



Item 5c

Reporting on Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

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**42nd Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics,
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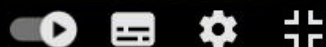
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FORESTS IN A NUTSHELL

This is a story you may not have heard before – about forests in a nutshell.

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NATURE UNLOCKED: UNECE launches global photo contest showing flora and fauna during lockdown to celebrate World Environment Day

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04 June 2020

As governments worldwide declared lockdowns in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19, animals and plants started reclaiming spaces previously seen as being reserved for human activities: fish, ducks and dolphins inhabited canals and approached shores, while deer, wild goats and monkeys began searching towns and cities for food.



The empty skies and streets offered some respite for nature and made even clearer the huge impact of human activities on biodiversity in cities. While biodiversity in urban context is sometimes neglected, it represents an important part of [our efforts to prevent up to one million species from becoming extinct in the years to come](#). In this light, capturing these historical sights of 'nature unlocked' in cities provides a unique chance to reconnect with our natural world as we try to imagine and create a more sustainable future.

To further inspire such visions and to celebrate the [World Environment Day 2020](#), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) has launched "Humans locked down, NATURE UNLOCKED: A global photo contest on flora and fauna in the time of COVID-19 in support of the restoration of ecosystems". This photography contest aims to raise awareness of the alarming speed at which species' natural habitats are disappearing worldwide and promote the preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity as a cornerstone of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.



Meetings and online events

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**SDG 15 DAY:
FOCUS ON FORESTS
IN THE 'SUPER YEAR' FOR NATURE
AND BEYOND
WHAT'S NEXT?**

15 LIFE ON LAND

WEBINAR | 2 NOVEMBER 2020 | 10 AM - 1 PM

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**WHO ARE THE FOREST WORKERS OF TODAY?
WHO WILL THEY BE IN THE FUTURE?**

Trends and opportunities facing modern jobs in the forest sector

14 October 2020
14:30-16:30 CET
Webinar

UNECE Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

23 NOVEMBER 14:00 - 18:00 CET

UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST PRODUCTS HAVE THE PLEASURE OF INVITING YOU TO A WEBINAR:

HOW CAN WE BUILD MORE SUSTAINABLY WITH WOOD?

BUILDING AND RENOVATION SOLUTIONS TO MEET 21ST CENTURY CLIMATE CHANGE, AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA

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RESTORE OUR FUTURE BONN CHALLENGE

FINANCING FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

Webinar to support the preparation of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the ECCA30/ Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe in 2021

Thursday, 16 July 2020

14:00 - 14:15	<p>Opening remarks & introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Chief, Joint Forestry and Timber Section of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Mr. Boris Erg, Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
14:15 - 14:30	<p>Mapping of funding opportunities for forest landscape restoration in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peter Gondo, United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat

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Session 3-4: Snapshot on Boreal forests' contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

Monday, 15 March 2021, 15:00-17:00 (CET)

