

Article III – Functions

The functions of the Commission shall be:

- a) to study and engage on scientific, technical, social, economic, and environmental aspects of Populus and other fast-growing trees. In addition to the Commission's work on the genus Populus, the Commission's subgroups may work on other genera that sustain people and the environment. Priorities of the Commission's work are forest resources production, protection, conservation and utilization, with a view to sustaining livelihoods, land uses, rural development and the environment. This work includes food security issues, climate change and carbon sinks, biodiversity conservation and resilience against biotic and abiotic threats, and combating deforestation.
- b) to promote the exchange of sustainable management practices, knowledge, technology, and material, on mutually agreed terms, between researchers, developers, producers, and users;
- c) to arrange joint research programs;
- d) to stimulate the organization of congress combined with study tours;
- e) to report and make recommendations to the Conference of the Organization, through the Director-General of the Organization; and
- f) to make recommendations to the National Commissions or other national bodies provided for in Article IV of this Convention, through the Director-General of the Organization and the governments concerned.

Article IV – Establishment of National Poplar Commissions

Each Contracting Nation shall make provision as soon as possible and to the best of its ability, either for the establishment of a National Commission dealing with poplars and other fast-growing trees, or, if not possible, for the designation of some other suitable national body, and shall transmit a description of the competence and scope of the National Commission or other body and of any changes thereto, to the Director-General of the Organization who shall circulate this information to the other Member Nations of the Commission. Each Contracting Nation shall communicate to the Director-General the publications of its National Commission or other body.