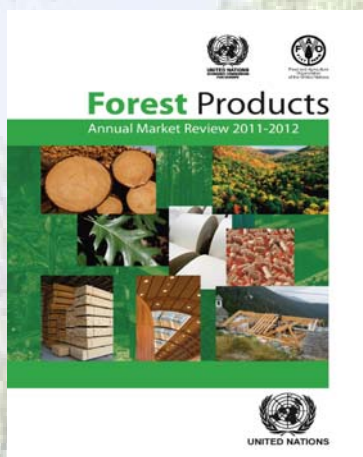


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The Forest Product Annual Market Review is now available!
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Comments and suggestions from the forestry and timber community are most welcome.

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TIMBER COMMITTEE WEEK 2012

This year's Timber Committee session is about **sustainable products and their contribution to a green economy**. When it comes to wood, it is relatively easy to walk the talk. Wood is largely carbon neutral in production, renewable as a resource and versatile in its usages. However, wood is still struggling to become the material of the future and gain the market shares it deserves. The '**Green Life of Wood**' is the workshop that will open the Timber Committee week and discuss, from a life cycle perspective, what are the environmental advantages of wood over other materials, and develop some practical ideas on how to make the virtues of wood better known to the public and markets at large.

On the same wave length, the regular session of the **Timber Committee** will look at how wood and wood products are contributing to a green economy, and how the transition of ECE forests towards new production and consumption paths could be facilitated by a **Plan of Action** to be presented and discussed at the meeting. Also the **Market Discussions**, the core business of the Timber Committee, will be focusing on the sustainability of forest products and will benefit from discussions and presentations of experts looking at how the idea of green economy is already reflected in many production patterns in the wood industry and its innovative practices.

The Committee will also take stock of the results of the assessment of the ECE-FAO forestry and timber programme and related bodies, as part of the 2013 Strategic Review, and start discussing the 2014-17 ECE-FAO joint programme of work for forestry and timber. For more information, visit: <http://www.unece.org/forests/tc2012.html>

In this issue: Forest product markets latest news; updates on the forest sector in a Green Economy and forest resources assessment; wood energy; Rio+20; COFO 21; communication and outreach; staff changes and forthcoming meetings.



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FOREST PRODUCTS MARKET



Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012

Following the 2010 and early 2011 improving trends, the recovery in the UNECE region within forest products markets flattened out, in line with the general malaise in the European and North American economies. The exception to this was the CIS region, where in many cases markets have improved to pre-crisis (2007) levels. But in the Russian Federation, consumption grew by 9%. This situation gave ECE region producers reason to look towards Asia, notably China, for sales opportunities.

Overall in the ECE region, sawnwood and wood-based panel markets increased slightly in 2011 over 2010 figures (slight increase in Europe with a decrease in North America). Paper and paperboard markets suffered overall lower demand and overcapacity, except in the CIS which experienced an 8% increase.

China continues to be an important forest products market for the UNECE region. Rising Chinese demand is partly responsible, as is further manufacture and export back to the UNECE region. In fact, many influences from outside the UNECE region affect its markets. There is strong demand for wood products in the Asian-Pacific rim, often remanufactured into value-added products and exported back to the UNECE region. North Africa continues to be an important importer of European wood products, despite the effects of the “Arab Spring”. North America has become an increasingly important supplier of wood pellets for Europe. In addition, South America is producing many products that directly or indirectly compete with products from the UNECE region.

The Review will form the foundation for the 16-17 October market discussions segment of the meeting of the UNECE Timber Committee. Forest product market statements and forecasts from ECE member states will feed into the annual Timber Committee Market Statement, which will be issued later in October.



The 2012 FPAMR team was led by Matt Fonseca (center). From left to right, Alex McCusker (statistics), Johannes Äärilä, Juuso Pihamaa (Interns and project support), Jussi Posio, Elisa Asmelash (Consultants) and Paola Deda (Section Chief)

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GREEN ECONOMY

Over the past 4 months, the Section organized a series of events on the forest sector in a Green Economy including a 2nd stakeholder meeting on the Action Plan for forest in a Green Economy, a side event at the Rio+20 Conference in Brazil and most recently, a capacity building workshop in Lviv, Ukraine. which brought together various more than 100 stakeholders from Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia who shared their views on making Green Economy meaningful, operational and beneficial for forest management and forest communities in their countries.



