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Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management



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Introduction

The United Nations vision is of a world in which all types of forests and trees outside forests are sustainably managed, contribute to sustainable development and provide economic, social, environmental and cultural benefits for present and future generations (UNFF, [Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030](#)).

The joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section supports developing evidence-based policies for sustainable forest management and communicates about the many products and ecosystem services provided to society while assisting [countries of the region](#) to monitor and manage forests.



Egon Giesinger, first Director of ECE/FAO secretariat

REBUILDING POST-WAR EUROPE

The Emergency Economic Commission for Europe (EECE) was the forerunner of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) set up to solve economic problems in post-war Europe. Timber shortage was a serious problem as lumber was essential for reconstruction. Scarce supplies of timber and pit props needed to be

Timeline of the Forestry and Timber Section

Key areas of work



Forest Products



Forest
Monitoring



Forest Statistics



Communication



Capacity Building



Wood Energy



Accountability systems for sustainable forest management in the Caucasus and Central Asia - 2016-2020



Project Objective

Strengthen the national capacity of five countries to develop national criteria and indicators and reporting or accountability systems for sustainable forest management.



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Expected Accomplishments



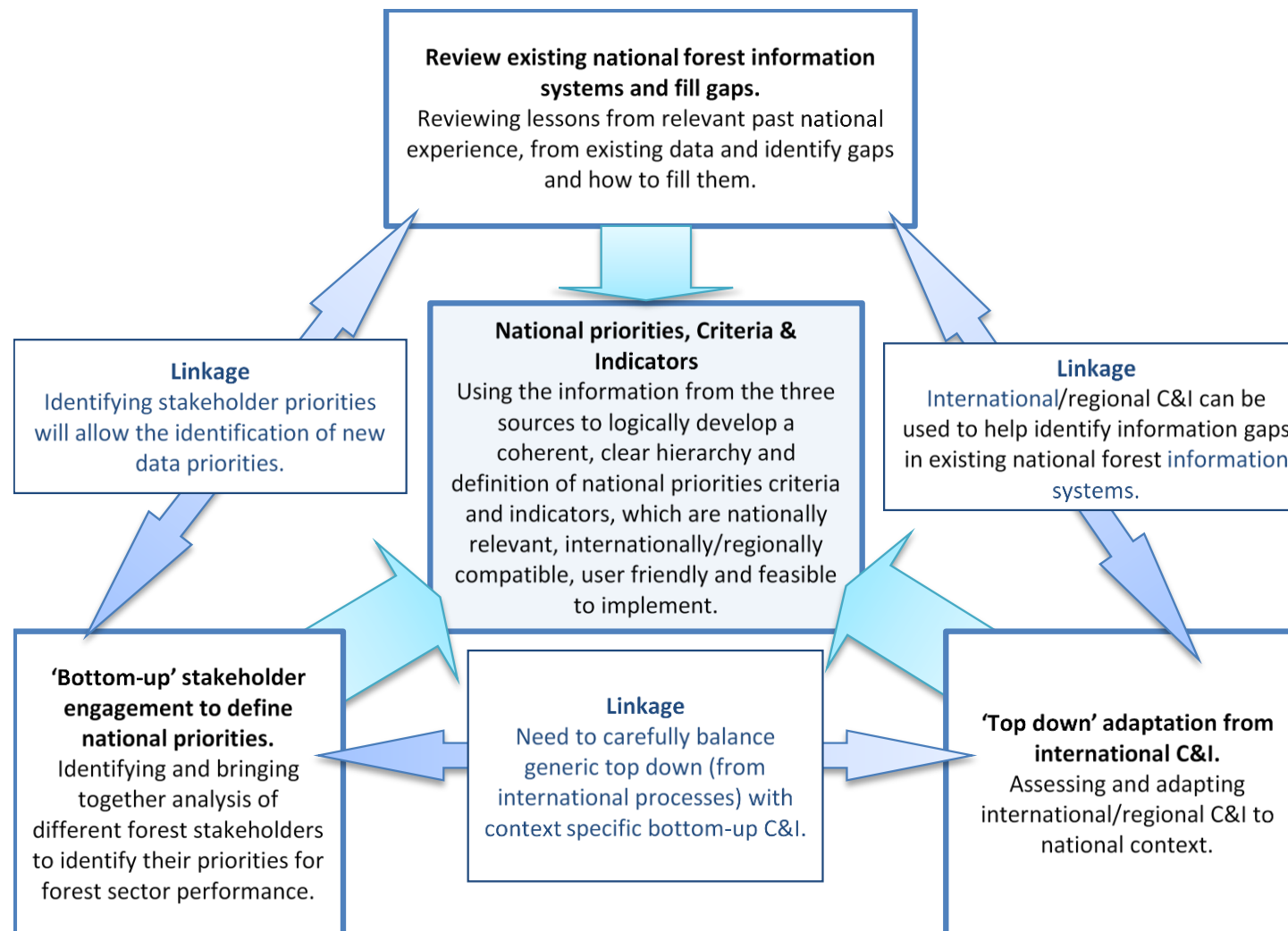
Enhanced national knowledge (policy makers, national government experts, other stakeholders) of the existing international best practice for sustainable forest measurement, monitoring and reporting.



Enhanced national capacity to develop national reporting and accountability systems.



