Developing indicators of the forest sector’s contribution to the green economy

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Outline

• Metsa 2013 round table on measuring and communicating the contribution of the forest sector to the green economy,
• Do we need a set of indicators?
• Broad principles
• Proposed main areas of measurement
Round table on measuring and communicating contribution of the forest sector to the green economy

- SFM ≠ green economy, (despite overlap) so different indicators needed
- Link forest sector work to broader activities, such as green national accounting, special indicator sets (OECD, UNEP, World Bank)
- Keep approach simple, efficient and multi-functional
- Initial review of suggestions in background paper
Do we need a set of indicators to monitor progress?

• Simplify complexity of ideas
• Provide framework for dialogue and policy discussion
• Help define goals, measure progress
• Improve communication, within the sector, and for broader green economy
• Indicators are a « soft » but powerful tool
Four questions

• How much, and how, is the forest sector contributing to the green economy?
• How green is the forest sector? Trends?
• Where is the forest sector best integrated into the green economy?
• How green is the forest sector compared to other sectors (benchmarking)?
General principles

• Comprehensive and balanced set
• Indicators which are « simple, clear and measurable »
• Build on experience and data of forest sector C&I (FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process) and of green economy.
• Based on broad discussion and consensus
Proposed main areas of measurement

1. Conservation of forest natural capital
2. Multi-factor productivity and efficient use of resources
3. Contribution to climate change mitigation
4. Integration of externalities and payment for forest ecosystem services
5. Sustainability of the forest sector work force
6. Good governance and evidence based decision making
Some suggestions to start the discussion
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Questions for discussion

• Do we need a set of indicators to monitor progress?
• If so, to answer what questions, and based on which principles?
• Do you agree with the 6 main areas of measurement (annex 1)?
• Proposals for period to Silva2015
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