



Global and Regional Forest Policy Matters

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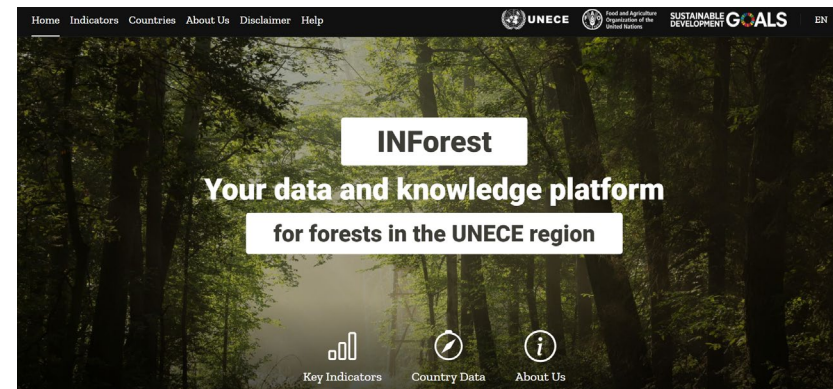


Global Level

Implementation of Agenda 2030/SDGs

- The Joint Section continued to monitor the implementation of the SDGs within the scope of IPoW, under the COVID-19 conditions
- The Joint Section developed the interactive Data and Knowledge Platform for the UNECE Region, linked with forest-related SDGs indicators found at:

<https://forest-data.unece.org/>



Global Level

Implementation of Agenda 2030/SDGs

2020 REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Joint Section presented the Trees in Cities Challenge initiative to the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, and virtually, on 19 March 2020.

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The Joint Section organized a peer-learning round table on Boreal forests during the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2021, on 15 March 2021.



Global Level

United Nations Forum on Forests Process

- The Joint Section participated virtually in the 15th session of United Nations Forum on Forests (4-8 May 2020) and made a statement about the implementation of UN Strategic Plan on Forests within the scope of WIPoW.
- The Joint Section participated in the UNFF Expert Group Meeting on the Impact of COVID-19 on Sustainable Forest Management (19-21 January 2021) and presented a regional study assessing the impact of COVID-19 on wood processing industries in Western Balkans.
- The Joint Section participated in the discussion panel on thematic priorities for 2021-2022 “in support of the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and cooperation with partners on achieving the thematic priorities” during the sixteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests (27 April 2021).



Regional Level

Forest Outlook and Cooperation with Forest Europe

The Joint Section issued the UNECE/FAO/Forest Europe "Guidelines on the promotion of green jobs in forestry" in January 2021

The Joint Section participated in the Expert Level Meeting on 1 - 2 September 2021 and presented the joint work on pan-European reporting

Jan. 2021

14–15 Apr. 2021

1–2 Sep. 2021

The Joint Section provided a statement during the eighth Forest Europe Ministerial Conference



National Forest Policy Dialogues



- **Kazakhstan:** National Forest Strategy and Action Plan Development
- **Azerbaijan:** Assessment of institutional structure of the forestry institutions in terms of implementation of forest landscape restoration

Points for Consideration

The Commission and the Committee took note of the work underway and requested ECE and FAO (within their existing mandates) to:

- (a) Continue supporting members States in the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda as they relate to forests, and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030;
- (b) Update member States and other stakeholders on the forest-related global and regional policy developments, to contribute to the achievement of SDGs and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 implementation and review process.
- (c) To continue to cooperate with relevant regional bodies and processes



THANK YOU

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