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Forest Monitoring and Assessment

Forest Products and Services

Forest Policy and Capacity Building

Green Economy
Demonstrate how the ECE region forest sector can contribute to the transition towards a Green Economy;

Share best practices and promote policies which are effective, efficient and equitable;

Communicate achievements – to public, policy makers and other sectors.
Replies to a questionnaire:
A first draft

Stakeholder meetings:
- 10-11 May 2011 (review of actions)
- 26 March 2012 (priorities and possible actors)

A living document to be discussed at TC 70 and adopted in 2013 in Finland, Metsä2013
Overall objective
Series of objectives
Actions to achieve them

for

- International organizations
- Governments of member States
- Private sector
- Civil society at large... and others.
The forest sector in the ECE region makes the greatest possible contribution to the emerging green economy by improving human well-being and social equity while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. In every aspect of its activities, it minimizes its carbon emissions, uses its resources efficiently and is socially inclusive.
STRATEGIC ISSUES

- Uses and reuses wisely resources
- Contributes to the mitigation of climate change
- Cares for its workforce
- By 2020
- Takes all externalities into account
- Bases decisions on evidence
THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE ACTION PLAN

1. Sustainable wood consumption and production
   - Patterns of consumption and production of forest products are truly sustainable.

2. The low-carbon forest sector
   - The forest sector makes the best possible contribution to mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.

3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector
   - The workforce is able to implement SFM and the forest sector provides decent jobs.

4. Valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services
   - To identify and value forest functions and to establish PES, encouraging sustainable production and consumption patterns.

5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector
   - To ensure that the forest sector policies and institutions which promote SFM, that policy making is evidence-based, and policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable.
Strategy for decent green jobs in the forest sector:

• A skilled workforce
• Safety and health of the forestry workforce
• Forest operations
## Possible actions

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THE TIMBER COMMUTTEE MAY WISH

The Committee is invited to consider the document, provide additional input and decide on further steps. In addition, the Committee may wish to consider one of the following options:

– Further revising the Action Plan during a meeting to be organized back to back with the Joint FAO/UNECE WPFES in April 2013;

– Organizing a special session of TC/EFC in June 2013 to finalize the Action Plan as well as the ECE/FAO joint Programme of Work.
Thank you!

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