Item 7: Special Segment on the Green Economy

Presentation of the roundtables

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Special segment on the Green Economy

- 5 roundtables:
  (a) Sustainable consumption and production of forest products;
  (b) Low-carbon forest sector;
  (c) Green jobs in the forest sector;
  (d) Biodiversity, and valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services;
  (e) Monitoring and governance in the forest sector
For each roundtable...

• 3 presentations of specific examples and case studies (10 min).
• After each presentation: interventions and questions from the floor (5 min).
• Discussion around 5 guiding questions based on the objectives of the Action Plan (40 min).
• Answers emerging from the discussions will provide a direct input to the further development of the Action Plan.
• Summary and conclusions (5 min).
Take-home messages

Please use the forms to fill out:

• Follow guiding questions

• Tell us what is important for your country or your organization and you want to “take home”
Sustainable consumption and production of forest products

• Panellists:

  – Mr. XX (CEPI?): Pulp and Paper Industry

  – Mr. YY (UPM): ???

  – Mr. Sylvain Labbé (Canada): Green Building
Sustainable consumption and production of forest products

• Guiding questions:
  – (1) What possible changes could be made to forest products and production to better satisfy, on a sustainable basis, the growing needs of society?
  – (2) What traditional practices with low environmental impact exist and how could they be further promoted?
  – (3) How is innovation in forest management and wood processing contributing to cleaner production cycles and more sustainable products?
  – (4) How can we make sure that users are fully informed about how sustainable their products are?
  – (5) What is the role of standards, or other tools (such as Life Cycle Analysis, or certification, etc.) to promote the sustainability of wood and wood products?
Low-carbon forest sector

• Panellists:

– Mr. Spas Todorov (Silva Mediterranea): case studies on adaptation

– Mr. Gert-Jan Nabuurs (EFI): ???

– Mr. David Ellul (UNECE/FAO): Joint Wood Energy Enquiry
Low-carbon forest sector

• Guiding questions:
  – (1) How to maximize the forest sector contribution to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?
  – (2) How to encourage substitution of non-renewable materials and energy?
  – (3) How to encourage the cascading use of wood and in general, and its recycling?
  – (4) How can the capacity of forests to adapt to climate change be improved?
  – (5) How can the sequestration of carbon in forest ecosystems and storage in harvested wood products be further encouraged?
Green jobs in the forest sector

• Panellists:

  – Mr. Edgar Kastenholz (ENFE): the forest contractors’ point of view

  – Mr. Christian Salvignol (ECE/FAO/ILO JEN): how the forester job is changing

  – Mr. Richard Vlosky (US): case study in Louisiana
Green jobs in the forest sector

- Guiding questions:
  - (1) What is a green job in the forest sector?
  - (2) Which of the green jobs in the forests sector are new and emerging and have potential to grow?
  - (3) How to attract young generations to a career in the forest sector?
  - (4) What are the main challenges in terms of safety and health and how can they be addressed?
  - (5) What new methods should be used or which ones should be improved to make wood harvesting greener?
Biodiversity, valuation and payment for ecosystem services

• Panellists:
  – Mr. Pat Snowdon (UK): PES in UK and Europe
  – Ms. Jacqueline McGlade (EEA): ???
  – Mr. Christoph Wildburger (Consultant): biodiversity and Natura 2000
Biodiversity, valuation and payment for ecosystem services

• Guiding questions:
  – (1) How to ensure that the contributions of forests to society (provision of services, including health, biodiversity, climate, etc) are properly valued and accounted for?
  – (2) How do Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes work?
  – (3) What are the challenges encountered in their implementation?
  – (4) What conditions have enabled PES schemes to work properly?
  – (5) How can best practices in the development and implementation of PES be promoted?
Monitoring and governance in the forest sector

• Panellists:
  – Mr. Kit Prins (Consultant): method for assessment
  – Mr. Gerhard Weiss (BOKU-EFICENT): Policy instruments
  – Mr. XXX (FCN): communication
Monitoring and governance in the forest sector

• Guiding questions:
  – (1) How to ensure that policies and institutions, on both national and international levels, for a sustainable forest sector contribute to enhancing the sector's contribution to a greener economy?
  – (2) How should policy tools be developed in the light of the requirements for a Green Economy?
  – (3) What information systems are needed to facilitate the transition towards a Green Economy?
  – (4) How can criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management be developed to support the decision-making process?
  – (5) What should the forest sector change in order to be able to communicate to the public and decision makers its potential role in a Green Economy?
Thank for your attention