Green Economy for the Forest Sector

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GREEN ECONOMY

Reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities

Improved human well being
Social equity

1 + 1 = 3
Low carbon
Resource efficient
Socially inclusive

How does it differ from past definitions? It brings sustainability to the economy
Series of objectives
Actions to achieve those objectives

for

International organizations
Governments of member States
Private sector
Civil society at large... and others.

Useful background document for discussion at the Lviv forum
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 discussed at TC 70 and to be adopted in 2013 in Finland, Metsä2013
THE LVIV FORUM
MESSAGES FOR ACTION

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 partnerships
9. Cooperate across boundaries
10. Make the case for the forest sector’s role in the green economy
What does it do?

• Defines how the region can contribute

• Promotes the sharing and implementation of best practices

• Promotes the development and implementation of policies

• Communicates the potential of forests
Action Plan: Vision and Overall Goal

Human well being

- Forest good and services
- Revenue
- Livelihood

Maintaining and developing forest ecosystems
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

• Use of resources
• Contributes to the mitigation of climate change
• Cares for its workforce
• Takes externalities into account
• Bases decisions on evidence
The 5 pillars of the action plan

1. Sustainable wood production and consumption
   - To encourage patterns of consumption and production of forest products which are truly sustainable

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

3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector
   - To ensure that the workforce is able to implement SFM, and that the forest sector provides decent jobs.

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

5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector
   - To ensure that the forest sector policies and institutions promote SFM, that policy making is evidence-based, and policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable.
On going consultation Process

• To:
  – Heads of Delegation to the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission;
  – Possible actors for the implementation of the Action Plan;
  – Participants to Stakeholder meetings.

• Your input is important to us, please answer by 7 January 2013!
See you in Rovaniemi, Finland

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Thank you!

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