

# US FOREST SERVICE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



## 2009 LATIN AMERICA SEMINAR ON FOREST POLICY & MANAGEMENT

The Latin America Seminar on Forest Policy & Management (LASFPM) is a two week course offered by the University of Florida, in collaboration with USAID, USFS, CADEFOR, CFV and IBIF<sup>1</sup>. The seminar will take place from June 14 - 27, 2009 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

LASFPM is designed to promote the transfer of knowledge and examine ideas and approaches to improve the management of forest resources in participants' respective countries. By analyzing tools, incentives, approaches, lessons, and techniques, participants will be able to make better forest policy and management decisions and improve the management of natural lowland forests in tropical Latin America. The course will take place in Bolivia, one of Latin America's leading sustainable timber producers with many valuable lessons to share.

**Seminar Timing and Location**  
June 14 to June 27, 2009  
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

**To Apply**  
Please download the application from  
[http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/acli/documents/LAS-FPM\\_formulario\\_de\\_solicitud.doc](http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/acli/documents/LAS-FPM_formulario_de_solicitud.doc)

Send your application to Amy Daniels at:  
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**Application Deadline**  
The deadline for submission is April 24, 2009.

The US Forest Service, University of Florida, and the US Agency for International Development have extensive experience in the forestry sector in Bolivia. This familiarity, combined with the expertise of several local non-government organizations, will ensure a seminar that is highly analytical and productive.

### Seminar Goals

1. Facilitate awareness and the exchange of ideas regarding ongoing forest management initiatives in Latin America.
2. Promote reflection on the goal of sustainability from multiple perspectives.
3. Develop a common understanding of the many complex dimensions that influence resource management decisions at multiple institutional scales.
4. Advance skills and approaches for integrating multiple interests in forest management and decision-making.
5. Forge an enduring regional alliance and dialogue that supports adaptive approaches to forest management within the region.

### Seminar Design

The course will be offered in Spanish and is divided into three parts to create a dynamic and holistic approach to learning. By combining participatory classroom lectures and discussions with practical field tours, the course will generate innovative approaches to improve forest management

Part I consists of a survey of current opportunities and challenges in forest management in Latin America from multiple perspectives and at multiple institutional and spatial scales. Part II consists of collaborative analysis of forest management experiences in the Santa Cruz province of Bolivia through field-trips and selected case studies. In Part III of the course, participants will consider how to apply the foregoing to their own work.

<sup>1</sup>Partners include: U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Forest Service, Centro Amazonico de Desarrollo Forestal, Consejo Boliviano para la Certificacion Forestal Voluntaria, Instituto Boliviano de Investigacion Forestal

The course will take an active learning approach. Participants will share their expertise through panel discussions, interact with local and international experts, and work in teams to develop a course project based upon their interests and expertise. Teamwork will facilitate synthesis, reflection and application of course concepts to the context and demands of each participant's own work.

### Seminar Themes

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#### Global perspectives: trends in forest resource management

- Forests in the global market context
- Forest policy & climate change
- Forest management opportunities and constraints
- Certification and environmental services

#### Legal frameworks & forest governance

- Case studies on past and on-going forest policies
- Perspectives in planning and evaluation
- Community forestry

#### Approaches to sustainable forest management

- Criteria for sustainability
- Innovations in chain-of-custody tracking
- Value-added processing
- Timber and non-timber product marketing

#### Site visits for knowledge & technology transfer

- Discussions and interaction with leading experts
- Field tours and practical information

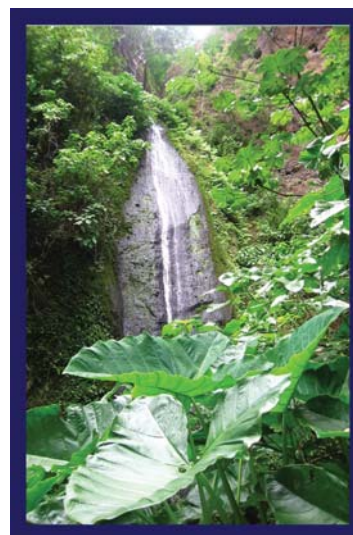
### Guidelines

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This course targets mid- to senior-level professionals from the public, private, academic and non-profit sectors of forest management from throughout Latin America. The group will consist of professionals that represent the diverse perspectives involved in forest management including the social, legal, economic and biophysical dimensions. In particular, applications from resource management decision makers with substantial exposure to and interest in public policy design and/or strategic planning for their organization are encouraged.

The Latin America Seminar on Forest Policy and Management is a professional course, placing a high demand on the attention and contributions of the participants. Each participant will offer a brief presentation on forest management issues in his or her home country - providing an opportunity for other participants to recognize the common as well as unique opportunities and challenges facing managers worldwide.

This seminar is offered in the Spanish language and will encourage networking and the development of enduring professional relationships among natural resource management professionals from Latin America. The seminar will take advantage of innovative web-based technology in order to promote this type of alliance building before, during, and after the seminar.



### Seminar Expenses

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The cost of the seminar is \$3,700 USD. The course fee includes registration, course materials, instruction, field visits, food, and lodging. Travel to and from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia before and after the course is the responsibility of the participant. A limited number of partial and full scholarships are available.

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The seminar will take place from June 14 to June 27, 2009 in Bolivia. Participants should plan to arrive at Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz de la Sierra by late afternoon on June 14, 2009, and expect to depart on June 28, 2009. Transportation to and from the airport will be provided for arrival and departure.

### To Apply

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