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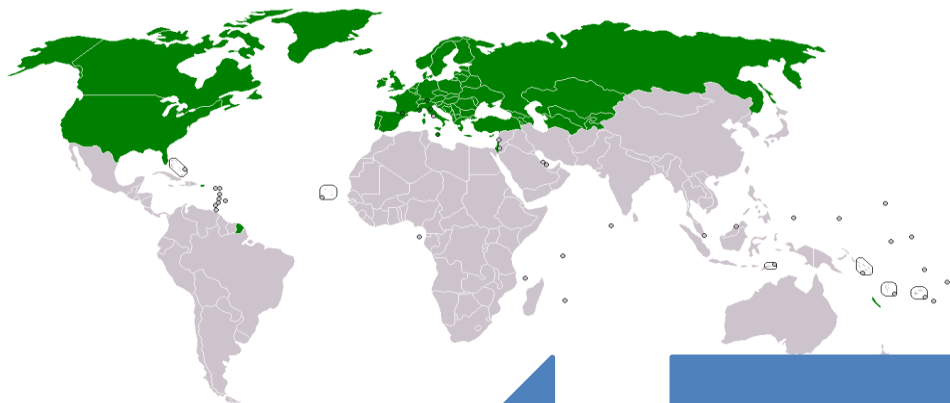
Forest
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Building

Green
Economy



AN ACTION PLAN: WHAT FOR?



Demonstrate how the ECE region forest sector can contribute to the transition towards a Green Economy;

Share best practices and promote policies which are effective, efficient and equitable;

Communicate achievements – to public, policy makers and other sectors.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTION PLAN



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Replies to a
questionnaire:
A first draft

Stakeholder meetings:

- 10-11 May 2011
(review of
actions)
- 26 March 2012
(priorities and
possible actors)

A living document
to be discussed at TC
70 and adopted in
2013 in Finland,
Metsä2013



STRUCTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION



Overall objective
Series of objectives
Actions to achieve them



for

- International organizations
- Governments of member States
- Private sector
- Civil society at large... and others.



OVERALL GOAL OF THE ACTION PLAN

The forest sector in the ECE region makes the **greatest possible contribution** to the emerging green economy by improving human well-being and social equity while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities.

In every aspect of its activities, it **minimizes its carbon emissions, uses its resources efficiently and is socially inclusive.**





STRATEGIC ISSUES

Uses and reuses
wisely **resources**

Contributes to
the **mitigation** of
climate change

Cares for its
workforce

By 2020

Takes all
externalities into
account

Bases decisions
on **evidence**



THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE ACTION PLAN

1. Sustainable wood consumption and production

- Patterns of consumption and production of forest products are truly sustainable.

2. The low-carbon forest sector

- The forest sector makes the best possible contribution to mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.

3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector

- The workforce is able to implement SFM and the forest sector provides decent jobs.

4. Valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services

- To identify and value forest functions and to establish PES, encouraging sustainable production and consumption patterns.

5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector

- To ensure that the forest sector policies and institutions which promote SFM, that policy making is evidence-based, and policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable



EXAMPLE:

Decent Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

Strategy for decent green jobs in the forest sector:

- A skilled workforce
- Safety and health of the forestry workforce
- Forest operations



DECENT GREEN JOBS IN THE FS



| | Possible actions | Possible actors |
|-------|--|--|
| C.0 | Objective: to develop and communicate ambitious and realistic strategies for decent green jobs in the forest sector | |
| C.0.1 | Review forest sector workforce issues in order to recommend priorities and communicate their importance including through wide stakeholder consultation. | UNECE/FAO, ILO, social partners, NGOs and researchers |
| C.1 | Objective: To ensure that the workforce has the necessary skills to carry out the increasingly complex tasks associated with sustainable forest management | |
| C.1.1 | Improve monitoring and analysis of the forest-sector workforce, starting by updating the earlier ECE/FAO/ILO study of professional skills and training.* | UNECE/FAO, ILO, Joint Expert Network to implement SFM with stakeholders (ENFE) |
| C.1.2 | Review and discuss at policy level the main threats to sustainability of the workforce), and possible countermeasures. Include regular sessions on “new forest jobs in the green economy” at high level forest sector meetings | UNECE/FAO, ILO, ENFE, EUSTAFOR, CEPF, other stakeholders |
| C.1.3 | Develop tripartite (government/unions/employers) approaches to green jobs in the forest sector, using tools such as regulations, minimum standards, certification etc. | Governments, ILO, stakeholders |
| C.1.4 | Increase investment in the education and training of contractors, forest workers and forest owners.* | Governments (labour/training ministries), Joint Expert network, EFESC, ENFE, EFI |
| C.1.5 | Encourage associations, such as contractors associations, as a means to improve access to training. | Governments, ENFE |



THE TIMBER COMMUTEE MAY WISH

The Committee is invited to consider the document, provide additional input and decide on further steps.

In addition, the Committee may wish to consider one of the following options:

- Further revising the Action Plan during a meeting to be organized back to back with the Joint FAO/UNECE WPFESin April 2013;
- Organizing a special session of TC/EFC in June 2013 to finalize the Action Plan as well as the ECE/FAO joint Programme of Work.





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Thank you!

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