Process: inception, 2016





Process: 1st round of national workshops





Process: intermediate review, 2018



Process: 2nd round of national workshops

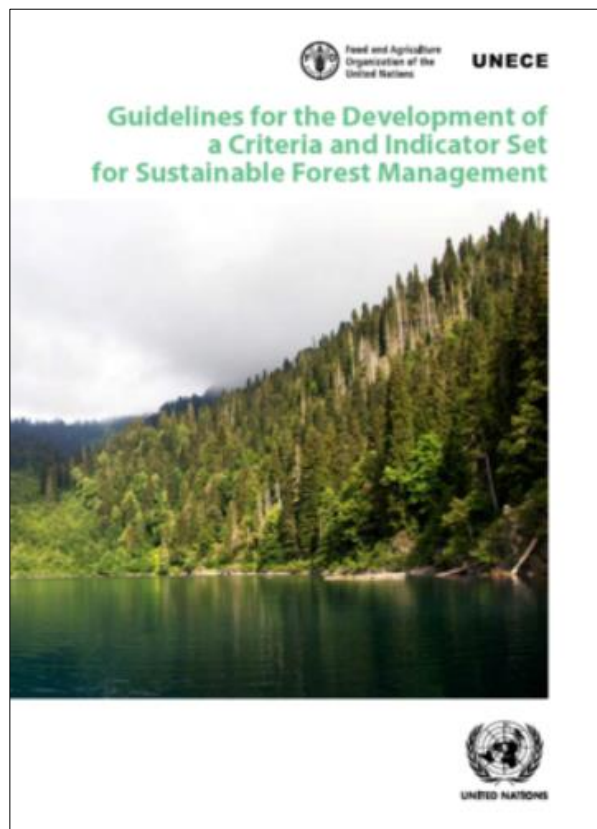




Process: Forest Congress, 2019



Main outputs



5 national sets of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

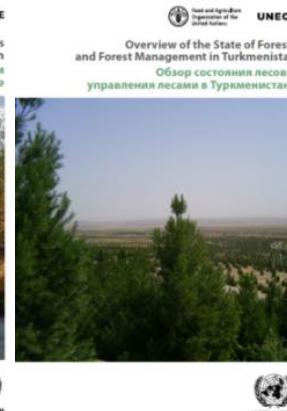
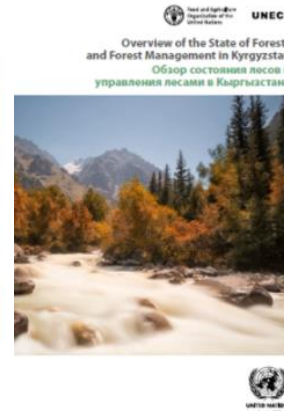
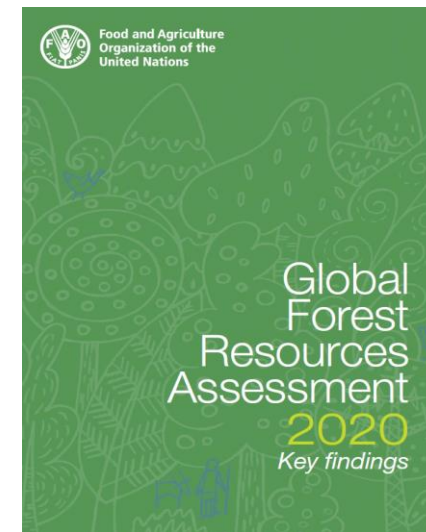
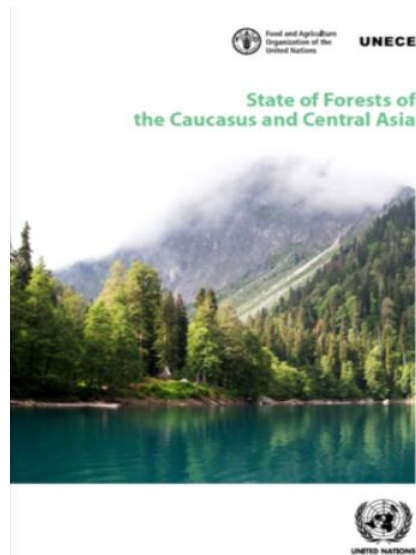
Tailored methodologies for data collection for 5 C&I sets (factsheets)

5 policy briefs to raise awareness on application of C&I for SFM in forestry

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Additional outputs



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>550
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Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Uzbekistan

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Azerbaijan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan

Next steps

Final Conference on Forest Monitoring and Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia

In Russian and English

9 December 2020

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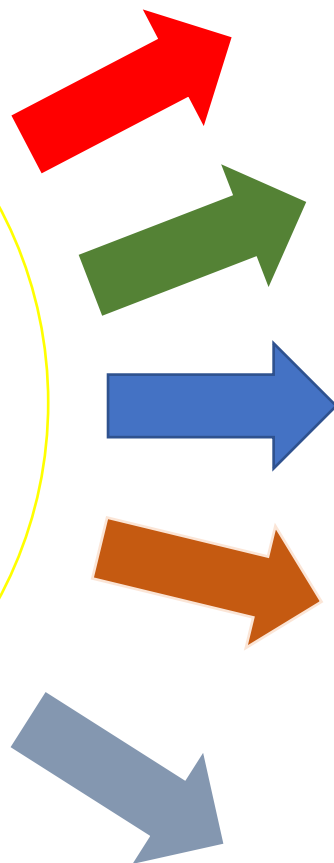
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Next steps: Policy briefs



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CRITERIA & INDICATORS

DECISION MAKING (MONITORING, REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT)

FOREST POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (FPMSIS)

NATIONAL FOREST INVENTORY

FOREST-RELATED COMMUNICATION

Thank you!



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