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Welcome to the Forest Day at FOEN!

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Forests in a Green Economy – International perspectives and National policies

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Objectives of the Forest Day 6.11.2012

- Exchange of common thematic issues
- Explore further fields of collaboration
- Focus on national forest policy and international perspectives of forests in a green economy

Forests and forestry in a Green Economy - what is at stake?

- Green Economy is after Rio+20 still alive on the political agenda
- Definition of the roles of the different sectors continues to be identified at international and national level
- FOEN welcomes the development of the action plan for forestry in a green economy by UNECE/FAO and has contributed to it
- At national level, there are different initiatives for defining the role of forests and of forestry in G.E.
- What is the present contribution? and where actions need to be taken to make the forest economy even greener?

Forests and forestry in a Green Economy – common issues

1. What role forest goods and services can play?
2. What is the potential wood supply – nationally and regionally
3. What is the validation of ecosystem services and its financial mechanisms?
4. What are the criteria and indicators to assess sustainable forest management?

Forests and forestry in a Green Economy – common issues

1. What role forest goods and services can play?

- Considerations, concepts and strategies at national level
- National Forest Policy 2020
- UNECE/FAO Action Plan for the forest sector in a Green Economy

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2. What is the potential wood supply – nationally and regionally

- International: European Forest Sector Outlook Study II, 2010-2030
- National: Study on potential wood supply in Switzerland
- Climate Change: Challenges and possible impacts on potential wood supplyy

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3. What is the validation of ecosystem services and its financial mechanisms?

- International: concepts and experiences at regional level – status June 2011
- National
  - Focus on carbon, drinking water, recreation
  - Focus on forest biodiversity
  - Focus on management of protection forests

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4. What are the criteria and indicators to assess sustainable forest management?

- International: Criteria and Indicators in the State of Forests in Europe 2011
- National: 13 national indicators for sfm in Switzerland