Second stakeholder meeting on the action plan for the forest sector in a Green Economy, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 26 March 2012

At their last joint Session in Antalya, Turkey (Orman2011), the ECE Timber Committee (TC) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) requested the secretariat to organise a second stakeholder meeting, in order to further refine the Action Plan, and in particular, to identify priority actions and related actors.

The participatory method that was used for the first meeting was applied again. Participants split into five working groups to review the five pillars of the Action Plan:

- A. Sustainable production and consumption of forest products;
- B. The low carbon forest sector;
- C. Decent green jobs in the forest sector;
- D. Valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem service;
- E. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector in the green economy.

On the basis of the working groups' inputs, a new version of the Action Plan has been developed. It was presented at during a side event at the Rio+20 Conference, which allowed to collect other views on the Green Economy priorities for the Forest Sector. The revised version will be discussed at the next Timber Committee Session this month with a view to adopt the final text at the next TC/EFC joint session to be held in Rovaniemi, Finland in December 2013 (Metsä2013).

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Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication - 20-22 June 2012

One of the two main themes of the Rio+20 conference, June 20 to 22, 2012, was a "green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication".



The UNECE/FAO side event "What is your priority action for the Forest Sector to show the way towards a Green Economy?" was organized to present the "Action Plan for a Forest Sector in a Green Economy in the ECE Region", to learn from countries' experience and to collect recommendations to assist the forest sector to evolve and to steer the transition towards a green economy.

Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary of UN-ECE provided a definition of the forest sector in a green economy and a broad overview of the Action Plan underlining that the ECE region covers 41% of the world's forest. He highlighted the work done at ECE and FAO in Geneva to identify the best, most scalable, practical and cost-effective actions for increasing the forest sector contribution to the green economy. He further encouraged participants to come up with practical suggestions that could then be included in the Action Plan.

Mr. Dominique Reeb, Deputy Chief UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, on behalf of Mr. Eduardo Rojas, Assistant Director General, FAO Forestry Department, provided further details on the content of the Action Plan and on its formulation process that was mainly conducted through stakeholder participation.

These opening speeches were followed by keynote presentations on priority actions at the national level. **Mr. Jari Koskinen**, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland, presented the priority actions for the Finnish Forest Sector, **Mr. Veysel Eroğlu**, Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs for the Turkish Forest Sector and **Mr. Magnus Kindbom**, Vice Minister for Rural Affairs, Sweden, for the Swedish Forest Sector.

Following a session of questions, participants were asked to write their recommendations for priority actions on cards. These recommendations will contribute to improve the Action Plan.

Mr. Jari Koskinen in his closing remarks emphasised that the side event offered a unique opportunity for representatives of the ECE region as well as other regions present in Rio to discuss the Action Plan and to share experience. Moreover, the event has helped to move towards the endorsement of the Action Plan by ECE and FAO as well as for future implementation by member states. He finally took the opportunity to invite participants to join Metsa 2013, the European Forestry Week that will take place in Rovaniemi, Finland, in December 2013.

The outcome of the side event will feed directly into current discussions on the green economy and will be presented at METSA 2013, which is the next joint meeting of the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission that will take place in Rovaniemi, Finland, in early December 2013.

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Lviv Forum on Forests in a Green Economy - 10-14 September 2012, Lviv, Ukraine

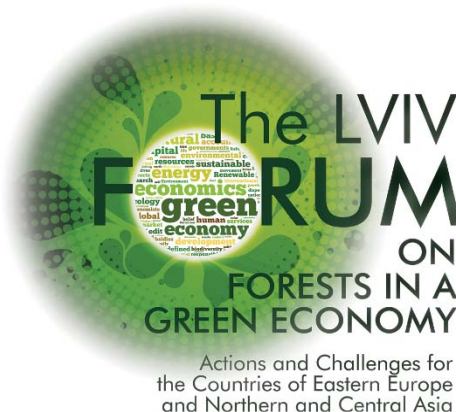
At the latest Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe on 14-16 June 2011 in Oslo, Ukraine and Switzerland announced their intention to organize an international workshop focused on FORESTS IN A GREEN ECONOMY in countries of Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia, to be held in Lviv, Ukraine, in September 2012. The workshop was organized as a Country Led Initiative in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

From September 11 to 14 the Lviv Forum on Forests in a Green Economy brought together over 130 stakeholders, policy makers, national and international experts, from 24 countries and 8 international and national organizations to share experiences and explore opportunities for implementing the concepts and requirements of the Green Economy in the forest sector.

