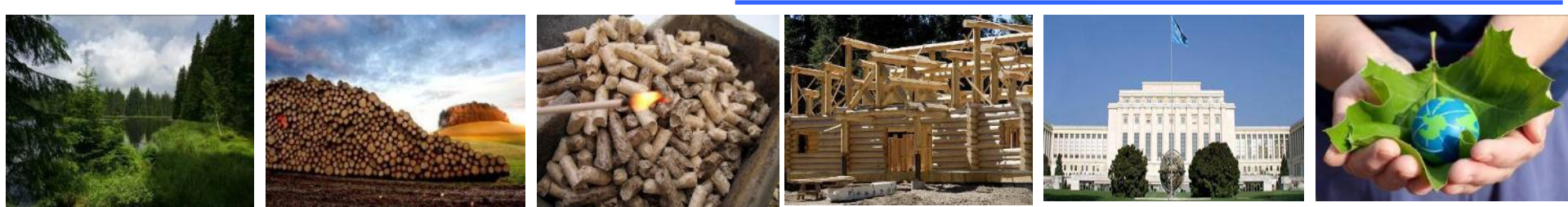




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UNDA and Fire Forum Projects

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UNDA Project: Sustainable forest management for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia

What is UNDA?

- a capacity development programme of the United Nations Secretariat
- aiming at enhancing capacities of developing countries in the priority areas of the United Nations Development Agenda
- funded from the Secretariat's regular budget and has a biannual budget of \$29.2 million funding around 40 projects implemented by 10 entities of the Executive Committee of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA, 5 Regional Commissions, UNCTAD, UNEP, Habitat and UNODC).



Project Proposal (1)

- Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia
- Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- Time frame: 2 years starting mid 2013
- Budget: \$500,000 – possibility to attract other donors



Project Proposal (2)

OBJECTIVE

- To strengthen the national capacity of countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia to enhance the contribution of their forest sector to greener economies through sustainable forest management

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **EA 1:** Improved capacity of countries to develop policies for enhancing the forest sector's contribution to greener economies.
- **EA 2:** National action plans for a forest sector in a greener economy are developed and implemented in three beneficiary countries that will be identified based on the selection criteria.
- **EA 3:** Information on forest products markets, resources, policies and institutions available in the participating countries to promote sustainable forest products, including for bio energy production.



Project Proposal (3)

Main activities

A1 Capacity building

- **A1.1** Development of training modules and training material (“train the trainers”) on sustainable forest management in a green economy, wood energy and data collection.
- **A1.2** Capacity building through regional, national and local workshops, each of them will cover the three following themes:
 - Policy formulation for sustainable forest management in a green economy
 - Bioenergy generation from wood: opportunities and challenges
 - Data collection on forests and forest products
- ❑ **A1.2.1** One regional inception workshop (3 days). About 25 participants from the 8 countries introduce the project concept and approach and provide a basic training
- ❑ **A1.2.2** 8 national workshops (1 per country, 3 days each). About 25 participants from relevant ministries and organizations
- ❑ **A1.2.3** 32 local workshops (4 per country, 1 day each). To reach the local level four one-day workshops in four provinces of each country. About 25 staff of relevant local administrations and organizations
- **A1.3** One concluding regional forest policy workshop (3days + 1 day study tour) to share lessons learned and to formulate recommendations for follow-up at national and international level.



Project Proposal (4)

Main activities

A2 Coaching program in three countries

for the development of national action plans for implementing sustainable forest management to enhance the forest sector's contribution to a green economy consisting of:

- Three coaching sessions per country for a participatory formulation of the action plan;
- Two local and one national seminars (2 days each) per country organized during the coaching missions;
- Public awareness campaigns about the action plan;
- Stakeholder participation for the formulation of the action plan;
- Formulation of the Action Plan and submission for endorsement.

A3 Establishment of a web-based hub (portal hosted by UNECE/FAO) for knowledge management on forest-related issues in the Caucasus and Central Asia.



Next steps

- UNDA approval
- Contact countries
- Identify pilot countries
- Identify consultants



Project: Safeguarding Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region through International Cooperation in Fire Management

Beneficiaries: countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and in South-Eastern Europe, and other countries in the UNECE region

Funding: € 268,787, Federal Republic of Germany

Time frame: March 2013 – July 2014



Objective

The objective of the project is to help UNECE member States, in particular those with economies in transition, to meet the increasing threats of wildfires affecting forests and achieve sustainable forest management



Activities

- Study (analysis) of the contemporary and expected future forest fire problems in the UNECE region;
- Development of a White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region;
- Development of specific guidelines or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for international cooperation in fire management;
- Preparation and organization of a *UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management* (November 27 – 29, 2013)



Expected outputs

- White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region;
- Draft SOPs or guidelines for international cooperation in fire management (ground, aerial);
- Adoption of a proposal for a voluntary or legal protocol on cross-boundary cooperation in fire management by the *UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management*.



Thank You!



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