Expert Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

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How do you contribute with your work in your country/organization to climate change adaptation activities?

The French Ministry of Agriculture and Agrifood (in charge of national forest and wood policy) :

- implements the National Programme on Forest and Wood (2017-2026) and its components on adaptation of forests to climate change

http://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-programme-national-de-la-foret-et-du-bois-2016-2020

- subsidizes a national network « Aforce » on adaptation of French forests to climate change, including research and developement organisations, forest managers and forest administration

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Please describe a successful example of climate change adaptation measures implemented in your country/by your organization

ı**Preserve, adapt and diversify forest genetic resources of French forests** thanks to :

ı- development of in-situ conservation networks ;

ı- inclusion of climatic risks in recommendations for the forests owners on the genetic resources likely to be used for plantation in the different forest regions ;

ı- investment subsidies for improving the climate change mitigation potential of forests with respect of the above recommendations.

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Is there a national strategy (does your organization have a strategy) on adaptation of forests to climate change?

- National Adaptation Plan to Climate Change including a forest part (1st phase 2011-2015, 2nd phase 2016-2020 to come) ;
- National Programme on Forest and Wood includes a major focus on forest adaptation to climate change, with key measures to be enforced in the 10 coming years.

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What are major challenges related to climate change and forests in your country/organization?

ı-To identify forest areas with increasing fire risk and to develop fire prevention policy ;

ı- To adapt, before crisis time, forests made of genetic resources highly sensisitive to increasing drought risk ;

- To select genetic resources likely to meet our economic needs (wood), to preserve ecosystemic services and to better adapt our forests to a changing climate.

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Thank you for your interest in French forests !