Invitation

Side Event to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Regional Preparatory Meeting for
the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

Trade and Green Economy

2 December 2011 ~ 1:15–2:45 p.m.
Palais des Nations, Room VIII
Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) cordially invite you to join a side event on Trade and Green Economy, to be held at the Rio+20 Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ECE region.

The objective is to provide an opportunity to discuss what a transition to a green economy means for trade in the ECE region, identify key trade opportunities and challenges for the region, and contribute to the Rio+20 discussions in the region.

Governments, regional organizations, civil society groups, intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders in the region, will exchange perspectives on key issues about trade in a green economy. Presentations by panellists will be followed by an open discussion.

A sandwich lunch will be provided.
Provisional agenda

13.15-13.30  Welcome remarks by UNECE/FAO, ICTSD and UNEP

13.30-14.15  Presentations by panellists

- Legality verification & beyond: challenges and opportunities for timber trade.
  **Ben Gunneberg, PEFC**
- What opportunities exist in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region in the growing market for organic agriculture exports?
  **Asad Naqvi, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch**
- The potential of the green services sector
  **Patricia Molano, Sustainable Systems**

14.15-14.45  Open discussion kicked off by Olga Ponizova, EcoAccord (Russia)

Registration

Those wishing to attend the side event will need to register by sending an email to Mr. George Riddell at griddell@ictsd.ch by 29 November 2011.

For those who are not already registered for the Regional Preparatory Meeting, you will need to complete the form available at:
http://www.unece.org/env/sustainabledevelopment/rpm2011/rpm2011.html (please click on the “Registration” tab for the form) and send it to the UNECE secretariat at sd@unece.org so that UN security can issue a badge which will allow you to enter the Palais des Nations.