

# Agenda for the national workshop on Sustainable Forest Management for Greener Economies in Kazakhstan

Kazzhol Hotel, Astana, Kazakhstan, 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> 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>

As part of this initiative, this national workshop has been arranged in Kazakhstan to examine how to further develop and link forestry to green growth. The workshop will focus on a range of topics including;

- Principles of greener economies and sustainable forest management
- Stakeholder engagement in forest policy processes
- Forestry data gathering and management
- Bioenergy generation from wood
- Action planning and replication of capacity develop in the provinces of the Kazakhstan

**Target audience:** A maximum of 25 people. Those with influence over forestry decision making or implementation and **responsibilities for different provinces in the country**. For example policy makers and implementers from key government agencies including those focussing on forestry, but also from related areas such as environment and nature protection, agriculture/grazing, energy and finance. In addition those with forestry related roles from private sector, non-government organisations, training and academic institutions.

**Expectations for participants:** All participants must be available for the duration of the workshop, as all parts of the workshop are interconnected. Participants must be willing and able to support changes in forestry sectors to further develop sustainable forest management for greener economies, including using/replicating this training workshop.

**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)

	14 <sup>th</sup> of April	15 <sup>th</sup> of April	16 <sup>th</sup> of April
A M	<b>I. Preliminaries and Green Economy and Sustainable Forest management Principles.</b>  1. <b>Start sharp at 8.30.</b> Opening remarks, introductions and objectives. 8.30 – 9.30  2. Key principles of Sustainable Forest Management for the Green Economy. <i>Presentation.</i> 9.30 to 10.15	<b>Start 8.30</b> 8. Training approach recap. <i>Presentation.</i> 8.30-8.45  Spotlight on forest data gathering and management; rationale, principles and practice. 8.45 - 10.00. <i>Presentation, Q and A.</i>  10. Gap analysis on information gathering and management according to key Green Economy criteria. <i>Group work.</i> 10.00 -10.15	<b>Start 8.30</b> 15. Training approach recap. <i>Presentation.</i> 8.30-8.45  16. Intro presentation on effective forest policy formulation. <i>Presentation.</i> 8.45-9.15  17. Exercise on coherent policy statement development to support SFM for Greener Economies. <i>Exercise.</i> 9.15- 10.15
	<b>Break 10.15-10.45</b>	<b>Break 10.15 -10.45</b>	<b>Break 10.15 – 10.45</b>
	<b>II. Forestry Context Analysis</b> 3. Presentation of forestry context analysis exercises and assessment of forestry sectors against Green Economy criteria. 10.45 – 12.30 <i>Exercise.</i>	10. Contd. 10.45 – 11.30  11. Presentation of gap analysis for peer review. <i>Participant presentation.</i> 11.30 – 12.30	17. Contd. 10.45-11.30  18. Presentation of policy statements for peer review – examining the policy statement from different stakeholder perspectives. <i>Exercise.</i> 11.30 to 12.30.
<b>Lunch 12.30 to 13.30</b>	<b>Lunch 12.30 – 13.30</b>	<b>Lunch 12.30-13.30</b>	
P M	4. Effective forestry context analysis methods. <i>Presentation.</i> 13.30 – 14.00  5. Stakeholder analysis; problem analysis; rights, revenues and responsibilities analysis and Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis. <i>Exercise –group work.</i> 14.00 – 15.15	<b>III. Policy development.</b>  12. Spotlight on wood energy; rationale, principles and practice. <i>Presentation. and Q and A.</i> 13.30 -14.45  13. Policy negotiation exercise – with focus on fuel wood policy. <i>Exercise.</i> 14.45 – 15.15	<b>IV. Planning next steps.</b> 19. Intro to action planning. <i>Presentation.</i> 13.30- 14.00  20. Intro to effective training delivery. <i>Presentation.</i> 14.00-14.15  21. Development of capacity development plan for replication of the training in provinces of Kazakhstan. <i>Exercise.</i> 14.15-15.15
	<b>Break 15.15- 15.45</b>	<b>Break 15.15-15.45</b>	<b>Break 15.15-15.45</b>
	5. continued. 15.45 to 16.30  6. Presentation of methods outputs for peer review. <i>Presentation by participants.</i> 16.30 – 17.30  7. Training reflection team review. <i>Exercise.</i> After training meeting	13.Contd.15.45 – 17.30  14. Training reflection team review. <i>Exercise.</i> After training meeting.	22. Presentation of training delivery plans for peer review. <i>Participant presentation.</i> 15.45 -17.00  23. Workshop evaluation, closing remarks and next steps. <i>Participant and organiser reflections and comments.</i> 17.00-17.30
<b>Close 17.30</b>	<b>Close 17.30</b>	<b>Close 17.30</b>	