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Capacity building and technical assistance

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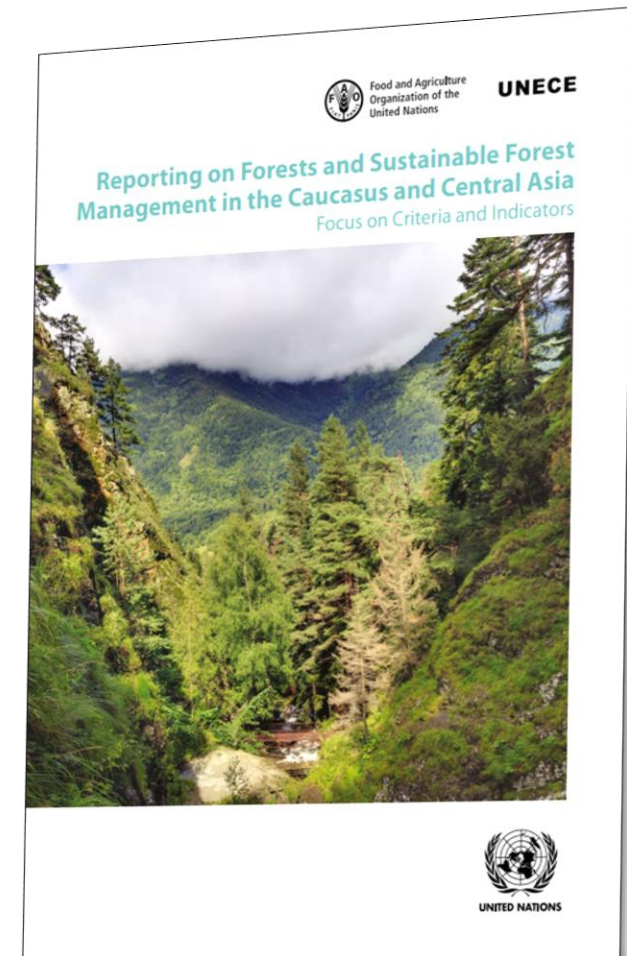
Capacity-building, training, and promotional events in 2022-2023

- **18** capacity-building events and workshops (Nov 2022 – Nov 2023)
- **766** participants



Reporting on Forests and Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia – Focus on Criteria and Indicators

- Study published in March 2023.
- Funded via the UNDA-10th tranche project, *“Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”*.
- Developed with and for the beneficiary countries.
- Shares best practices in developing and using C&I for SFM.
- Presents sets of national criteria and indicators.



Project: Forest Landscape Restoration in the Republic of Moldova – Feasibility study on the production of forest reproductive material (2022-2023)



UNECE developed the Study assessing the current production capacity of forest reproductive material (FRM) and perspectives for its development within the context of the National Afforestation and Reforestation Programme (NARP) 2023-2032



The workshop to present the Study was held on Oct 12, 2023, and hosted by the Forest Research and Management Institute under the Moldosilva Agency of the Ministry of Environment. It is attended by the Ministry of Environment and its subsidiary institutions, UN RCO and UNCT, development partners, NGO and Academia

Key recommendations of the workshop :

Update and publish the Study

Develop the FRM Information System to support NARP implementation

Build capacity and raise awareness of private owners and local communities on the FRM production chain and good practices

Forest Information Systems



- **Project to** “Strengthening capacity of policy and decisions makers, and forest service specialists to develop national forest information systems in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”*.
- **Analysis** of common challenges of forest information management via a dedicated survey.
- **Guide** on developing a Forest Information System (FIS).
- **Pilot applications** in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.
- **Regional Workshop** in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

* Funded by the Russian Federation



Urban Trees & Forests

Informal Expert Network on Urban Nature

Events

- Future-proof green cities make future-proof countries – Building urban and peri-urban tree and forest resilience | 6-8 December 2022
- Are all urban trees created equal? Benchmarking for evidence-based urban forest policy and planning | 12 December 2022
- The city of the future is a green city: why we need trees in our cities for the SDGs | 30 March 2023
- Rooted in Forests – National and regional action for global impact | 8 May 2023
- ADVANCING URBAN FORESTRY: A Nature Based Solution for Local and Global Goals | 03 August 2023
- Strategic and Technical Approaches to Tree Health Protection | 26 September 2023



Wood Energy Data

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry (modular webinars) 17, 20 & 27 April 2023*

Module 1 : *“Overview session – Introduction to the Joint Wood Energy and data sources on energy consumption”*

Module 2 : *“Detailed structure of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and how to best obtain relevant national data - with a focus on countries in the Western Balkan and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”*

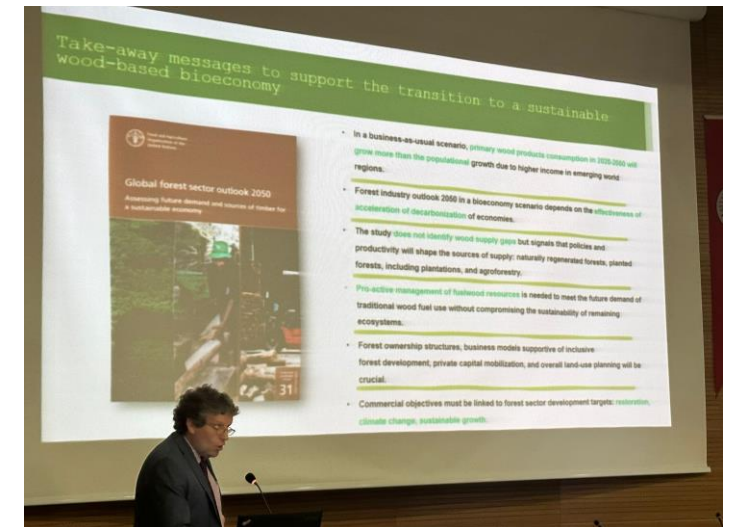
Module 3 : *“Online discussion about specific datapoints and last remaining questions to refine national replies. Discussion with the secretariat and among peers about possible solutions”*



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UNECE/FAO Policy Dialogue in Türkiye

- The UNECE/FAO National Forest Policy Dialogue on “**The future of the forestry and wood-based industries sector in Türkiye in the transition to a sustainable bioeconomy**” was held in Kastamonu, Türkiye on 21-23 September 2023.
- It was co-organized by the **Joint Section**, the **General Directorate of Forestry** (OGM) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye and the Turkish members of the **FAO Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries** (ACSFII), and the **FAO SEC/Türkiye Office**.
- The meeting was attended by more than **110 participants** from the public sector, forest-based organizations, private sector, NGOs, academia, and the country-based international organizations.
- **Minister of Agriculture and Forestry** opened the meeting.
- The Joint Section presented the UNECE/FAO studies on Regional Outlook, Circularity Concepts in Forest-based Industries as well as the benefits of wood construction and circularity in the use of man-made cellulose fibers relevant to the Turkish textile industry.





Thank you

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