Intense and structured exchange of experience and opinion about sustainable forest management in the Eastern Europe, and Northern and Central Asia took place in four regional working groups. Each working group debated on four themes “Sustainable forest industries and products”, “Forest ecosystem services and the role of forests in low carbon economies”, “Employment and livelihood opportunities in the forest sector”, and “Forest governance in a green economy”.

The thematic sessions resulted in recommendations, addressed to national governments and the international community. The recommendations were further elaborated in a paper “The Lviv Forum’s Vision and Messages for Action” consisting in ten key messages: **1. Capture the true values of forests, 2. Use all resources efficiently, 3. Be energy-wise, 4. Make jobs decent and green, 5. Address threats to forests, 6. Define governance principles and stick to them, 7. Update skills, 8. Innovate and build partnership, 9. Cooperate across boundaries, 10. Make the case for the forest sector’s role in the green economy.** The Lviv Forum approved the ten key messages and invited the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests as well as regional and subregional organizations to facilitate implementation of the possible actions identified by the Lviv Forum.

The “Lviv Forum’s Vision and Messages for Action” will be compiled and presented through a side event of the 18th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Doha, Qatar, in November 2012 and to UNFF 10 in April 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The recommendations and the underlying analysis will also be formally transmitted by the organisers to national governments of participating countries. To make the Forum outcomes more available they will be compiled in a formal publication and widely disseminated.



Find more detailed information, please visit <http://www.unece.org/lviv-forum-2012.html> or contact Dominique Reeb at: [dominique.reeb\(at\)unece.org](mailto:dominique.reeb(at)unece.org)

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WOOD ENERGY

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Wood confirmed as the primary source of renewable energy in Europe

Is Wood energy good or bad? Policy debate, Geneva, 08 May 2012

Wood is the leading source of renewable energy in the UNECE region, and strong political support has seen wood energy markets grow rapidly despite the global economic recession. Yet, what are the impacts of the growing use of wood for energy? The debate, led by Tom Miles, Chief Correspondent for Thomson Reuters, touched upon the economic, environmental and social aspects of the increasing demand of wood for energy purposes.

The benefits of using wood as a source of energy were highlighted by speakers representing the wood industry, utility companies as well as forest owners and entrepreneurs. Besides contributing to energy security and reducing dependence on fuel imports, wood energy stimulates social and economic development by increasing the profitability of forestry and creating investment and job opportunities, especially in rural areas. However, these actors are all well aware that economic and ecological responsibilities should not be neglected; the use of wood for energy purposes should not harm the demand and supply for industrial use or damage the vitality of forests.

They all agreed that the production and consumption of woody biomass for energy purposes must be accompanied by the development of certification schemes and criteria to meet sustainability requirements.

Negative environmental and social aspects of wood mobilisation were on the other hand emphasised by representatives of environmental NGOs. Besides contributing to particulate matter emissions, wood burning and biomass extraction could lead to drastic ecological impacts on forest health and biodiversity. Energy efficiency should have a high-level priority, including the clean and efficient consumption of wood energy, which could mean focusing on local use of industrial leftovers.

A policy brief based on the views and perspectives brought up at the debate and summarizing stakeholders' positions on the use of wood for energy purposes is available.

Improving Wood Energy Data for Better Policy Making Workshop, Paris ,11-13 June 2012

Recent studies have shown that more wood is used for energy than previously estimated, and that a substantial part of this comes from non-forest resources such as industrial co-products, landscape care wood and recovered wood.

