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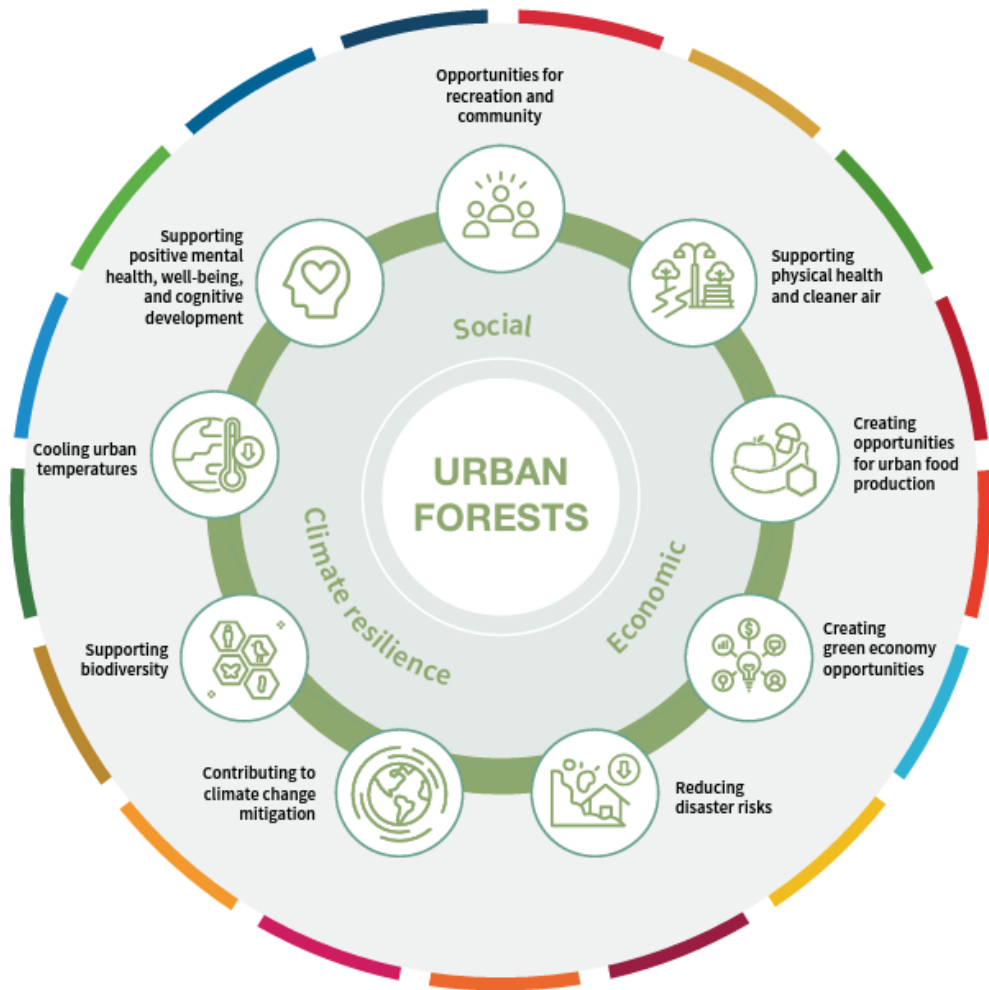
Presentation of the Draft Regional Urban Forestry Opportunity Plan

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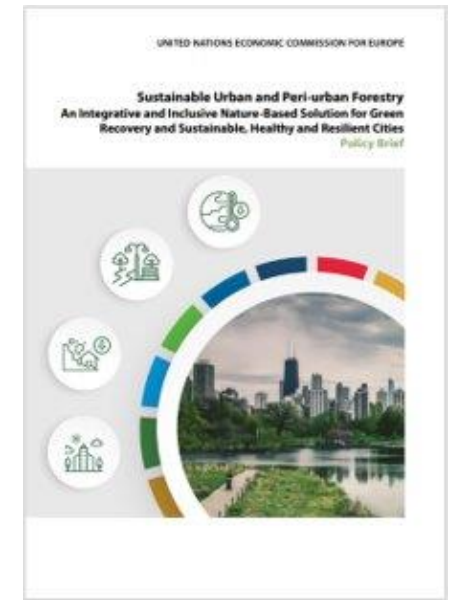
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Urban Trees and Forests for Resilient Cities

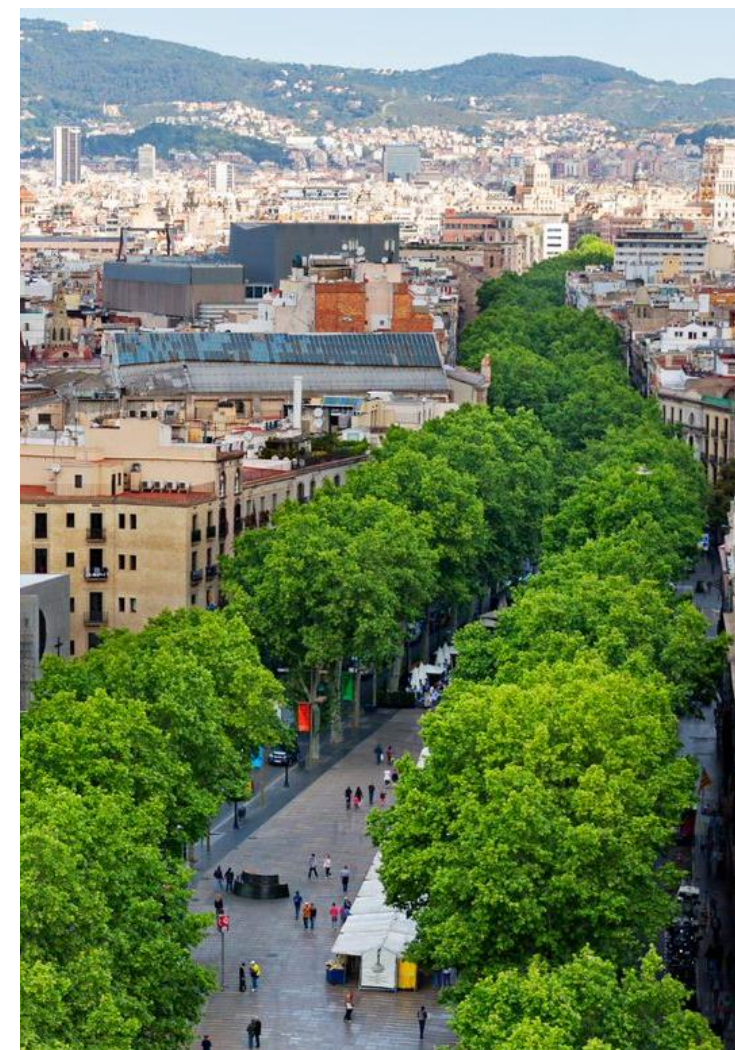


- Reduce infrastructure cost with green solutions
- Mitigate urban heat island effect & heat-related deaths
- Reduce energy consumption & expenditure
- Increase pedestrian traffic (commercial, tourist and cultural)
- Reduce flood & landslide risks
- Improve physical and mental health
- Grow food in urban areas
- Create green jobs



Sustainably managed urban and peri-urban trees and forests are a solution for

- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Sustainable Development Goals
- UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement
- The UN Convention to Combat Desertification
- Sendai Framework
- Other National and Global Goals



Draft Regional Urban Forestry Opportunity Plan

The draft regional urban forestry opportunity plan is meant to guide action across the ECE region.

It is not specific to any country, institution or other stakeholder.

The 80th session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry recommended the Plan be submitted to the 2023 session for possible adoption.

The 44th session of the ECE/FAO Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management reviewed, commented on and supported the Draft Urban Forestry Opportunities Plan.

Draft Regional Urban Forestry Opportunity Plan



Vision

- a) Urban and peri-urban forests are developed to deliver multiple essential ecosystem services that benefit local urban and peri-urban communities and contribute to national policy objectives, the SDGs, and global goals for climate action, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity conservation, landscape restoration, and sustainable cities.
- b) Urban and peri-urban forests are managed sustainably, guided by national, subnational, and city authority policies, regulations, strategies, and plans that are implemented with adequate resources over time.

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Goals

- Raise awareness of the benefits of SUPF and the need for sustainable resource management
- Strengthen governance, policies, regulatory frameworks, and financing for SUPF at the national, sub-national, and local levels.
- Provide guidance for, and enhance the development and implementation of, masterplans, management plans and good practices in SUPF.
- Strengthen technical and human capacities for the implementation of SUPF programs.
- Build inclusive partnerships and participatory approaches for developing and delivering SUPF programs and initiatives.

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Structure: Five Thematic Areas

A. Awareness of benefits and sustainable management

- Awareness raising; benefit assessment; recognition of need for sustainable management

B. Governance, policy, and regulatory frameworks

- Dedicated policies and programs; regulatory frameworks; clear governance structures; sustainable funding programs

C. Planning and management

- Sound understanding of SUPF resource; strategic management approaches; widespread use of good practice and suitable technologies

D. Technical and human capacities

- Dedicated urban forestry training and education; collaborative networks and communities of practice

E. Inclusive partnerships and participatory approaches

- Cross-sectoral and multistakeholder networks; inclusive and participatory approaches to SUPF

The plan identifies possible actions by different stakeholders

Table 1

Goal A: Raise awareness of the benefits of SUPF and the need for sustainable resource management

<i>Target</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Scope of Act</i>
A.1. Awareness of the multiple and essential benefits of SUPF. The many benefits, provided through a series of ecosystem services, of SUPF need to be highlighted and widely communicated amongst stakeholders. A special effort should be made to raise awareness amongst decision-makers in other sectors.	A.1.1. Compile and disseminate information on the essential benefits provided by urban forests, related to, among others, climate action, public health, food security, biodiversity conservation, and economic development A.1.2. Implement campaigns and partnerships that promote the	UNECE Regional, Sub-national, authority, Academic Sector, Finance, Civil Society, National, Local, Private Sector

Table 2

Goal B: Strengthen governance, policies, regulatory frameworks, and financing for SUPF at the national, sub-national, and local levels

<i>Target</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Scope of Actions</i>
B.1. Policies and programs are in place for SUPF with clear visions, aims and objectives, and longer-term perspectives. These policies and programs should have a cross-sectoral focus and link up to, among other, climate action, biodiversity conservation, public health, food security, and urbanisation agendas.	B.1.1. Develop and provide guidelines for developing national SUPF policies. B.1.2. Develop national-level objectives and targets for urban and peri-urban forestry. B.1.3. Develop a national SUPF policy and mainstream recommendations in sectoral plans and sub-national coordination mechanisms.	UNECE Regional National National
B.2. Regulatory frameworks are conducive to sustainable urban and peri-urban forestry. The protection of urban and peri-urban regulations.	B.2.1. Ensure that urban and peri-urban forests (UPF) are codified in national and sub-national regulations.	National, Sub-national, Local Authority

COFFI is invited to consider the Draft Urban Forestry Opportunity Plan for adoption.





Thank you

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