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

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Five countries of the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project "Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia" will present their criteria and indicators' (C&I) sets for sustainable forest management, methodologies for data collection and plans for future implementation of C&I. Further, international experts will present policy briefs on the application of national C&I sets in strengthening national forest monitoring systems and international forest reporting.

Chair: Mr. Abdulkhild Zakhadullayev, Head of Department
State Forestry Committee on Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Moderator: Ms. Nato Kirvalidze, International expert

9:00-9:10 Opening remarks
- Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Acting Chief of joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

9:10-9:20 Overview of the UNDA project "Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Mr. Roman Michalak, Project Manager, Economic Affairs Officer, joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

9:20-9:30 Forest monitoring in Armenia
- Ms. Yeva Danielyan, Senior Specialist, "Hydrometeorology and monitoring center" SNCO, Forest monitoring service

9:30-9:40 Forest monitoring in Georgia
- Mr. Carl Amirgulashvili, Head of Biodiversity and Forestry Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

9:40-9:50 Forest monitoring in Kazakhstan
- Mr. Kairat Ustemirov, Advisor to the Vice-Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

9:50-10:00 Forest monitoring in Kyrgyzstan
- Ms. Suzanna Seideeva, Chief Specialist, Department for the Development of Forest Ecosystems of the SAEPF of the Kyrgyz Republic

10:00-10:10 Forest monitoring in Uzbekistan
- Mr. Abdulkhild Zakhadullayev, Head of Department, State Forestry Committee on Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan

10:10-10:20 Overview of national reporting on sustainable forest management in the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Mr. Tamer Otrakci, international expert

10:20-10:30 Policy brief on C&I for sustainable forest management and guidelines for its development on the national level
- Ms. Stefanie Linser, international expert

10:30-10:40 Policy brief on C&I and decision making (Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting)
- Ms. Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, international expert

10:40-10:50 Policy brief on C&I and Forest Policy and Management Support Information Systems (FPMSIS)
- Mr. Andrzej Talarczyk, international expert

10:50-11:00 Policy brief on C&I and National Forest Inventory
- Mr. Kari T. Korhonen, international expert

11:00-11:10 Policy brief on C&I and forest-related communication
- Ms. Marta Gaworska, international expert

11:10-11:30 Discussion and conclusions
Moderated by Ms. Nato Kirvalidze
FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

12:30-15:00 C.E.T.

All countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia will be invited to present forest landscape restoration (FLR) efforts. Seven countries of the region, that pledged under the Bonn Challenge, would be invited to present progress towards implementation of restoration targets. Representatives from other regions are invited to present examples of scaling up FLR through regional initiatives (AFR100, Latin 20x20). Further, international experts are invited to map out and funding opportunities to support of FLR implementation.

12:30-12:33 Opening remarks
- Ms. Elke Steinmetz, Senior Officer, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany
- Mr. Ekrem Yazici, Deputy Chief of joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

12:33-12:40 Forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Mr. Carl Amirgulashvili, Head of Biodiversity and Forestry Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

12:40-12:50 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Armenia
- Mr. Taron Manukyan, Head of the Division of Reforestation, Afforestation and Protection, “Hayantar” SNCO of the Forest Committee

12:50-13:00 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Georgia
- Mr. Carl Amirgulashvili, Head of Biodiversity and Forestry Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

13:00-13:10 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Azerbaijan
- Mr. Sadig Salmanov, Senior advisor of the Forests Development Service, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan

13:10-13:20 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Kazakhstan
- Mr. Kairat Yegezhanov, Chief expert, Forestry and Wildlife Committee of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

13:20-13:30 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Kyrgyzstan
- Mr. Bakyt Yrsaliev, Chief Specialist, Department for the Development of Forest Ecosystems, State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan

13:30-13:40 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Tajikistan
- Mr. Aziz Nazarov, Head of the Sector for International Relations and Information, Forestry Agency under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

13:40-13:50 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Turkmenistan
- Mr. Jumamyrat Saparmyradov, Head of the Department of Environmental Protection and Hydrometeorology of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection of Turkmenistan

13:50-14:00 Forest landscape restoration efforts in Uzbekistan
- Mr. Abduvokhid Zakhadullaev, Head of Department, State Forestry Committee on Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan

14:00-14:10 Scaling up forest landscape restoration through regional initiatives: Latin 20x20
- Mr. Miguel Gallardo, General Director of the Ecosystems and Biodiversity Unit, The Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (MARN), El Salvador

14:10-14:20 Scaling up forest landscape restoration through regional initiatives: AFR100
- Ms. Tangu Tumeo, Principal Forestry Adviser, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi

14:20-14:30 Scaling up forest landscape restoration through regional initiatives: ECCA30 (IUCN)
- Mr. Boris Erg, Director of the IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IUCN ECARO)

14:30-14:40 Mapping out financial opportunities for implementation of forest landscape restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia (UNFF)
- Mr. Peter Gondo, Inter-Regional Advisor on Sustainable Forest Management at the UNFF Secretariat

14:40-14:50 Funding opportunities to support in implementation of forest landscape restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia (World Bank)
- Ms. Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy Global Practice, the World Bank

14:50-15:00 Closure of the workshop
- Mr. Abduvokhid Zakhadullaev, Head of Department, State Forestry Committee on Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan