

Item 3

REVIEW OF ACTIONS

50th ACPWP

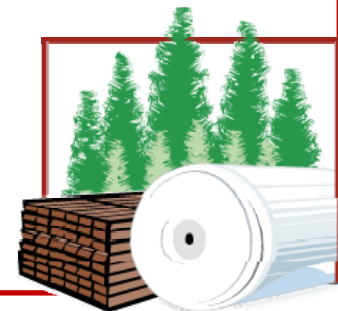
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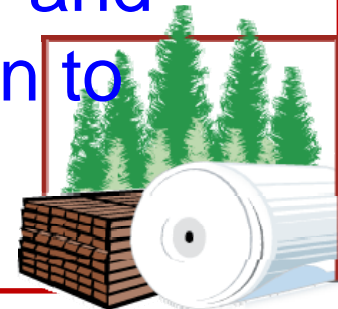
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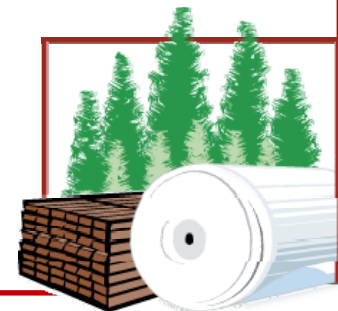


1. Requested FAO to work further with the International Council of Forest and Paper Associations on promoting positions for the UNFCCC COP 15, reflecting the contributions of sustainable forest management to climate change mitigation

- FAO and ICFPA joint study *“The climate profile of the global forest products industry”*. The findings will be used to profile the role of the global forest products industry at the UNFCCC’s COP-15 in Copenhagen in December 2009. The study is expected to be available by 30 September 2009 at the latest;
- Unasylva International Journal of Forestry and Forest Products No 231/232 on Adaptation to Climate Change



2. Requested FAO to keep the private sector informed on further analysis and forecasts regarding the evolving relationship between liquid biofuels, food and fibre, and the impacts on forest and forest product sectors
- FAO in partnership with IEA Task 31: publication on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Woodfuel”. Completion before COP-15.



3. Requested FAO to facilitate private sector involvement in the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)

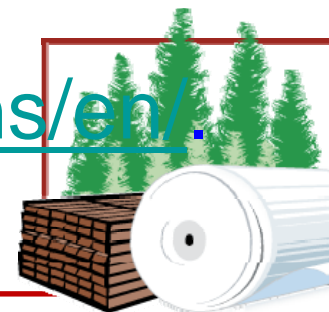
- On 20 October 2008 in Rome, Ms. Michaela Morese from Global Bioenergy Partnership Secretariat (GBEP), located at FAO NR Department, reported on the links to the private sector activities, objectives of the Global Partnership, which aims at promoting bioenergy for sustainable development



4. Recommended FAO to analyze the impacts of forest-based industries' operations on availability and quality of water

- On 20 October 2008 in Rome, Mr. Tomas Hofer addressed the recommendation and gave a presentation on recent developments in forests and water, focusing on (a) quality, (b) quantity of water on global scale, (c) adaptation to climate change and (d) disaster risk mitigation;
- FAO published a report on forests and water, *FAO Forestry Paper 155*

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/publications/en/>.



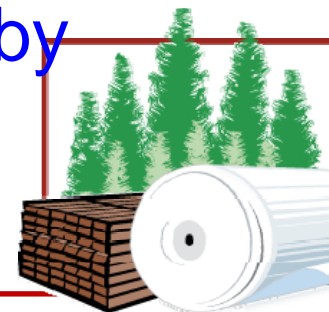
5. Recommended FAO to expand the analysis on the contribution of the forest sector to GDP, including contribution to communities' and individuals' well-being

- Mr. Arvydas Lebedys briefed the Committee during the preparatory meeting in Rome on 20 October 2008 and made a presentation addressing forest sector employment and impact on GDP.
- Employment in the forest sector was decreasing globally slowly but steadily from 15.7 million (1990) to 13.7 million jobs in 2006



5. Continued

- Early March 2009 FAO made a statement - Forests and the global economy: ten million new jobs, indicating that the forest sector has a considerable potential in the world's response to the global economic and environmental crises. The information is available at FAO website www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/10442/icode
- Financial crisis issues were addressed at COFO/WFW special event on 20 March 2009: Impacts of Global Economic Turbulence on the Forest Sector. The event was addressed by Teresa Presas



6. Requested FAO to facilitate private sector participation in the World Forestry Congress 2009

- Forestry and climate change - To Copenhagen and beyond
- Forests and energy - Balancing risks and opportunities
- SPECIAL EVENT 1: XIII WFC SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. "Investment and financing forum" ;
- SPECIAL EVENT 2: XIII WFC SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. "Business networking day"



7. Recommended FAO to expand the European Forest Communicator's network to more global reach and revise mandate to focus on deliverables

- UN-ECE/FAO European Communicators Network (FCN) meeting in Rome on 20th Oct 2008

www.fao.org/forestry/foris/data/efw/FCNAgenda.doc

- The meeting discussed global dimensions of forest communication;
- FAO is working with the UNECE Timber Committee on the issue of focusing on deliverables. Because of the leadership change in the Timber Committee, the task may require more time to complete



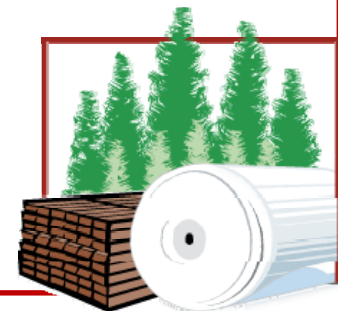
8. Recommended FAO to map and analyze green public procurement systems and green building initiatives related to forest-based products

- A Workshop “*The Roles of wood in green building and green building effects on the forest sector in the UNECE region*” organized during European Forest Week on 20 October 2008 by the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Product Markets and Marketing. The event mapped and analysed green building initiatives www.fao.org/forestry/foris/data/efw/GBDAgenda.pdf



9. Agreed to hold an informal interim meeting in conjunction with the European Forest Week on October 20, 2008 in Rome

- The preparatory meeting was held on 20 October 2008 in Rome as agreed



10. Agreed to hold its 50th Session in Brazil during the first week of June, 2009

- Subsequently the venue was changed to FAO HQ in Rome on 26 May 2009.

