSSIA
Len Foster, Australasian Fire Authorities Council, AUSTRALIA
Johann Goldammer, Global Fire Monitoring Center, GERMANY
Al Jeffrey, Canadian Interagency Fire Centre, CANADA
Mike Jurvelius, FAO, UN
Buck Latapie, USDA Forest Service, USA
Roberto Martinez, SEMARNAT, MEXICO
Peter Moore, Metis Associates, AUSTRALIA
Ricardo Velez, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, SPAIN
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Acronyms

ADB	Asia Development Bank
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
EU	European Union
GFMC	Global Fire Monitoring Center
GOFC/GOLD	Global Observation of Forest Cover and Land
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Cooperation
ILC	International Liaison Committee of the 3 rd International Wildland Fire Conference
ISDR	UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUFRO	International Union of Forestry Research Organizations
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency / JICA
NGO	Non-government organisation
OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination for Humanitarian Affairs
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UNCBD	UN Convention on Biological Diversity
UNCCD	UN Convention to Combat Desertification
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention Climate Change
UNU	United Nations University
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WB	World Bank
WWF	World Wildlife Fund