



70th Session of the Timber Committee

Outcomes of Rio+20 and of COFO

Geneva, Switzerland
16-19 October 2012





Rio+20

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development “The future we want” , June 20 to 22, 2012
- Two main themes of the Rio+20 conference:
 - a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
 - The institutional framework for sustainable development
- Outcome: green economy important tool for SD, not a rigid set of rules
- Main outcomes for forests:
 - call for cross-sectoral, cross-institutional policies for SFM, strengthening forest governance, improving livelihoods
 - Implementation of NLBI (UNFF, CPF), mainstreaming SFM into economic policy and decision making



Rio+20: UNECE/FAO side event



- Friday, June 22nd, 2012, with support of Finland and Sweden
- “What is your priority action for the Forest Sector to show the way towards a Green Economy?”
- was organized to present the “Action Plan for a Forest Sector in a Green Economy in the ECE Region”
- to learn from countries experience and to collect recommendations to assist the forest sector to evolve and to steer the transition towards a green economy.



Rio+20: UNECE/FAO side event

- Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary of UN-ECE: definition of the forest sector in a green economy and a broad overview of the Action Plan
- FAO on behalf of Mr. Eduardo Rojas, Assistant Director General, FAO Forestry Department: further details on the content the Action Plan and on its formulation process
- Keynote presentations on priority actions at national level:
 - Mr. Jari Koskinen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
 - Mr. Veysel Eroğlu, Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey
 - Mr. Magnus Kindbom, Vice Minister for Rural Affairs



Rio+20: UNECE/FAO side event

- Discussion and session for participants to write their recommendations for priority actions
- 48 recommendations
- Will be considered for the Action Plan



RIO+20
United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

What is YOUR priority action for the forest sector in a green economy?
Please write your priority action below

PROMOTE INNOVATION
ON VARIOUS FOREST
PRODUCTS AND
SERVICES

This requires partnerships
between public-private
and between countries

Please join us during the side event to hand in your card.
Your input is important to us, to develop our Action Plan for
ECE Forests in the Green Economy.
Learn more about the side event at:
www.unece.org/forests/rio-plus-20.html
Should you stay in touch with us, please write here your
email address: _____

- Closing remarks, Mr. Jari Koskinen: a unique opportunity to discuss the Action Plan and to share experience and move towards the endorsement of the Action Plan in Metsa 2013

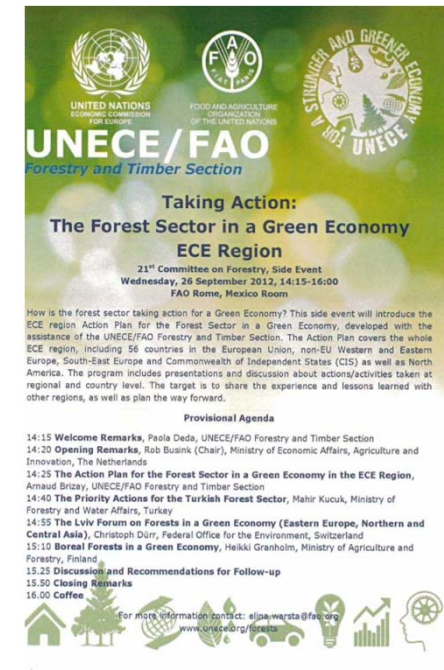


21st COFO



COFO "Forest a green pathway
for human development" 24-28
September 2012, 618
delegates/ observers – 120
countries

- UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section at 2 side events:
 - Taking Action: The forest sector in a green economy in the ECE
 - Wood and the Green Economy: Forest grow solutions to global challenges (WB)
- TC/EFC Bureaux meeting



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COFO Recommendations:

- Maximize forests' contribution to greening the economy (welcomed UNECE/FAO GE AP)
- Cross-sectoral communication and collaboration
- Support countries for wood energy, strengthening forest governance and national forest information systems
- Strengthen financial basis for SFM
- Implement GFRA long-term strategy
- Support renewal of Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products and consider similar arrangements and bodies at regional levels and include NWFPs
- Informed of successful cooperation between UNECE TC and FAO EFC

High relevance of UNECE/FAO work





TC asked to consider

- Establishing a regional Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products

