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# UNECE/FAO Policy Forum

## Forest Certification: DO GOVERNMENTS HAVE A ROLE?



**29 September 2005**  
**Salle XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**Forest Certification  
Do governments have a role?**

**Objective:** This policy forum provides a multi-sector dialogue on the role of governments in forest certification. It is intended for all stakeholder groups, inside and outside the forest sector, including in particular those government officials responsible for standardisation and regulatory policy. The forum will have simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian.

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Topic title</b>                      | <b>Presenter</b>   |
|-------------|---|--|
| 10.00       | Welcome note                            | <b>Wulf Killmann</b><br>Director<br>FAO Forest Products and<br>Economics Division  |
| 10.05       | Presentation of the<br>background paper | <b>Kit Prins</b><br>Chief<br>UNECE/FAO Timber Branch   |
| 10.15       | Germany's experience                    | <b>Ulrich Bick</b><br>Federal Research Centre for<br>Forestry and Forest Products,<br>Institute for World Forestry<br>Hamburg, Germany |
| 10.30       | Sweden's experience                     | <b>Malin Andersson</b><br>National Board of Forestry<br>Sweden   |
| 10.45       | United States' experience               | <b>Carrie Denise Ingram</b><br>Policy Analyst<br>USDA Forest Service   |
| 11.00       | Russian Federation's<br>experience      | <b>Rudolf Sungurov</b><br>Director, Northern Research Institute<br>of Forestry, Federal Forestry Agency<br>Russian Federation          |

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| 11.15       | Brazil's experience   | <b>M.T. R. Rezende</b><br>Chief, National Metrology<br>Institute<br>Ministry of Development,<br>Industry and Trade     |
| 11.30       | Coffee Break  |  |
| 11.45       | Open Discussion   |  |
| 13.00       | Lunch   |  |
| 15.00       | Technical regulation and<br>harmonization authorities'<br>perspective |  |
| 15.15       | Tropical producer country's<br>perspective                            | <b>Ben Donkor</b><br><b>London Office Manager</b><br>Ghana Forestry Commission   |
| 15.30       | International Standardization<br>Organization's perspective           | <b>Kevin McKinley</b><br>Deputy Secretary-General<br>ISO Central Secretariat   |
| 15.45       | International timber trader's<br>perspective                          | <b>Erik Albrechtsen</b><br>Head of Forestry and<br>Environment Department<br>Dalhoff Larsen & Horneman A/S,<br>Denmark |
| 16.00       | Questions   |  |
| 16.15       | Coffee Break  |  |
| 16.30       | Open Discussion   |  |
| 17.45       | Conclusions and next steps  | <b>Heikki Pajujoja</b><br>Chairman, Timber Committee   |
| 18.00       | End of the Forum  |  |