

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?

- Institute of Lowland Forestry
 - In charge of preparation National Adaptation Plan in Serbia – part Forestry;
 - In charge of preparation Second National Communication in Serbia - part Forestry;
 - Supports afforestation.

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

- Progressing forest dieback (more pronounced in lowland parts);
- More frequent disturbances (insect outbreaks, snow and windbreaks, prolonged drought events);
- Poor forest condition (about 2/3 coppiced forests);
- Poor forest road infrastructure (mountineous part of Serbia);
- Large deforested areas (north part of Serbia – Vojvodina region – less then 7% of afforested areas).

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

- Second National Communication – Assessment of climate change impact of forests (in adoption procedure);
- National Adaptation Plan (in adoption procedure);
- Forestry Development Program on the territory of the Republic of Serbia until 2020 (draft).

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

- Serbian Forest Fund (Ministry and Secretariat)
 - Supports forest condition improvement (care measures, road infrastructure, afforestation, fire prevention, forest monitoring, etc.)
 - Supports various research: climate change impact on forests, future scenarios, modeling studies, genetical research, provenance trials, etc.)
- Institute supports programme of conversion of unfertile agricultural land to forest land (planned 10,000 ha in North part of Serbia – Vojvodina region).