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Item 7: Special Segment on the Green Economy

Presentation of the roundtables

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Special segment on the Green Economy

- 5 roundtables:
 - (a) Sustainable consumption and production of forest products;
 - (b) Low-carbon forest sector;
 - (c) Green jobs in the forest sector;
 - (d) Biodiversity, and valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services;
 - (e) Monitoring and governance in the forest sector



For each roundtable...

- 3 presentations of specific examples and case studies (10 min).
- After each presentation: interventions and questions from the floor (5 min).
- Discussion around 5 guiding questions based on the objectives of the Action Plan (40 min).
- Answers emerging from the discussions will provide a direct input to the further development of the Action Plan.
- Summary and conclusions (5 min).



Take-home messages

Please use the forms to fill out:

- Follow guiding questions
- Tell us what is important for your country or your organization and you want to “take home”



Sustainable consumption and production of forest products

- Panellists:
 - Mr. XX (CEPI?): Pulp and Paper Industry
 - Mr. YY (UPM): ???
 - Mr. Sylvain Labbé (Canada): Green Building



Sustainable consumption and production of forest products

- Guiding questions:
 - (1) What possible changes could be made to forest products and production to better satisfy, on a sustainable basis, the growing needs of society?
 - (2) What traditional practices with low environmental impact exist and how could they be further promoted?
 - (3) How is innovation in forest management and wood processing contributing to cleaner production cycles and more sustainable products?
 - (4) How can we make sure that users are fully informed about how sustainable their products are?
 - (5) What is the role of standards, or other tools (such as Life Cycle Analysis, or certification, etc.) to promote the sustainability of wood and wood products?



Low-carbon forest sector

- Panellists:
 - Mr. Spas Todorov (Silva Mediterranea): case studies on adaptation
 - Mr. Gert-Jan Nabuurs (EFI): ???
 - Mr. David Ellul (UNECE/FAO): Joint Wood Energy Enquiry



Low-carbon forest sector

- Guiding questions:
 - (1) How to maximize the forest sector contribution to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?
 - (2) How to encourage substitution of non-renewable materials and energy?
 - (3) How to encourage the cascading use of wood and in general, and its recycling?
 - (4) How can the capacity of forests to adapt to climate change be improved?
 - (5) How can the sequestration of carbon in forest ecosystems and storage in harvested wood products be further encouraged?



Green jobs in the forest sector

- Panellists:
 - Mr. Edgar Kastenholz (ENFE): the forest contractors' point of view
 - Mr. Christian Salvignol (ECE/FAO/ILO JEN): how the forester job is changing
 - Mr. Richard Vlosky (US): case study in Louisiana



Green jobs in the forest sector

- Guiding questions:
 - (1) What is a green job in the forest sector?
 - (2) Which of the green jobs in the forests sector are new and emerging and have potential to grow?
 - (3) How to attract young generations to a career in the forest sector?
 - (4) What are the main challenges in terms of safety and health and how can they be addressed?
 - (5) What new methods should be used or which ones should be improved to make wood harvesting greener?



Biodiversity, valuation and payment for ecosystem services

- Panellists:
 - Mr. Pat Snowdon (UK): PES in UK and Europe
 - Ms. Jacqueline McGlade (EEA): ???
 - Mr. Christoph Wildburger (Consultant): biodiversity and Natura 2000



Biodiversity, valuation and payment for ecosystem services

- Guiding questions:
 - (1) How to ensure that the contributions of forests to society (provision of services, including health, biodiversity, climate, etc) are properly valued and accounted for?
 - (2) How do Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes work?
 - (3) What are the challenges encountered in their implementation?
 - (4) What conditions have enabled PES schemes to work properly?
 - (5) How can best practices in the development and implementation of PES be promoted?



Monitoring and governance in the forest sector

- Panellists:
 - Mr. Kit Prins (Consultant): method for assessment
 - Mr. Gerhard Weiss (BOKU-EFICIENT): Policy instruments
 - Mr. XXX (FCN): communication



Monitoring and governance in the forest sector

- Guiding questions:
 - (1) How to ensure that policies and institutions, on both national and international levels, for a sustainable forest sector contribute to enhancing the sector's contribution to a greener economy?
 - (2) How should policy tools be developed in the light of the requirements for a Green Economy?
 - (3) What information systems are needed to facilitate the transition towards a Green Economy?
 - (4) How can criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management be developed to support the decision-making process?
 - (5) What should the forest sector change in order to be able to communicate to the public and decision makers its potential role in a Green Economy?



Thank for your attention



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