

Sustainable Forest
Management for a
**Greener
Economy**
in Central Asia and the Caucasus

1st Regional Training Workshop



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Introduction

A healthy forest sector has a key role to play in greening the economy. Forests, and the wide range of products and services they provide, create opportunities to address many of the most pressing sustainable development challenges.

In Central Asia and the Caucasus the full potential of the forest sector still needs to be unlocked. Forest degradation is a serious threat with a big impact on national economies and living standards of both urban and rural communities.

Despite increasing commitment to a more sustainable management of forests, fragile institutions, limited human and financial resources and scarce information remain a challenge.

In October 2013, UNECE and FAO launched a capacity building project to enhance the role of forestry to green the economy in the region, through training and policy advisory services for government officials engaged in the sector.

More info is available at:

<http://www.unece.org/forests-welcome/areas-of-work/forestsforestpolicieswelcome/capacity-building-in-central-asia-and-caucasus.html>

The 1st regional workshop

The first regional workshop will train participants on:

- Principles of green economy and sustainable forest management;
- Forest context monitoring and analysis;
- Forest-policy dialogue and formulation;
- Bioenergy generation from wood;
- Action planning and training planning.

It will involve all project target countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus, namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the workshop, participants will have gained an insight into:

- Green economy challenges and opportunities for forestry in the region;
- Principles of sustainable forest management;
- Forestry context analysis with a spotlight on data collection, analysis and management;
- Effective multi-stakeholders' policy dialogue and drafting, with a spotlight on wood energy policy;
- Action planning;
- Training delivery plans for tailored replication of this workshop in country context.

The workshop will be based on a participatory and interactive training approach with group works to facilitate discussion and experience sharing.

Target Audience

The target audience is a combination of policy makers and implementers of forest related programs from key government agencies, including environment and nature protection, agriculture, energy and finance.

Participants with a relevant profile from monitoring bodies, businesses, technical assistance agencies and academia are also welcomed.

Where and when

It will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from 8 to 10 April 2014, followed by a study tour on 11 April.

Language

The training is in **English** language with simultaneous interpretation into **Russian**.

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