



Dear Friends,

Partnerships lie at the heart of INBAR's work. In this issue of our quarterly newsletter you can read about how we are partnering with and encouraging collaboration between communities, governments, academic institutions, and the private sector -- from working with partners to launch a new center for China-Africa collaboration in the fields of forestry and agriculture to the organization of the first Bamboo Congress of Peru.



At INBAR's headquarters in Beijing, the month of February marks the celebration of the Chinese New Year. As we usher in the year of the snake, and 2013, we are delighted to share with you the [2013 INBAR electronic desktop calendar for PCs](#), featuring photos from INBAR's work around the globe. We hope it will keep you inspired throughout the year to come.

As always, we welcome your inputs and suggestions about the newsletter and our projects. Thank you for your support.

For an inclusive and green future,  
Coosje Hoogendoorn  
Director General



## CAFOR Launched

A new platform for scientific partnerships between China and Africa promoting exchange, research and technology transfer in the fields of forestry and agriculture -- The Center for China-Africa Agriculture and Forestry Research (CAFOR) -- officially opened its doors in December 2012.

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## NTFP Global Partnership Programme is on the Grow

After a short hiatus, INBAR's Non-Timber Forest Product Global Partnership Programme (NTFP GPP) is building momentum. Learn why the discussion on NTFPs is particularly pertinent at the moment, about the programme's plans for the future, and



how you can contribute to the conversation.

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## Working with Business

In Ghana, support from a local business, Global Bamboo Product Limited (GBPL), is helping the INBAR project, [Bamboo as sustainable biomass energy: A suitable alternative for firewood and charcoal production in Africa](#) guarantee the sustainability of project activities beyond its funding period.

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## First Bamboo Congress in Peru

In November 2012, INBAR, together with partners, organized the first Bamboo Congress in Peru. The main topics addressed during the two-day-long event, included climate change, forestry, construction and E-100 -- a new technical standard implemented in Peru for earthquake-resistant constructions.

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