

Report on

Participation in Exhibition and Technology Fair of Fourteenth Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) held from 02 to 13 September 2019 at India Expo Mart (IEMML), Greater Noida, India

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun participated in Exhibition and Technology Fair organized during COP-14 of the United Nations to combat desertification held at IEMML, Noida from 2-13 September 2019 on behalf of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). An ICFRE stall was put up in the India Pavilion of the exhibition showcasing technologies/contributions of ICFRE to combat desertification. Some of the technologies exhibited in the exhibition include, stabilization of sand dunes in Rajasthan, restoration of degraded hills, cold desert, eco rehabilitation of coal mine over burden, green practices developed for eco-restoration, reclamation of water logged areas, phytoremediation by afforestation by using treated waste water, agroforestry models etc. Other significant contributions namely, Detailed Project Report on forestry interventions for rejuvenation of Ganga, Green skill development programme Prakriti –A scientist and students connect programme and National REDD+ strategy 2018 were also show cased in the exhibition. Various ICFRE publications pertaining to theme of the event were also exhibited. Few short films show casing ICFRE contribution to combat desertification were also show cased in the exhibition. Many important International and National visitors visited ICFRE stall in exhibition and put their comment in visitor's book. Few important visitors include His Excellency Hon. Ralph Everard Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Hon. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India; Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); Shri A. K. Jain, Add. Secretary, MOEF &CC, Govt. of India; Shri Siddhanta Das, IFS, Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate

Change. Govt. of India; Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, DG, ICFRE; Shri Jigmet Takpa, Joint Secretary, MOEF & CC, Govt. of India; Shri Omkar Singh, IFS Director, IGNFA; Ms. Dia Mirza, UN Environments Goodwill Ambassador etc. The visitors from several countries such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Kenya, Ukraine, Haiti, South Africa, United States of America, Mozambique, Uganda, Fiji, China, Saudi Arab, Senegal, Italy, Iran, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Syria, Singapore, Nepal, Germany, Eritrea etc. Visitors showed lot of interest in the works carried out by ICFRE. The glimpses of Exhibition and Technology fair of COP-14 are as under:



Hon. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister, MOEF &CC and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India and Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) visited ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Hon. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister, MOEF &CC and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India and Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary UNCCD interacting with Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, ICFRE at ICFRE stall in exhibition



Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, ICFRE interacting with Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, ICFRE showing ICFRE publication to Shri Siddhanta Das, IFS, Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF &CC, Government of India, at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair



Shri Siddhanta Das, Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF &CC, Government of India, Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE, Shri Saibal Dass, ADG (FC), MoEF &CC, Shri S.D. Sharma, DDG (Res.), ICFRE, Shri Vipin Chaudhary, DDG (Ext.), Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension, FRI and other officers at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Shri Siddhanta Das, Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF &CC, Government of India, Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE, Shri Saibal Dasgupta, ADG (FC), MoEF &CC, Shri. S.D. Sharma, DDG (Res.), ICFRE showing ICFRE publication at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI interacting with foreign delegates at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist D, Extension Division, FRI interacting with foreign delegates at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI interacting with Ms. Dia Mirza, UN Environments Goodwill Ambassador and explaining about ICFRE contributions in combating desertification in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Hon. Ralph Everard Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent visited ICFRE stall and put his comment in FRI visitor's book. Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI explained him at the ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Shri S.D. Sharma, DDG (Res), ICFRE and Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI interacting with foreign delegates at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida



Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI interacting with foreign delegates at ICFRE stall in exhibition and technology fair, CoP 14, Noida