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Measuring and communicating the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy: introduction



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Outline

- Background
- The Rovaniemi Action Plan
- Metsa 2013 round table on measuring and communicating the contribution of the forest sector to the green economy,
- Objectives of this session
- From Kazan 2014 to Engelberg 2015: next steps



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Background

- UNCED to Rio +20: sustainable development to the green economy.
- Change in emphasis, not basics, but still controversial
- Problem of definition: « improving **human well being** and **social equity**, while significantly reducing **environmental risks** and **ecological scarcities** »
- Forest sector: sustainable forest management, ecosystem approach, certification, criteria and indicators, green economy
- Need to link forest sector to wider trends, find synthesis



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Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

- How the ECE region forest sector can lead the way to a green economy
- Vision, strategy and areas of activity
- Makes proposals, not binding
- Comprehensive, detailed, action oriented



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Five pillars of the Action Plan

- Sustainable consumption and production of forest products
- A low carbon forest sector
- Decent green jobs in the forest sector
- Long term provision of forest ecosystem services
- Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy



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Monitoring and assessment in the Action Plan

E.2.3 Develop the forest sector's contribution to broader green economy indicator sets

E.5.1 Monitor green economy developments in the ECE region forest sector and ensure that organisations active on global green economy issues, such as UNEP, are aware of them



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Objectives of this session

- Learn about/discuss wider approaches to measuring progress in the green economy (UNEP, UNSD, ECE/FAO, World Bank)
- Initial consideration of proposals in background paper, especially « main areas of measurement » (annex 1)
- Agree on next steps (paras. 21-23)



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Next steps

- Define and develop a framework for monitoring and assessment, including possible set of indicators to measure the contribution of the forest sector to the green economy
 - Start at Kazan
 - Consultation wide range of experts (not only forest experts!)
 - Possibly a workshop
 - Present proposals to Silva2015 at Engelberg
 - Possible implementation: data collection and analysis



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