



First Announcement

Promotion of Green Jobs in the Forest Sector: Challenges and Opportunities

Joint FOREST EUROPE, UNECE and FAO Workshop

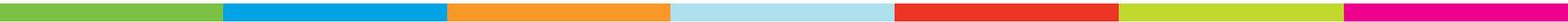
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The forest sector has a great potential to **generate jobs and income**, support livelihoods and **contribute to rural development** by supplying goods and maintaining forest ecosystem services. The forest sector is expected to play an important role in the emerging green economy in the pan-European region. The transition to a greener economy offers opportunities for **economic prosperity, environmental protection and social inclusion**, and can contribute to the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.





The **Madrid Ministerial Resolution** ¹ ‘Forest sector in the center of Green Economy’ and the **Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy** are blueprints for the green economy in the pan-European region promoting the development and implementation of policies and communicating the potential of the region’s forest sector to policy makers, the general public and decisions-makers in other sectors.

The **main purpose of the Workshop** is to share lessons learned and stimulate discussions among relevant partners within and outside the forest sector on the **promotion of green jobs and the development of new skills for the European forest sector**, while supporting sustainable development and the transition to a green economy. The workshop will present successful examples of green job practices. The main session of the Workshop will consist of parallel working groups, engaging participants in a dialogue which is expected to result in recommendations for the consideration of relevant intergovernmental processes.

The workshop **is open to all signatories and observers of FOREST EUROPE as well as member States and observers of UNECE and FAO**, including the private sector. Participation of **experts** from government agencies, including social/employment and statistical offices, research and academia, forest management organizations, civil society and the private **is welcome**.

The workshop will be conducted in English.



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