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and expected wood fibre supply and demand. For wood and paper products production, most countries have reliable information available for the current and expected wood fibre supply and demand. On the other hand, wood energy statistics are often scattered among different entities and integrated within statistics on energy from renewables and waste. Energy statistics typically focus on the consumption and transformation side rather than the underlying supply patterns and origin of fuels. Developing reliable statistics on the sources and uses of wood energy is thus a highly cross-sectoral and complex exercise.

The UNECE/FAO Joint Wood Energy Enquiry addresses this information gap by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation between all relevant wood energy stakeholders. The Joint Wood Energy Enquiry provides specific information on the origin and amount of wood energy consumed by different users. This knowledge allows decision makers to enhance socio-economic welfare by reducing conflicts between energy and material use while guaranteeing the fulfillment of renewable energy targets and sustainable forest management commitments. Reliable statistics are fundamental for policy formulation at both national and international level.

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section supplemented its analytical work with capacity-building activities. Thanks to the generous support of the French Ministry of Agriculture, the French Ministry of Sustainable Development and the FAO Forestry Department, over 60 participants from 23 countries and 8 international organizations met in Paris on the premises of the Ministry of Agriculture from 11 to 13 June 2012 at a UNECE/FAO workshop on “Improving Wood Energy Data for Better Policy Making”. Participants discussed the reliability of current wood energy data and identified the weaknesses and constraints. Countries shared experiences, tools and solutions for improving data. A growing network of correspondents and experts is being established as improving data requires constant communication between all stakeholders at both the national and international level.

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2011

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section has launched the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry (JWEE) for the reference year 2011. The enquiry, now in its fourth edition, has become an important reference source of information, drawing responses from an increasing number of countries. Past enquiries, conducted for the reference years 2005, 2007 and 2009, have confirmed the position of wood as the principal source of renewable energy in the UNECE region, accounting for around half of all renewable energy consumption.

The JWEE is the result of frequent review and guidance from the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management. The questionnaire, now also in Russian, is available online at <http://www.unece.org/forests/jwee.html>. The questionnaire is pre-filled with the summary JWEE 2005, 2007 and 2009 data and the relevant JFSQ data for 2011. This version includes simplified initial tables for countries that are not able to complete the full questionnaire but have some information on wood energy use available. In addition, as a service to correspondents from EU member states, JWEE 2011 features a table that compiles data for possible use in National Renewable Energy Action Plan progress reports. Preliminary JWEE results should be available by April 2013, in time for the next session of the Working Party.

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section would like to thank all correspondents for their cooperation in providing their replies by 30 November 2012.

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FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

Preparations for Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 in Ispra, Italy

FAO gathered a group of foresters and forest-related professionals from various countries and organizations to a one-week meeting to discuss the scope, modalities and organization of the future Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), which will take place in 2015. Argentina, Australia, Brasilia, Canada, Chile, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Fiji, Finland, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Russia, Senegal, United States and Zambia were all represented at the meeting. Along with the national correspondents, experts coming from the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, FOREST EUROPE, CBD, UNFF, UNFCCC, UNEP, the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, ITTO, IUCN, PEFC International, EC and the World Bank Group took part in the consultation. The target was to cover 80% of the world's forests by country participation, which was almost reached. FAO gathered a group of foresters



Most of the week was preserved for working groups that included topics related to: (1) Forests area, type, function, (2) Stock (volume, biomass, carbon), (3) Protective functions and ecosystem services, (4) Biodiversity/Conservation, (5) Disturbance and degradation (6) Measuring progress to SFM, (7) Economics and livelihoods (8) Joint data collection/exchange plan (9) Projections, and (10) Remote sensing. The country representatives found the meeting extremely useful, and the main message to carry home was a better understanding of the importance of FRA as a global information platform. On the country level the meaning of FRA may remain abstract as they may not see the relevance of this work for national activities, but for international community, policy-makers, statistics, research and other actors e.g. for investors, FRA may be the main source of global forest data, which should encourage the countries to provide as accurate data as possible.

The work on individual topics will be continued in FAO during 2012. It is expected that next questionnaires will be ready at the end of the year and national data collection process will be concluded by the end of 2013.

