



Second Announcement

Mobilising Wood Resources

Can Europe's Forests Satisfy the Increasing Demand for Raw Material and Energy under Sustainable Forest Management?

Workshop in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
11 - 12 January 2007

Background

In the framework of climate change discussions and energy security, policy and decision makers started promoting the use of wood as a carbon neutral energy source. Combined with rising energy prices, this is leading to an increase in wood demand. Since traditional use of wood in Europe (sawmills, paper, panels) continues to expand as well, the competition between wood for bio-energy and for traditional industry is an increasing challenge.

On the other hand, forest inventories have shown, that in most European forests, annual growth exceeds significantly the volume of wood harvested. Therefore several stakeholders are now considering how best to mobilise additional wood resources to satisfy demand for both raw material and energy. But this has also raised questions about the impacts of increased wood mobilisation: How to handle emerging conflicts? How to elaborate 'win-win' solutions for all stakeholders without threatening sustainable forest management?

Mandate

This workshop will be the implementation of the workshop "resource mobilisation and comprehensive wood utilisation strategies in support of SFM "called for in the MCPFE programme of work (Vienna Resolution 5).

Objectives

This workshop aims to deliver:

- Strategies for mobilising wood given a constantly increasing demand;
- Better understanding of impacts and effects of increased wood mobilisation on different sectors;
- Recommendations to policy-makers and stakeholders on these issues;
- Input to the Warsaw Ministerial Conference in November 2007.

Target audience

Experts and decision makers of different stakeholders and countries will participate in the workshop:

- Governments and EU institutions, International organisations;
- Forest Services, Forest owners, Contractors, Forest based industries, pulp & paper industries and related associations;
- Energy industry and related associations;
- Environmental NGOs and other NGOs;
- Research organisations and universities.

Registration

Registration form can be downloaded online:

www.unece.org/trade/timber/workshops/2007/wmw/registration.htm

Please fax the completed registration form to the UNECE/FAO Timber Section (+41 22 917 0041) or send it by email to: cynthia.de.castro@unece.org.

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Thursday, 11 January: Presentations and Discussion	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome
9:15 - 10:30	<p>Presentations and Discussion: Background</p> <p>Scientific / Market Background <u>Prof. Sten Nilsson</u>, Deputy Director, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis,</p> <p>Overview of Forest Sector and Bioenergy Policies Joint presentation by EU: <u>Jeremy Wall</u> (DG Enterprise) and <u>Ignacio Seoane</u> (DG Agri)</p>
Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Presentations and Discussion: Case studies on Mobilizing Wood Resources</p> <p>Countries in Transition <u>Jurij Begus</u>, Slovenia Forest Service</p> <p>Mobilizing wood in Russia in the light of the new forest code <u>Maria Palenova</u>, Agency of Forestry, Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Southern Europe <u>Iñaki Isasi Pérez</u>, Executive President, Union des Sylviculteurs du Sud de l'Europe, USSE</p>
Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Presentations and Discussion: Strategies</p> <p>Organization of Sustainable Supply of Raw Material for Wood Based Industries <u>Elisabet Salander Björklund</u>, Senior Executive Vice President, Stora Enso Forest Products</p> <p>Strategies for Supply of Raw Material in the Energy Industry <u>Michael Deutmeyer</u>, CEO, CHOREN Biomass GmbH, Germany</p> <p>Wood Supply Chain in Sweden <u>Christer Segersteen</u>, Vice Chairman of Södra Wood Products, Sweden</p>
Coffee Break	
16:00 - 18:00	<p>Presentations and Discussion: Existing approaches and Impacts</p> <p>Increased Wood Mobilization - a Forest Owner's Point of View <u>Stefan Schenker</u>, President of the CEPF</p> <p>Sub-national approach for wood mobilization in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany <u>Josef Herkendell</u>, Ministry of the Environment, NRW, Germany</p> <p>Interaction and Conflicts of Wood Supply and Policy Measures, a Case Study from Vienna-Simmering <u>Winfried Süß</u>, Austrian Federal Forest AG</p> <p>Environmental Impacts of Increased Wood Mobilization <u>Karin Wessman</u>, Policy Manager, WWF international</p>
Evening Reception	
Friday, 12 January: Working groups	
9:00 - 12:00	<p>Working Group Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for wood mobilization - technical focus • Influence of policy / measures to promote wood mobilization - policy focus • Implication of increased wood mobilization on different sectors - crosscutting focus
12:00 - 12:30	Drafting recommendations within each working group
Lunch Break	
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Regional Working Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Europe and Russia • Central and Southern Europe • Eastern Europe
14:45 - 15:30	Presentation of the results of the working groups
15:30 - 16:45	Discussion and final recommendations
16:45 - 17:00	Conclusions and closing of the workshop