A greener economy in the Caucasus Central Asia with Sustainable Forests

Elina Warsta
Forestry and Timber Section
Why sustainable forest management?

- **substitutes** for carbon-intensive/ non-renewable materials
- **reduces** impact of natural disasters
- **prevents** environmental degradation
Challenges

- Development path
  - Energy production and consumption
  - Forest ecosystem services
  - Financial and technical capacity
  - Stakeholder participation
  - Forest governance
Why this project?

- Stronger policies & institutions
- More sustainable forest products, including for bioenergy
- Action plans
- Better data collection on forests & forests products

To support the potential of the forest sector for “greening” the economy
What is the expected outcome?

Training material

• sustainable forest management in a green economy
• wood energy
• data collection

Workshops

• 1 regional, 7 national, 28 local training courses

National action plans

• coaching programme in 3 pilot countries

Regional conference

• 1 concluding conference on lessons learned and recommendations

Web-based hub

• knowledge management on forest-related issues

Enhanced knowledge & improved capacity for sustainable forest management
How is it implemented?

Target groups
Government officials dealing with forests
......in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan

Budget
500,000 USD

Timeframe
July 2013-July 2015

Implementing entities
UNECE and FAO with their network of experts in the region
Steps

2013
• Training modules
• Identification of target countries and local partners

2014
• Regional, national, local workshops
• Web-based hub
• Coaching program for national action plans in 3 countries

2015
• Concluding regional conference
Thank you!

• Coordinator
  Elina Warsta
  elina.warsta@unece.org

• Visit
  http://www.unicef.org/forests