















Overview of the UNDA project "Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia"

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WORKSHOP ON FOREST MONITORING AND RESTORATION IN THE CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA



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Introduction

The United Nations vision is of a world in which all types of forests and trees outside forests are sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and provide economic, social, environmental and cultural benefits for present and future generations (UNFF, Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030).

The joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section supports developing evidence-based policies for sustainable forest management and communicates about the many products and ecosystem services provided to society while assisting countries of the region to monitor and manage forests.



Egon Glesinger, first Director of ECE/FAO

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Timeline of the Forestry and Timber Section

Key areas of work



Forest Products



Forest Monitoring



Forest Statistics



Communication



apacity Building



Wood Energy

Accountability systems for sustainable forest management in the Caucasus and Central Asia - 2016-2020





Project Objective

Strengthen the national capacity of five countries to develop national criteria and indicators and reporting or accountability systems for sustainable forest management.











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Expected Accomplishments







Enhanced national knowledge (policy makers, national government experts, other stakeholders) of the existing international best practice for sustainable forest measurement, monitoring and reporting



Enhanced national capacity to develop national reporting and accountability systems.

















Process: inception, 2016

Guidelines



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Review existing national forest information systems and fill gaps.

Reviewing lessons from relevant past national experience, from existing data and identify gaps and how to fill them.

Linkage

Identifying stakeholder priorities will allow the identification of new data priorities.

'Bottom-up' stakeholder engagement to define national priorities.

Identifying and bringing together analysis of different forest stakeholders to identify their priorities for forest sector performance.

National priorities, Criteria & Indicators

Using the information from the three sources to logically develop a coherent, clear hierarchy and definition of national priorities criteria and indicators, which are nationally relevant, internationally/regionally compatible, user friendly and feasible to implement.

Linkage

Need to carefully balance generic top down (from international processes) with context specific bottom-up C&I.

Linkage

International/regional C&I can be used to help identify information gaps in existing national forest information systems.

'Top down' adaptation from international C&I.

Assessing and adapting international/regional C&I to national context.





First round of national workshops



Intermediate review of results



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Second round of national workshops



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Process: Forest Congress, 2019

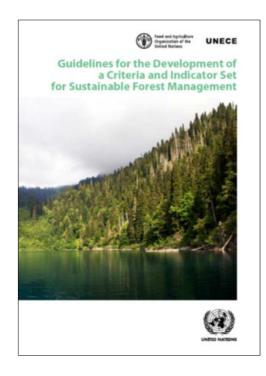




Main outputs



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5 national sets of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

Tailored methodologies for data collection for 5 C&I sets (factsheets)

5 policy briefs to raise awareness on application of C&I for SFM in forestry Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia



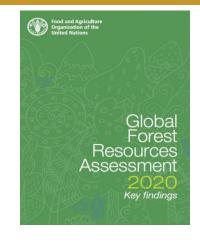


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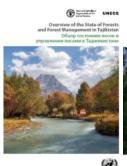










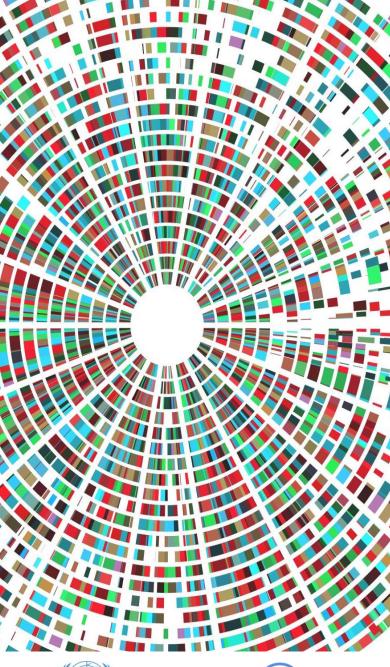












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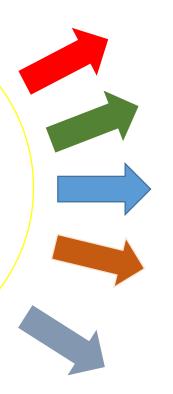


Application of C&I





Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management



CRITERIA & INDICATORS ... AND:

MONITORING, REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT

FOREST POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (FPMSIS)

NATIONAL FOREST INVENTORY

FOREST-RELATED COMMUNICATION





















Thank you!





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