

Agenda for the coaching workshop on forestry action planning for greener economies in Kazakhstan

Astana, Kazakhstan, 17th to the 18th of April 2014

Globally governments have increased the pace of change towards more sustainable development through policies for greener economies. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), a green economy is low carbon, resource efficient, and socially inclusive. Unlocking the full potential of sustainable forestry can deliver a range of economic, social and ecological functions that play a key role in greening the economy. There are many opportunities from forestry related to increasing sources of renewable materials and energy, environmental services, more green jobs and improved livelihoods whilst enhancing biodiversity, water and soil. To fully realise the potential of forestry requires a responsive and inclusive forest sector, enabling policies and supportive institutions to help broaden opportunities related to forest management, products and services.

In October 2013, United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (UNECE) and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) launched a capacity development project which aims through training and policy advisory services to assist countries in the region develop context specific strategies to more fully harness the potential of sustainable forest management for greener economies. More information on the initiative is available from <http://www.unece.org/forests-welcome/areas-of-work/forestsforestpolicieswelcome/capacity-building-in-central-asia-and-caucasus.html>

This one and a half day coaching workshop will focus on planning the process of **how** to develop the forest sector action plan for a greener economy in Kazakhstan. The components of the workshop include;

- Function, form and generic contents of forest sector action plan for a green economy;
- Principles, skills and methods for effective and responsive forestry process planning.
- Development of the detailed process guide for action plan development; steps, methods, information needs, roles, responsibilities and timeframe.

The outcome of the coaching workshop will be a process guide which will lay out an inclusive and rigorous series of steps and methods that ensure the forest sector action plan for greener economies in Kazakhstan is built on rigorous analysis of all relevant information and the interests of a wide range of relevant stakeholders from across all areas of the country.

Target audience: 10 to 15 participants. Participants must have attended the previous National Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management for Green Economies from the 14th to the 16th of April. Participants must be in a position and have the commitment and ability to directly support and facilitate the development of a national forest sector action plan for Green Economies. **Existing skills on training, facilitation, extension or communication particularly welcome.** Representation sought from all relevant government departments, as well as from NGOs, Academia etc., with representation from the different provinces in Kazakhstan expected.

Language and approach: Workshop in English but with interpretation and materials provided in Russian. The workshop approach will be informal and interactive.

Workshop agenda (Tentative)

	17 th of April	18 th of April
A M	<p>I. Forest Sector Action Plan for Green Economies form, function and review against Kazakhstan context.</p> <p>1. Start sharp at 8.30. Workshop objectives, rules and norms. 8.30 – 9.00</p> <p>2. Form and function of forest sector action plans for green economies. 9.00-9.30. <i>Presentation.</i></p> <p>3. Presentation and review of the generic UNECE/FAO action plan for the forest sector in Green Economy. <i>Presentation and review.</i> 9.30-10.15</p>	<p>Start 8.30</p> <p>11. Presentation of process plans for critical review <i>Participant presentation.</i> 8.30 – 9.30</p> <p>12. Revision of process plans and harmonization based on feedback. Assigning roles and responsibilities. <i>Group work</i></p>
	<p>Break 10.15-10.45</p>	<p>Break 10.15 -10.45</p>
	<p>4. Critical review of the components in the generic action plan based on the analysis from the national workshop. Identification of key gaps and questions required to be filled /answered to develop the Kazakhstan Forest Sector Action Plan for Greener Economies. 10.45 – 12.30 <i>Presentation.</i></p>	<p>13. Rapid presentation of finalized process plans for comment. <i>Group presentation.</i> 10.45 – 11.30</p> <p>14. Next steps, follow on support and guidance. <i>Presentation.</i> 11.30-12.00</p>
	<p>Lunch 12.30 to 13.30</p>	<p>Workshop closes</p>
P M	<p>II. Planning the process for action plan development</p> <p>5. Rationale, process steps, tool box and key skills for action plan development. <i>Presentation.</i> 13.30 – 14.00</p> <p>6. Development of process plans for the forest sector action plan development in Kazakhstan. 14.00-15.15</p>	
	<p>Break 15.15- 15.45</p>	
	<p>6. Continued. 15.45 to 15.30</p>	
	<p>Close 17.30</p>	