

Workshop on Forest Certification for Maharashtra Forest Department

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About NCCF

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Extremely grateful to Dr Rambaboo, PCCF & HOFF for chairing the online workshop on Forest Certification for Maharashtra Forest Department.

Thanks also to Mr Praveen Srivastava, PCCF (Production & Management) for this important initiative.

Acknowledge the presence of senior officers of Forest Department in this workshop :

PCCFs Shri G. Saiprakash, Shri Nitin Kakodkar, Shri M. K. Rao, Dr. D.K. Tyagi, Shri Jeet Singh

Addl PCCFs Shri N. Vasudevan, Shri T.K. Choube, APCCF, Shri S. G. Tembhurnikar, Shri N.Mohan Karnat, and Shri Virendra Tiwari

CCFs, CFs, DCFs attending this workshop

Also, welcome representatives of CBs, Industry and Timber Trade

- We are deeply concerned and impacted by the COVID 19 outbreak
- While wishing you full safety and good health, appreciate the sincerity, dedication and commitment of our forest fraternity in protecting and sustainably managing our forest resources.
- The workshop is intended to sensitize the professional foresters and stakeholders about the environmental, economic and social advantages of certification and the modalities of taking up certification.

Time (IST)	AGENDA
1500-1510 hrs	Welcome Address by Mr AK Srivastava, Director General, NCCF
1510-1520 hrs	Introductory Remarks by Mr Praveen Srivastava, IFS, PCCF (Production& Management), Government of Maharashtra
1520-1530 hrs	Inaugural Address by Dr N. Rambabu,IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Government of Maharashtra
1530-1545 hrs	Introducing Forest Certification by Mr AK Bansal, Lead Forest Management Auditor (ex Addl. DG, MoEF&CC; Chairperson, NCCF NWFP Standard Development Group)
1545-1600 hrs	NCCF Forest Management Certification Standard (PEFC endorsed) by Mr Avani K Varma (ex PCCF&HoFF, Karnataka; Chairperson, NCCF FM Standard Development Group)
1600-1610 hrs	Modalities and Procedures for taking up Certification (A case study of GIPL) by Ms Taruna, Lead Forest Management Auditor, Green Initiatives Certification and Inspection Agency India Pvt Ltd
1610-1625 hrs	Industry Perspective of Forest Certification by Mr Suneel Pandey, Secretary, NCCF (Vice President, Paperboards and Specialty Papers Division, ITC Ltd., India)
1625-1655 hrs	Question & Answer Session
1655-1700 hrs	Closing remarks by Dr Devendra Pandey (ex DG, FSI, Chairperson, NCCF ToF Standard Development Group)

About NCCF

A network of professionals, experts and stakeholders; NCCF was registered as a Society in 2015



- NCCF is the only Member of PEFC Council for India
- NCCF is a Member of IUCN
- NCCF has got Observer status of UNCCD after COP14

NCCF-PEFC Forest Management Certification Standard

- This is the only Indian Scheme of forest certification in India
- Developed by NCCF through a multistakeholder standard development group
- Standard has been endorsed by the PEFC, giving it an international recognition
- This scheme is being used by many states for certification



PEFC Council – Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes, ICC Building C1, Route de Pré-Bois 20, CH-1215 Geneva 15, Switzerland – www.pefc.org

NCCF Standard Development Groups (SDGs)

Forest Management Certification Standard (*Launched and endorsed by PEFC*)
Standard Development Group(SDG) Chaired by Mr. AK Varma (ex PCCF&HoFF, Karnataka)

Trees Outside Forest Certification Standard (*Ready for Use*)
SDG Chaired by Dr. Devendra Pandey (ex DG, Forest Survey of India, ex PCCF&HoFF, Arunachal Pradesh)

Non Wood Forest Produce Certification Standard (*In Progress*)
SDG Chaired by Mr. AK Bansal (ex Addl. DG, MoEF&CC, GoI)

Protected Areas and Wetlands Certification Standard (*In Progress*)
SDG Chaired by Dr. Jagdish Kishwan (ex PCCF&HoFF, J&K, DG, ICFRE, ADG, MoEF&CC)

Quality Planting Material Certification Standard (*In Progress*)
Chaired by Dr. Abhijit Ghose (ex PCCF&HoFF, Rajasthan)

NCCF Standard Development Groups (SDGs)

Ecotourism Certification Standard (*In Progress*)

SDG Chaired by Mr. AK Varma

Biofuel and Biomass Certification Standard (*In Progress*)

SDG Chaired by Dr. R.R Rashmi (ex Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI)

Carbon Registry-India (*In Progress*)

SDG Chaired by Dr. Jagdish Kishwan

Land Degradation Neutrality Certification Standard (*Just initiated*)

SDG Chaired by Dr. Devendra Pandey

Safeboards Standard (*Just initiated*)

SDG Chaired by Mr. AK Goyal (ex Special Secretary to the Government of India)

Few words about Certification

Certification is an emerging global movement that supports sustainable development; economic growth; trade; livelihoods; value chains and consumer protection;

while enhancing;

Competitiveness and Fostering technological development
and fully meeting the requirements of;

Health, Safety, and Environmental Conservation.

Certification.....

- Forest Certification is a tool used to assess the quality and contemporariness of the management practices against the predefined norms of a Standard.
- Certification acknowledges a country's dedication to responsible forest management and its efforts to maintain a sustainable supply of forest products and services from healthy, diverse, and productive ecosystems.
- Application of NCCF's India specific, yet internationally benchmarked certification standard could be of great value in conserving and enhancing our rich forests and biodiversity.

Thank you