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## **Regional implementation of global challenges**

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# Global Challenges

- Forests and Sustainable Forest Management play an important role in SDGs, IAF, REDD+, CBD
- Forests and sustainable forest management offer key solutions for implementing these decisions
- Globally, there are huge deficits in managing all types of forests sustainably – driving forces lie mainly outside the forest sector



# Regional implementation

- Implementation is mainly the task of the member states, but ...
- Regional collaboration helps countries to
  - share experiences and good practices
  - elaborate indicators to monitor and to report progress
  - emphasize an integrated approach together with other forest-related sectors
- Aim for a coherent forest policy at all levels



# Technical cooperation is key

- Synergies and consolidation through joint UNECE/FAO integrated work programme and work of team of specialists
- Monitoring of implementation of international commitments need highly specialised expertise and long-term perspective
- Data analysis requires UN standards and secure protection of sensitive data on forests



# Regional inputs to global challenges

- UNECE/FAO inputs are best placed to be disseminated in UN forest-related processes like UNFF, UNFCCC, CBD
- Reports and publications are translated in the regional UN languages to reach a wider audience
- UNECE/FAO are part of the UN system to assist in developing indicators for implementing SDGs and to develop the strategic plan for UNFF and IAF



# Next step in UNECE/FAO

- Contribute to forest-related indicators for monitoring SDGs and contribute to the pan-european revised list of indicators
- Analyse and renew the integrated work programme till 2017
- Continue to assist countries with tools and platforms addressing new challenges and promoting sustainable forest management in the region

Use the Rovaniemi Action Plan as a tool