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## Forests

# The Green Life of Wood

## Assessing its Environmental Impacts from Cradle to Cradle

15 October 2012

Back to back with the UNECE Timber Committee  
Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

### Provisional Agenda

10:00 **Opening and Welcome**, Heikki Granholm (Chair), Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

10:05 **Introduction to the Workshop**, Paola Deda, Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and Elina Warsta, Associate Professional Officer UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

10:15-10:25 **Supporting Sustainable Development with Environmental Information**, Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, Project Manager, European Environment Agency

10:25-10:35 **Widening the Scope of Forest Based Mitigation Options**, Gerhard Dieterle, Forests Advisor, The World Bank

10:35-10:45 **Atmospheric Benefits of Using Wood Products: How should We Deal with Time?** David Paré, Research Scientist, Natural Resources Canada

10:45-11:10 Questions and Discussion

11:10-11:20 **Cascaded Use of Wood**, Alfred W. Kammerhofer, Head of Section, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

11:20-11:30 **From Forests to Boilers: Key LCA Issues Related to Wood Energy Exports from North America to Europe**, Nicolas Mainville, Director for Greenpeace Quebec, Forest Campaigner, Greenpeace Canada

11:30-11:40 **Potential Impact of Wood building on Green House Gas Emissions**, Tarja Häkkinen, Senior Principal Scientist, Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)



11.40-12.05 Questions and discussion

12.05-12.15 **The Role of Material Use in Green Building**, Sylvain Labbé, CEO of Quebec Wood Export Bureau

12.15-12.25 **Using LCA to demonstrate wood's true sustainability credentials in product design – An American Hardwood Case Study**, Rupert Oliver, Sustainability Consultant, American Hardwood Export Council

12.25-12.35 **Cork - A Sustainable Choice for the 21 Century**, João Ferreira, Secretary General, European Cork Federation

12.35-13.00 Questions and Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Working groups (4) – discussion, questions and recommendations

16.30-16.45 Break

16.45-18.00 Results of the working groups.

18.30 **Reception** at the Finnish representation offered by the Ministry of Employment and Economy of Finland

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