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Connecting stakeholders across sectors, across Canada





About the Canadian Model Forest Network

Developed in Canada in response to a national and international call for sustainable forest management practices, the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) was established in the early 1990s.

The CMFN is a forum that connects stakeholders, facilitates knowledge transfer, and develops practical tools, programs, and best practices that support and maintain responsible resource management across Canada.

Over 20 years later, the CMFN represents 15 Model Forests across Canada that engage over 500 different organizations and 200 communities. A member of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN), the CMFN's reach expands to 60 sites in 30 countries worldwide.

With a proven track record for bringing together new partners and knowledge, the CMFN serves a broad audience of professionals in the natural resource industry.



What is a Model Forest?

Model Forests provide a neutral forum for government, landowners, industry, Aboriginal groups, educators, academics, and others to share knowledge and perspectives in order to facilitate discussion, reach common goals, and resolve disputes and problems.

An environment where new forest management practices are developed and demonstrated, Model Forests welcome landowners and practitioners to learn, and reach their own sustainability goals. Model Forests support local economic development, develop best practices, study forest ecosystems and resources, and build community needs into forest planning.

How the CMFN helps

Our Network

Our strength lies in our connections with partners and stakeholders with a broad range of experience and expertise. We are committed to sharing knowledge, furthering responsible resource management goals, and bridging the gap between diverse sectors and stakeholder groups.





Across Sectors

In order to ensure wise management of the environment, it is vital that the diverse, and sometimes competing, sectors agree upon a common set of practices to use natural resources for various economic activities.

In developing strong cross-sectoral partnerships the CMFN facilitates consensus-building around sustainable practices that make wise use of Canada's natural resources.

Working across sectors, across Canada, the cooperative approach to responsible resource management will ensure the health and sustainability of the environment – while supporting economic growth – for generations to come.

For more information on responsible resource management, please visit modelforest.net.

Relationship-Based Facilitation

We encourage mutual respect and active engagement, both with partners and with clients. Our neutrality allows us to facilitate and negotiate even the most contentious issues by involving all stakeholders in fair and open dialogue.

Local Experience and National Reach

Model Forest members are uniquely positioned to view and test responsible resource management theories and practices at the local and multi-regional levels. Through local networks, they can engage the right expertise, implement policies and best practices, and consult stakeholders for suggestions and improvements. The national network facilitates large scale program roll-outs and broadcasting information to widespread audience.

Cross-cultural Engagement

Through existing relationships with partners and stakeholders, we support Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal engagement in responsible resource management, and give them the tools they need to become leaders within their communities.

Economic Development

Model Forest initiatives support local businesses and economies, by working with communities, individuals, and companies to identify and fulfill needs, like training and income diversification, in order to build sustainable and profitable rural communities across Canada.

MFCConnect

A division of the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN), MFCConnect leverages its cross-sectoral network of partners with diverse expertise to provide a range of cost-effective and unique professional services. MFCConnect provides communication, facilitation, technical, and responsible resource management services to government agencies, private companies, and not-for-profit organizations across Canada.

For more information on MFCConnect, please visit mfconnect.ca.



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The Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) is a not-for-profit organization that connects stakeholders, facilitates knowledge transfer, and develops practical tools, programs, and best practices that support responsible resource management.

Over the past 20 years, the CMFN has developed a vast network of strategic partners covering a broad range of expertise – within the forest sector and outside of it.

Through its responsible resource management approach and the MFConnect division, the CMFN is well-equipped to share its knowledge, transferable skills, and lessons learned with government agencies, private companies, and not-for-profit organizations in Canada and around the world.



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Whatever sector you work in, the CMFN wants to hear from you!
Let's work together and improve natural resource management
across Canada.

**Connect with the network, share your knowledge, and make a
difference.**