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Crisis or Opportunity?

Sustaining and Strengthening Forest-Based Industries in the Great Lakes Region

Why?

A conference convened to raise awareness and identify actions to enhance forest-based industries and the role they play in sustaining the region's economy, environment, and quality of life.

Conference Objectives

-  Raise awareness about trends in forestland ownership, tenure and land use, industry markets and investment, and opportunities and barriers to global competition.
-  Examine the value of state and provincial government initiatives aimed at strengthening the vibrancy of industry and the ecological health of forests.
-  Explore the role of conservation easements and other innovations in land transactions to sustain the region's forest resource base.
-  Highlight the opportunities and challenges of emerging markets for carbon, bioenergy, ecosystem services, and green building.
-  Identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration that will inform the development of a regional strategic action agenda.

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