IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROVANIEMI ACTION PLAN
FOR THE FOREST SECTOR IN A GREEN ECONOMY

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The Rovaniemi Action Plan was adopted on 13 December 2013 at the joint session of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission (“Metsä2013”) in Rovaniemi, Finland.
The Action Plan is not obligatory and only proposes an overall vision, strategies and areas of activity to enhance the transition of the forest sector in the UNECE region towards green economy.
The Rovaniemi Action Plan contains recommendations to Governments of member States, international organizations, private sector and other stakeholders.
The Rovaniemi Action Plan is based on **5 pillars**.

Each pillar contains objectives, possible actions and possible actors.
There are 29 objectives and 128 possible actions in the Rovaniemi Action Plan.
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Joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
Pillar A - Sustainable production and consumption of forest products

103 Activities Reported
(December 2013 - October 2015)

A.0 - Developing sustainable patterns of production and consumption of forest products
A.1 - Providing information to consumers on the origin of forest products
A.2 - Introducing sustainable procurement rules
A.3 - Ensuring sustainability of local supply
A.4 - Promoting innovations to ensure competitiveness of forest products
A.5 - Encouraging life-cycle-assessments
A.6 - Promoting green building standards
A.7 - Eliminating illegal logging
Pillar B - A low carbon forest sector
68 Activities Reported
(December 2013 - October 2015)

B.0 - Developing realistic low carbon strategies
B.1 - Substituting non-renewable materials with wood
B.2 - Promoting efficient processing and use of wood
B.3 - Improving climate adaptation of forests
B.4 - Promoting sequestration of carbon in forest and wood products
C.0 - Developing realistic strategies for decent green jobs

C.1 - Ensuring necessary skills

C.2 - Reducing health and safety risks of forest workforce

C.3 - Reviewing and improving harvesting methods

C.4 - Using tools to assess socio-economic impacts of green economy policies on the forest sector

C.5 - Improving forestry education

Pillar C - Decent green jobs in the forest sector

52 Activities Reported

(December 2013 - October 2015)
D.0 - Developing realistic strategies for the valuation and payment for ecosystem services

D.1 - Supporting assigning of economic value to non-marketed forest goods and enhancing public recognition of goods provided by forests

D.2 - Promoting best practice in the development of payment for ecosystem services

D.3 - Reviewing how forests contribute to or endanger human health and well-being

Pillar D - Long term provision of Forest Ecosystem Services
30 Activities Reported
(December 2013 - October 2015)
E.0 - Developing realistic strategies for governance and monitoring of the forest sector

E.1 - Reviewing existing forest sector policies in light of green economy

E.2 - Ensuring that forest information is comprehensive and available to the policymakers

E.3 - Ensuring that policy makers make use of the best available information and analysis on sustainable forest management

E.4 - Improving communication and debating on the role of forest sector in green economy

E.5 - Exchanging experience with other sectors

Pillar E. Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy

60 Activities Reported
(December 2013 - October 2015)
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A. Sustainable production and consumption of forest products: 103
B. A low carbon forest sector: 68
C. Decent green jobs in the forest sector: 52
D. Long term provision of Forest Ecosystem Services: 30
E. Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy: 60
Total: 313
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For more information on the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan please refer to Informal Document No. ECE/TIM/2015/INF.3–FO:EFC/2015/INF.3
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