Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

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Overview

1. Forests in a Green Economy
3. Examples of Implementation of the Action Plan
Forest Sector in a Green Economy

Forest ecosystem services  economic functions  jobs and livelihoods
Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

- Covers the forest sector (functions, products and services)
- Proposes objectives and specific actions, identifies actors
- Adopted by member States, but non binding
Structure of the Plan

Vision and Overall Goal

A. Sustainable production and consumption of forest products
B. The low carbon forest sector
C. Decent green jobs in the forest sector
D. Long term provision of forest ecosystem services
E. Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy
# Decent Green Jobs: example of pillar structure

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<th>Possible actions</th>
<th>Possible actors</th>
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<td><strong>C.0</strong>  Objective: to develop and communicate ambitious and realistic strategies for decent green jobs in the forest sector</td>
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<td><strong>C.0.1</strong> Review forest sector workforce issues in order to recommend priorities and communicate their importance including through wide stakeholder consultation.</td>
<td>UNECE/FAO, ILO, social partners, NGOs and researchers</td>
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<td><strong>C.1</strong>  Objective: To ensure that the workforce has the necessary skills to carry out the increasingly complex tasks associated with sustainable forest management</td>
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<td><strong>C.1.1</strong> Improve monitoring and analysis of the forest-sector workforce, starting by updating the earlier ECE/FAO/ILO study of professional skills and training.*</td>
<td>UNECE/FAO, ILO, Joint Expert Network to implement: SFM with stakeholders (ENFE)</td>
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<td><strong>C.1.2</strong> Review and discuss at policy level the main threats to sustainability of the workforce, and possible countermeasures. Include regular sessions on “new forest jobs in the green economy” at high level forest sector meetings</td>
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<td><strong>C.1.3</strong> Develop tripartite (government/unions/employers) approaches to green jobs in the forest sector, using tools such as regulations, minimum standards, certification etc.</td>
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<td><strong>C.1.4</strong> Increase investment in the education and training of contractors, forest workers and forest owners.*</td>
<td>Governments (labour/training ministries), Joint Expert network, EFESC, ENFE, EFI</td>
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<td><strong>C.1.5</strong> Encourage associations, such as contractors associations, as a means to improve access to training.</td>
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Stakeholder Process

- RIO+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
- COFO 21 World Forest Week 24-28 September 2012
- METSÄ 2013
- E-mail consultations
- Intergovernmental meetings ECE TC-COFFI / FAO EFC
- Stakeholder meetings
- Questionnaire & first draft
- The Lviv Forum on Forests in a Green Economy
Examples of implementation - international

- UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
  - Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017
  - UNDA Project “Sustainable Forest Management for a Greener Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia”

- Circumboreal cooperation

- Action Plan

- Alpine Convention

- Mountain Forest Protocol
Examples of implementation - national

**Turkey**

- Forestry was the first sector introducing an action plan on green economy
- Development of “National Forest Standards”
- Preparation of “National Green Building Standards”

**Poland**

- Water retention in the forests – programme for financing restoration of ecosystem services

**Spain**

- National plan PASSFOR (Plan for an activation of the Spanish forest Sector) - increasing the number of green jobs and of demand for forest products (timber, biomass and NWFP), improving conditions of life in rural areas.
Conclusions

- Rovaniemi Action Plan contains actions which are cross cutting and require collaboration with other sectors.
- Some of the themes or specific actions can be relevant to and directly replicated by other sectors.
- The actions from the Rovaniemi Action Plan can complement general green economy plans and initiatives with the forest aspects e.g. the BIG-E initiative.
Thank you!

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