

## **Dr. Albert Nikiema, FAO Officer Visit to IFGTB, Coimbatore for preparation of Country report on Forest Genetic resources (FGR)**

Dr. Albert Nikiema, Forestry Officer (Forest Genetic Resources) from FAO, Rome, visited the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore on 28.2.2012.



On his mission to finalize the draft of India's country report on Forest Genetic Resources for submission to FAO for preparation of State of World's Forest Genetic Resources (SOW-FGR), he made a presentation on the guidelines, objectives, themes and nuances in the preparation of the report. A brief of the institute's activities was also presented to familiarize the dignitary with IFGTB and the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education. A comprehensive presentation was made before the dignitary, by R. Anandalakshmi, Scientist-D, on the chapters of the draft country report on FGRs in the presence of scientists, officers and staff involved. Deliberations on the issues and clarifications in drafting the report took place and solutions were arrived at with the guidance of the FAO officer. Initially, Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB, gave the introductory remarks on preparation of the country report on FGR. During the stay of Dr. Nikiema, till 3.3.2012, the draft report will be finalized by the institute's team lead by the country's, Nodal Focal Point for FGR report preparation, Shri T.P.Raghunath for submission to FAO via MoEF.