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Fourth meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, St Petersburg, 22-24 May 2012

The event in Saint Petersburg, hosted by the All-Russian Research Institute of Silviculture and Forest Mechanization and the Federal State Unitary Enterprise – Roslesinforg, continued the series of meetings of the team of specialists on forest monitoring and assessment organised within framework of the UNECE and FAO. Participants from the countries and organisations in the pan-European region provided advice from a regional perspective on several matters related to FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment and Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire – the new initiative developed jointly by the FAO, FOREST EUROPE, ITTO, the Montréal Process, OFAC and UNECE/FAO. The meeting also initiated preparations for the next reporting on the state of Europe's forests led by FOREST EUROPE and UNECE/FAO.



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Participants discussed the broad set of issues linked to the improvement of forest monitoring and assessment of SFM in the region – received advice referred to concepts, plan of work and ideas for cooperation. Finally the meeting deliberated on the issues relevant to forest reporting that were brought by Eurostat and European Forest Institute. Recommendations from the meeting stressed the need to increase the representation of national correspondents in the Team's work. Experts supported the proposal for developing a periodic, jointly owned bulletin based on existing initiatives among organizations and among countries to improve cooperation among different actors in the pan-European region. The meeting was in favour of setting up an Advisory Group for the next State of Europe's Forest report. In addition three thematic expert groups will be working on improving the reporting with regard to intensity of harvesting, socio-economic aspects on reporting and refining the method of sustainable forest management assessment.



Streamlining forest based reporting – a collaboration workshop Jacksonville, Florida, United States, 19-23 August 2012

The conference in Jacksonville, hosted by the Florida State Forest Service, was organised by the U.S. Forest Service supported by the Montréal Process, FOREST EUROPE, the Observatory for the Forests of Central Africa (OFAC), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section. Participants, representing countries, international reporting processes and “data-user” organisations discussed current and desired reporting arrangements. The discussion, organised in thematic groups, aimed at identifying opportunities for international and inter-organisational cooperation to streamline the international reporting on forests and forest management. The conference produced recommendations for building partnerships among the main actors, developing communication plans and activities as well as collaboration on international reporting on forests. The meetings of the FRA Advisory Group and stakeholders of the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire were other events organised during that week.

More attention should be paid to demonstrate the relevance of the work done on criteria and indicators at the international level. Interaction among forest related processes and organisations whose work focuses on forest-related issues should be fostered through flexible initiatives, tailored to the needs and situations of countries. Concrete proposals for the joint work related to communication were developed, which included developing common concepts/issues/themes as well as working together on their implementation. The advanced versions of documents for the collaborative reporting on forests were discussed and agreed, including the overall structure of reporting, basic terms and definitions as well as the general schedule. Participants, in the joint message from the conference, committed themselves to further promote the use of information provided by C&I processes on SFM and the collaborative gathering, analysing and reporting of data to audiences within and beyond the forest community and in this context to further development of a forest indicators partnership.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES

Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics Economics and Management 34th session, Geneva, 27-29 March 2012.

The meeting reviewed the activities carried out under the five work areas of the UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work. Particular attention was paid to the wood energy and forest sector outlook activities. Delegates expressed their appreciation of the markets and statistics work, encouraged further collaboration and harmonization in forest resource assessment, called for improved communication in outlook studies and welcomed efforts to raise the profile and cross-sectoral involvement of the forestry sector.

Information was presented on how forests contribute to economic development, in order for delegates to provide further comments.

The audience was presented with an overview of forest economic trends in the United States and a spatially-disaggregated approach to input/output analysis with a number of examples.

The leaders of the Teams of Specialists provided information on each Team's work and the results of the self-evaluations carried out in the context of the Strategic Review. Results of the evaluations and plans for the Strategic Review, which is carried out every 4 years, were discussed.

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COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

The UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network held its annual meeting in Antalya, Turkey on 19-21 June 2012. The meeting was hosted by the Forestry General Directorate of Turkey. Among the many issues discussed were the outcome of the International Year of Forests; success stories on communication and outreach initiatives at national level; and opportunities for cooperation with other regional forest communicators.



The team also discussed the preparation of the 2013 European Forest Week and encouraged the concretization of an official World Forest Day.

