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UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

REGIONAL FOREST INFORMATION WEEK



State of forests and forest management in the UNECE region
in the context of current and future needs and challenges

How successful is Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region?

21 March 2011

United Nations Geneva, Room V

Agenda Item	Timing	Content
Opening of the Regional Forest Information Week		
	9.00 – 10.00	<i>Opening of the Week, celebration of World Forest Day, ceremony of tree planting (tbc)</i>
Opening of the Seminar		
1	10.00 – 10.10	<i>Opening of the Seminar - welcome addresses</i>
Session 1. A picture of the present and the past: overview of twenty years of SFM		
2	10.10 – 10.15	Introduction to the session. State of forests and forest management in the UNECE region, based on regional and global reporting
	10.15 – 10.35	1. Extent of forest resources
	10.35 – 10.55	2. Forest health and vitality
	10.55 – 11.15	3. Productive Functions of forest resources
	11.15 – 11.35	4. Forest biological diversity
	11.35 – 11.50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	11.50 – 12.10	5. Socio-Economic functions of forest resources
	12.10 – 12.30	General discussion (Q&A after each presentation)
Session 2. Wood resources – status, trends and challenges		
3	12.30 – 12.35	Introduction to the session. Status and trends of wood resources and production. Presentations will evaluate the results of management over the past 20 years, and the implications for future management plans.
	12.35 – 13.00	1. Presentation of the status, trends, plans and forecasts for wood resources management in the United States of America
	13.00 – 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>

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Session 2. Wood resources – status, trends and challenges (cont.)

3	15.00 – 15.20	2. Presentation of the status, trends and plans for wood resources management in the Russian Federation
	15.20 – 15.30	3. Presentation of the results of EUWOOD project to assess the “real potential for change” in EU wood supply
	15.30 – 15.40	4. Presentation of the work on wood availability: COST ACTION on improving data and information on potential wood supply
	15.40 – 16.00	Discussion on the availability and quality of present data and information systems.

Session 3. Criteria and Indicators – how useful are they for SFM assessment?

4	16.00 – 16.05	Introduction to the session. Lessons learnt from the implementation of criteria and indicators at the global and regional levels to be followed by a panel discussion on how to further develop this concept for future application:
	16.05 – 16.20	1. Lessons learnt and information on plans for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) Montréal Process on Criteria and Indicators (C&I) Forest Europe C&I
	16.20 – 16.35	
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	16.50 – 17.35	2. Usefulness of criteria and indicators from the perspective of experts external to the process
17.35 – 18.00	Panel discussion with participation of audience to discuss the usefulness of the C&I and their future development	

18.00 - Closing of the Seminar

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