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**ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION IN THE SOUTHEAST: DEVELOPMENT
OF A DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE**

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ABSTRACT: The paper will summarize our new effort to develop an integrated distance education/professional education course on forest certification and sustainable forest management (SFM) in the Southeast. The course will present a practical, applied view of the elements of forest certification for private forestlands in the Southeast, as well as a review of the SFM criteria and indicators. The innovative course design will present the material in five different modules, covering international SFM agreements, forest certification systems and processes, social and biological issues in certification, and certification process and record-keeping requirements.