For more information, please visit, <http://www.unece.org/2012-fcn-meeting.html> or contact Eve Charles at: [eve.charles\(at\)unece.org](mailto:eve.charles(at)unece.org)

STAFF CHANGES

FAREWELL ELISA, JOHANNES, JUSSI & JUSSO

Elisa Asmelash has a B.A. in Economics from the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca. Her thesis focused on "Political and Economic Strategies of the European Union on Renewable and Sustainable Energy". Elisa first joined the section as an intern in September 2010 to help organize the annual session of the TC and the Exhibition on Innovative Wood Products. In fall 2011, Elisa re-joined the section as consultant to work on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry. She has now returned to Italy to complete a Masters in Economics.



Johannes Äärilä worked at the Forestry and Timber Section as an intern for the summer of 2012. During the summer Johannes was assisting in the production of the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012 and

was also responsible for the graphical appearance of the statistics of the Review. Currently, he is finishing his studies at the University of Helsinki, majoring in Forest economics.

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Jussi Posio was working at the Forestry and Timber Section as an intern in 2010. Last summer he was working as a consultant at the section, and he was coordinating the production of Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012 with project manager Matthew



Fonseca. After the project Jussi started working in marketing for an international paper and packaging group Mondi. Jussi has studied Forest Products Marketing at the University of Helsinki, and he has recently graduated.

Juuso Pihamaa has been studying Forest Product Marketing at the University of Helsinki where he obtained a B.Sc. Last summer, Juuso completed an internship at the Forestry and Timber Section in Geneva. His main tasks included research and data management while assisting the Project Leader in completing the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012. Juuso is now in Spain where he is studying forestry engineering for a year as an exchange student.



WELCOME CHRISTINA & JAKOB

Christina Weimann is a new DAAD intern at the Forestry and Timber Section. Before starting her internship with us, she was working at the European Commission in Brussels in the Directorate General of Development, where she worked in the Sustainable Growth division on issues of rural development, food security and nutrition. There, she focused especially on EU Biofuel



policies, private investments in agriculture and their impacts on “landgrabbing” in developing countries. A year ago, Christina completed a Master’s Degree in Environment and Development at the London School of Economics, where her training focused mostly on environmental economics and renewable energies. Christina speaks German, English and French and is now learning Spanish, Arabic and Chinese. In her free time, Christina likes travelling and outdoors activities such as skiing and hiking.

Like Christina, **Jakob Horl** is a DAAD intern. He holds a Bachelor in Forestry Science and Resource Management from the Technical University in Munich with a special focus on international forestry. He recently completed his thesis on afforestation in Egypt, using treated sewage water. Jakob spent two months in Cairo, working at the Agricultural Research Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and did some research on potential tree species. Prior to this, he spent one semester in Nancy at the AgroParisTech as an Erasmus student. Throughout his studies Jakob was also fully involved in the “International Forestry Students’ Association” (IFSA). In his free time, and apart from travelling, Jakob enjoys a variety of outdoor sports.



Christina and Jakob will be working at the Forestry and Timber Section for a period of 9 months. Christina's work will focus on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry. She will also provide support to servicing intergovernmental bodies and other meetings. You can contact her at: [christina.weimann\(at\)unece.org](mailto:christina.weimann(at)unece.org) Jakob will support the section's programme of work with a special focus on forest policy, including activities on Green Economy, Payment for Ecosystem Services and Policy Instruments and Institutions. You can contact Jakob at: [jakob.horl\(at\)unece.org](mailto:jakob.horl(at)unece.org)

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

15 October, Geneva, Switzerland

The Green Life of Wood - Life Cycle Assessment Workshop

16 October, Geneva, Switzerland

Friends of the Outlook, Geneva, 16 October 2012

16-19 October, Geneva, Switzerland

70th session of the UNECE Timber Committee

29 October - 2 November, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic

Capacity building workshop with FAO Budapest and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic on "Preparing the forest sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to meet global challenges. A capacity development workshop"

6 November, Bern, Switzerland

National Forest Policy Dialogue

3 - 7 December, Tokyo, Japan

Week of International Workshop and Seminar on Forest-based Reporting

12-13 December, Arkhangelsk, Russian Federation (tbc)

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