

Criteria and indicators constitute an increasingly common policy tool for implementing sustainable forest management and facilitating clearly defining priorities and targets.

A national set of criteria and indicator for sustainable forest management can serve as a basis for evidence-based policy and communication.

It is beneficial for:

- monitoring, assessing and reporting on the state of a countries' forests
- strengthening the development of national forest programmes and monitoring their implementation
- providing incentives for sustainable forest management practices
- a dialogue between the forest and other sectors as well as with the society
- demonstrating forest contributions

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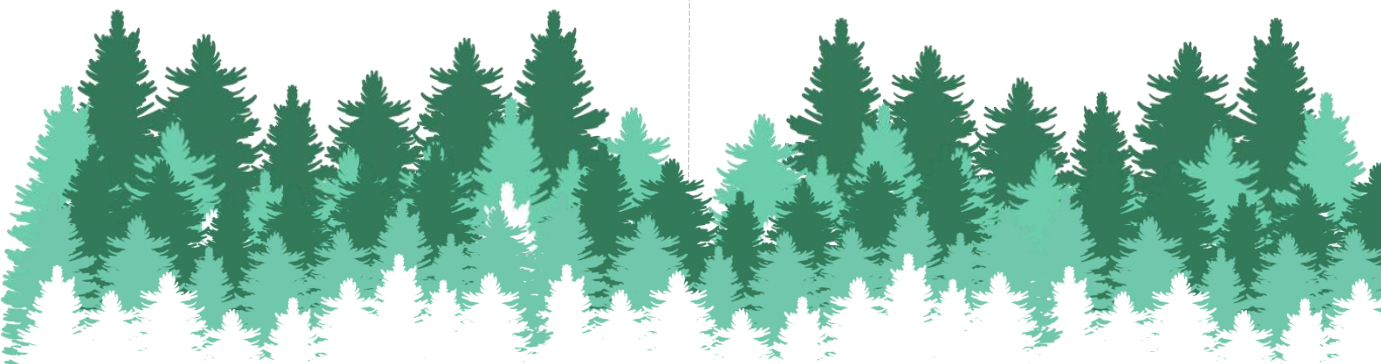
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Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia

United Nations Development Account project, implemented by the UN Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization, 2016-2019



Project Overviews

Objectives

Activities and Outputs

Countries

Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan

Participants

Experts from forest related ministries, national forest agencies, research institutes, forest user associations, public and private forest product enterprises and forest related NGOs

Budget

501,000 USD

Timeframe

June 2016 - December 2019

Implementing entities

UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section with their network of experts

The objective of the project is to strengthen the national capacity of five countries to identify appropriate **criteria and indicators** that are **practicable, communicative, measurable, feasible** and **relevant** to assess **sustainable forest management** in each country.

The process of the development of **national criteria and indicator sets** will combine the priorities and specific national needs of each country with international experience of existing regional and global sets.

The project is expected to enable countries to actively participate in international processes related to forests, and contribute to the sustainable development of the sector towards a green economy.

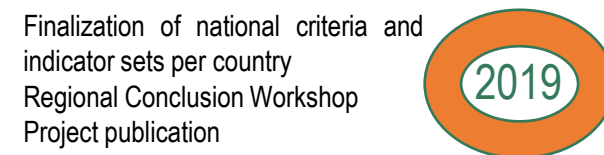


Regional Inception Workshop

Release of training material
National Coaching Workshops, one per country
Set up of national working groups



First draft of national criteria and indicator sets per country
Regional Mid-term Workshop
National Workshops, one per country



Finalization of national criteria and indicator sets per country
Regional Conclusion Workshop
Project publication

