The FAO European Forestry Commission and the UNECE Timber Committee Partnership

Cooperation with Other Partners

Global Processes

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Thank you
Strategic Partnership of UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission

• Over 50 years of cooperation

• Strategic Plan for the Integrated Programme of Work of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission 2008-2013

• Complementarity between UNECE/FAO and FAO Forestry Department work
UNECE and FAO working together

• To address areas of common concern to Member States
• To prioritize emerging issues (climate change, energy, trade)
• To bring regional issues to the attention of global fora
• To mainstream global issues in the regional agenda
• To complement each-other’s networks and areas of competencies
• For the benefit of the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development
UNECE and FAO working together to build capacity in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus

• To integrate countries into international, regional and national networks
• To share and exchange information
• To assist with the development of policies
• Monitoring and analysis of
  – Sustainable Forest Management
  – Policies and Institutions
• To address emerging issues:
  – e.g. Wood Energy
Working together in practice: Examples of cooperation

- FAO Forest Resources Assessment

- Global online database on policies, institutions and legislation in FAO country profiles

- UNECE/FAO/EUROSTAT/ITTO Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire

- UNECE/FAO/IEA Joint Wood Energy Enquiry

- UNECE/FAO Outlook Studies for the pan-European region, North America, Russia
Partnerships

• FOREST EUROPE is a main partner
  – To address common concerns of member States
  – UNECE/FAO contributes to implementation of
    Ministerial Declarations, resolutions and FOREST
    EUROPE work programme
  – Joint Activities (ex.):
    • Publications e.g. UNECE/FAO/FOREST EUROPE State of
      Europe's Forests Report, Good Practice Guidance on
      Sustainable Mobilization of Wood in Europe
    • Workshops e.g. Wood mobilization in Grenoble, June 2009
Partnerships

• European Community is an important partner
  – Cooperation with DGs Agriculture, Environment, Industry, Energy, ClimateAction, Joint Research Centre

  – To address common concerns of member States:

• Wood energy: Joint Wood Energy Enquiry contributed to structure of EU Renewable Energy Action Plans

• Outlook Study: « Wood energy scenario » addresses question of wood availability for meeting EU energy targets
Partnerships

- Governments
- Trade associations
- Research institutions and universities
- Private enterprises
- Intergovernmental organizations
- NGOs
- Experts, e.g. through UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists
Partnerships – Future?

• FOREST EUROPE Working Group on Legally Binding Arrangement for Forests

• EU Green Paper on Forest Protection
Contribution to global processes

• UNFF: Pan-European contributions to upcoming UNFF session in 2011 – your ideas?
  – Topics: forest land tenure and the social and cultural aspects of forests
  – Role of the region in the evaluation and further implementation of the MYPOW

• Regional issues for the attention of COFO

• UNFCCC COP 16
Thank you for your:

Guidance
Support
Input