The Forum will examine possible contributions of the forest sector to a greener economy and assess the extent to which the forest sector can influence and benefit from economic stimulus packages and other policies and measures oriented towards a better environment. The objective of the Forum is also to provide a cross-sectoral perspective on opportunities and strategies for the medium- and long-term development of the forest sector in the context of the current economic downturn.

The Policy Forum will address the following topics:

- Green economy, green jobs and the forest sector;
- Forest products markets and long-term outlook, including for green building
- Developing the energy potential of the forestry sector
- Forests providing environmental services, rural employment and income
- Communication and promotion of the rational use of wood
- Strategies for short-term survival and long-term development of the forest sector

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10:00-11:15 Introductory session: Overview of the Green Economy
10:00 Opening by UNECE/FAO Secretariat and Chairman
Dr. Ed Pepke, UNECE/FAO Timber Section
Mr. Ingwald Gschwandt, Chairman
10:05 Keynote: The forest sector in the Green Economy – Challenges and opportunities
Mr. David Cleaves, USDA Forest Service
10:30 Green economy and the forest sector
Ms. Laura Altinger, UNECE
10:45 Green jobs and the forest sector
Mr. Peter Poschen, International Labour Organization (ILO)
11:00 Big ideas for the transition to a Green Economy – What role should forestry play?
Mr. Peter Wooders, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
11:15-11:45 Discussions
11:45-12:30 Strategies for the development of the forest sector
11:45 Forest product markets in the UNECE region: turbulence and transition
Dr. Richard Vlosky, Louisiana State University
12:00 Development of the energy potential of the forestry sector in a sustainable way
Prof. Andre Faaij, Copernic Institute, Utrecht University
12:15 The importance of communication and promoting the rational use of wood
Mr. Ingwald Gschwandt, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria
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