Interpretation in English and Russian | Real-time captioning

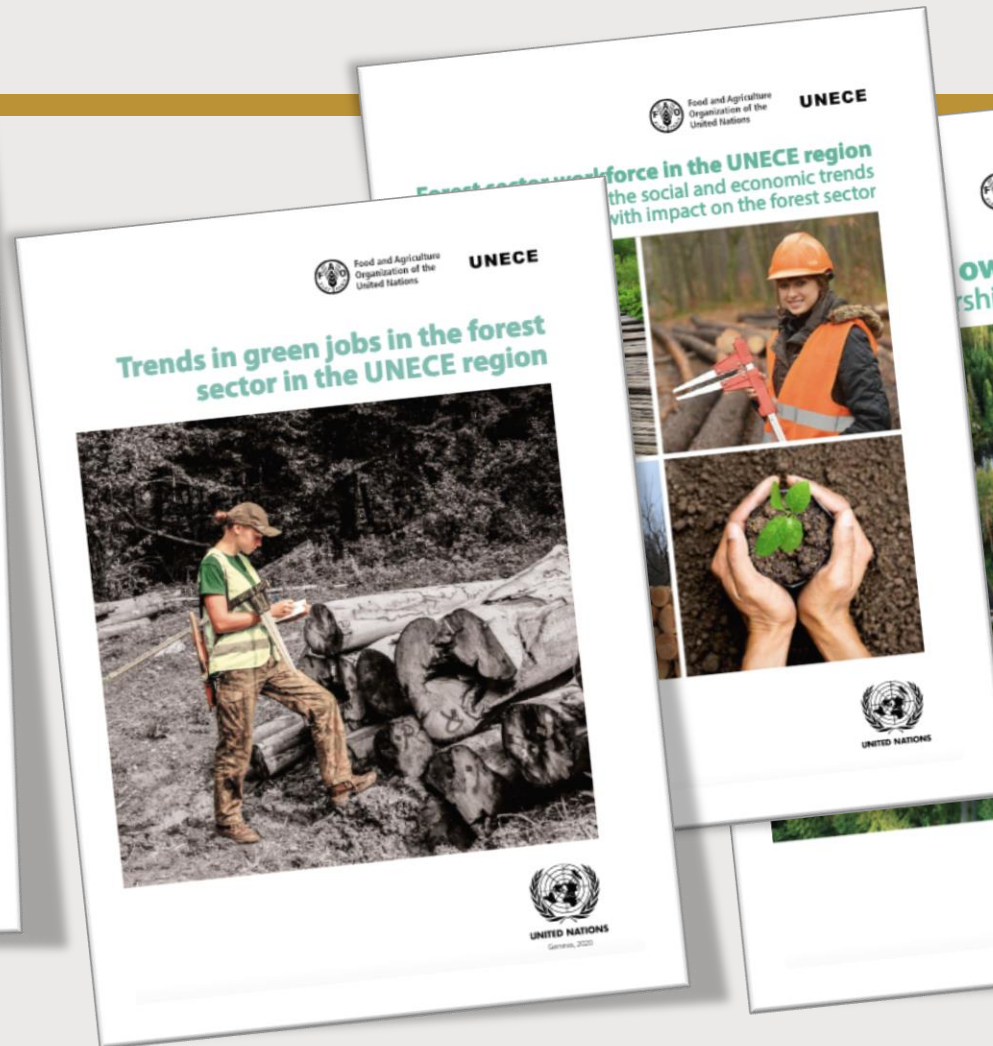
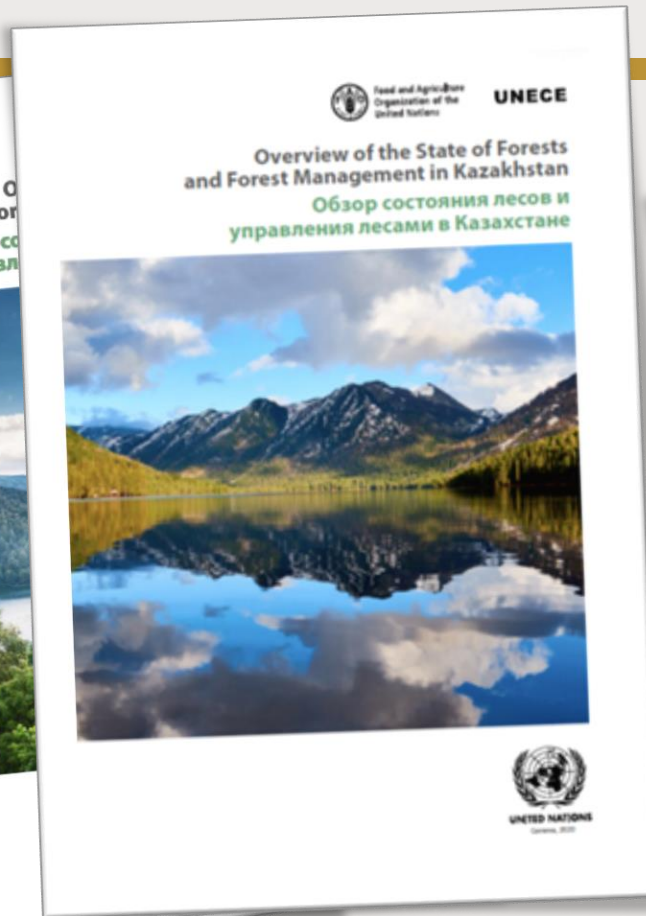
Lead Organizers: UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section I

Contributors: FAO, International Boreal Forest Research Association, Canadian Forest Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, Swedish Forest Agency, Federal Forestry Agency of the Russian Federation, United States Forest Service

Short Description: The Boreal region is a vast expanse of forests, mires and lakes circling the northern hemisphere. Boreal forests play an important role in mitigating climate change, and at the same time they are strongly affected by it. This peer learning session will highlight how boreal forests contribute to the 2030 Agenda and what measures are taken by countries to ensure their sustainable management.

Publications 2020/2021

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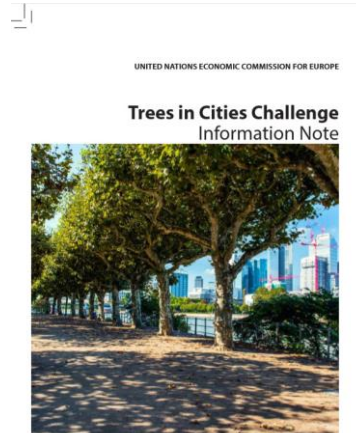


Communication campaigns

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- Trees in Cities Challenge: aims to promote sustainable management of urban forests, climate action at the local level & increase tree cover in cities - website, promotional brochure (3 languages), promo video + communication materials...More than 20 cities joined, with 11 million in pledges - relaunched
- Forests for Fashion: resulted from a fruitful collaboration between the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), and Cittadellarte Fashion B.E.S.T. It is in tune with the [Vancouver Invitation on Forest Products for a Better Future](#), which recognizes the value of sustainably produced wood and wood-based products as environmentally friendly materials. Continues to be one of the most visible areas of our work



New data platform...Launch on 23 March – do not miss it!

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Key Indicators



Country Data



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Key questions for guidance and discussion

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- The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided and provide guidance on additional communication and outreach opportunities.