GUIDELINES
The International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration is a technical and professional course, placing a high demand on the attention and contributions of the participants. Via case studies of successful restoration efforts, participants will learn ecological, social and economic best practices for successfully carrying out landscape-scale forested landscape restoration projects. In addition, each participant will offer a brief introduction to forest landscape restoration issues in his or her home country. This provides a chance for participants to recognize the common and unique opportunities and challenges facing managers across the globe. Participants will leave the Seminar with a toolbox of strategies they can apply to their particular challenges, as well as a peer network from around the globe to support them in continued learning and project implementation. The Seminar is offered in English, and therefore a strong command of the English language is required for course attendance. Selection of participants will be based on professional and technical competency.

SEMINAR EXPENSES
The course fee for the Seminar is $12,000 US. The course fee includes: registration, course materials, instruction, seminar-associated ground travel, food, lodging (two people per room in all locations), and US-based health insurance. The fee does not include: visa fees, travel insurance, or food/lodging before or after the Seminar dates of April 29 – May 20, 2016.

Travel from the country of origin to Portland, Oregon, and back home from Portland, Oregon, is the responsibility of the participant and is not included in the course fee.

SEMINAR TIMING AND LOCATION
The Seminar will take place from April 29 – May 20, 2016 in Oregon. Participants should plan to arrive in Portland, Oregon on April 29th and depart from Portland, Oregon on May 20th. The group will spend time in Portland and travel to Bend and John Day, Oregon. Transportation to and from Portland International Airport will be provided for arrival and departure in the United States.

HOW TO APPLY
To apply or for more information, please email:
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To download the application, visit:
www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/international-programs/training-seminars

The deadline for submission is January 15, 2016
The US Forest Service International Programs and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature are pleased to announce the *International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration*, to take place April 29 – May 20, 2016, in Oregon.

Oregon is an ideal location to learn about innovative approaches for implementing forest landscape restoration. The State contains examples of long-term restoration projects across a mosaic of land uses, covering a wide range of ecosystem services and bringing together diverse and sometimes conflicting interest groups. The Seminar is designed for mid-career professionals with interest in forest landscape restoration who wish to participate in an engaging, interactive, and highly informative training and field study program. Attendees will learn about tools and best practices for assessing forest landscape restoration opportunities and developing and implementing landscape restoration plans across a mosaic of land uses, and will be introduced to approaches for fostering collaborative partnerships.

**SEMINAR DESIGN**

The Seminar will help prepare participants to assess forest landscape restoration opportunities and understand key elements for developing and implementing forest landscape restoration plans. The Seminar is designed to stimulate interaction and learning on a broad spectrum of issues related to forest landscape restoration project design and implementation. Through field site visits, class and field instruction, guest lectures by a variety of recognized experts and facilitated discussions, the participants learn about assessment tools and methodologies, key factors for success, and tools and best practices for landscape-scale restoration. Participants also explore different approaches to collaboration, conflict management, stakeholder participation and partnerships, as well as the economic value of landscape-scale restoration and innovative financing approaches.

The seminar will be held in Oregon and will include visits to several habitat types and examples of different types of restoration activities across a range of land uses. Participants will interact with forest land managers, research scientists, conservancies, grazing communities, municipalities, and local non-governmental organizations. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to interact with each other and share their cultural perspectives. While exchanging ideas and experiences with colleagues from around the world, the Seminar’s intent is to foster a vigorous intellectual exchange of ideas and management practices that can be applied in the participants’ home countries. Participants will end the course by developing and presenting action plans and participating in workgroups and panel discussions before departing from Portland, Oregon on May 20, 2016.

**SEMINAR THEMES**

1) **Assessing Opportunities for Landscape-Scale Restoration**

   Presenters focus on tools and information resources for assessing opportunities for landscape-scale restoration and understanding factors for success, using case studies as examples. Participants will be introduced to a methodological assessment tool.

2) **Community Participation and Collaborative Partnerships**

   Participants and representatives from federal and local government land management agencies, municipal governments, private sector and non-governmental organizations discuss their perspectives on how diverse groups can develop effective collaborative relationships to implement forest landscape restoration.

3) **Tools and Best Practices for Planning and Implementation**

   The seminar addresses methodologies and practices to develop and implement forest landscape restoration across a mosaic of land uses. It explores field methods and technology to assist forest landscape restoration planning and examine the costs, benefits, and other outcomes of different restoration activities.