Programme of meetings

Wednesday, 10 April 2013

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session

10:00 to 13:00 7th meeting [webcast] Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre Anadolu Hall

1. Regional and sub-regional inputs (E/CN.18/2013/3) [item 4]

2. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (E/CN.18/2013/8, E/CN.18/2013/9 and E/CN.18/2013/10) [item 8]

3. Forests and economic development [item 5]

  Presentations on the country-led initiatives:
  Mr. Gen Totani, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan (E/CN.18/2013/14)
  Mr. Matthias Schwoerer, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany (E/CN.18/2013/16)
  Mr. Rob Busink, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, Netherlands (E/CN.18/2013/17)
  Ms. Lyuba Polyakova, State Forest Resource Agency, Ukraine (E/CN.18/2013/15)

Introduction of reports and general discussion

15:00 to 18:00 8th meeting [webcast] Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre Anadolu Hall

Multi-stakeholder dialogue (E/CN.18/2013/7 and E/CN.18/2013/7/Add.1) [item 7]

  Moderator:
  Professor Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, Canada
**Major group representatives:**

Ms. Cécile Ndjebet, President of the African Women’s Network for Community Management of Forests: Focal Point for the Women Major Group

Mr. Tolulope Daramola, International Forestry Students’ Association: Focal Point for the Children and Youth Major Group

Mr. Andrei Laletin, Friends of the Siberian Forests: Focal Point for the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group

Mr. Lambert Okrah, major groups Partnership on Forests: Alternate Focal Point for the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group

Mr. Hubertus Samangun, Regional Coordinator for the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests: Focal Point for the Indigenous People Major Group

Mr. Paul Opanga, Building and Wood Worker’s International: Focal Point for the Forest Workers and Trade Unions Major Group

Mr. Peter deMarsh, Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners: Focal Point for the Farmers and Small Forest Landowners Major Group

Mr. Ghanshyam Pandey, Chair of the Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal, and member of the Global Alliance of Community Forestry: Alternate Focal Point for the Farmers and Small Forest Landowners Major Group

Mr. Sim Heok-Choh, Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions: Focal Point for the Scientific and Technological Communities Major Group

Mr. Joseph Cobbinah, Forestry Research Network of Sub-Saharan Africa: Alternate Focal Point for the Scientific and Technological Communities Major Group

**Introduction of reports**

*Interactive dialogue between major groups, Member States and member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests*

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**Special event**

**Wednesday, 10 April 2013**

**United Nations Forests for People Awards Ceremony**

From 18:15 to 19:45, in the Anadolu Hall.

[The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will be among the special guests, as well as the esteemed members of the international Awards jury consisting of lauded practitioners and senior United Nations experts, and the 16 Award winners in three categories: Forest Heroes; the International Forest Short Film Festival; and the]
International Forest Photograph Awards. Over 600 entries and nominations from 68 countries competed. The winners are from Belgium, Brazil, Indonesia, Italy, Peru, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States. All are invited to attend to meet the winners and see the very first screening of the five winning short films. For further information, please click here.

Other meetings
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Group of 77 (coordination meeting)
13:15 to 14:45  Closed meeting  Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Room Rumeli C

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 11 April 2013

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10:00 to 13:00  9th meeting  Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Anadolu Hall

1. Emerging issues (E/CN.18/2013/6) [item 6]

2. Means of implementation for sustainable forest management (E/CN.18/2013/11 and E/CN.18/2013/12) [item 9]

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00  10th meeting  Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Anadolu Hall

Emerging issues (E/CN.18/2013/6) [item 6]

Continuation of general discussion
Forthcoming other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group

Thursday, 11, and Friday, 12 April 2013, from 09:00 to 09:45, in Room Sultan 1 (Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre).

Group of 77 (Coordination meeting)

Thursday, 11 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Room Rumeli C (Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 8 April 2013

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3rd meeting

Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests [item 3]

Forests and economic development [item 5]

(a) Forests products and services

(b) National forest programmes and other sectoral and strategies

(c) Reducing risks and impacts of disasters

(d) Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities

Emerging issues [item 6]

Means of implementation for sustainable forest management [item 9]

The Forum continued its joint consideration of the agenda items.
The Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests continued the introduction of the reports of the Secretary-General under the items.

A statement was made by Dr. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer, Chair and Head of Delegation of the Global Environment Facility.

Ministerial segment — List of speakers

The Co-Chair of the ministerial segment (Turkey) opened the general debate of the ministerial segment.

Statements were made by His Excellency Inia Batikoto Seruiratu, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests and Provincial Development, Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); His Excellency Blaise Ahanhanzo-Glèlè, Minister of Environment, Housing and Urban Development, Benin (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries); His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Sustainable Development, Forestry Economy and the Environment, Congo (on behalf of the African Group); Mr. Béla Szombati, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Delegation, European Union (on behalf of the European Union); His Excellency Jean Omer Beriziky, Prime Minister and Minister of Environment and Forests of the Republic of Madagascar; His Excellency Jari Koskinen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland; a representative of Guinea, on behalf of His Excellency Professor Ibrahima Boïro, Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests of Guinea; a representative of Lebanon, on behalf of His Excellency Hussein Al Hajj Hassan, Minister of Agriculture of Lebanon; His Excellency Bautista Rojas Gómez, Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic; His Excellency Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda; His Excellency Mduduzi Duncan Dlamini, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Swaziland; His Excellency Gabriel Tchangó, Minister of Water and Forests, Gabon; His Excellency Walid M. M. Assaf, Minister of Agriculture, State of Palestine; His Excellency Fatmir Mediu, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania; His Excellency Saty Veyash Faugoó, Minister of Agro Industry and Food Security, Mauritius; His Excellency Jean Claude Nduwayo, Minister of Water, Environment, Land and Urban Planning, Burundi; His Excellency H. Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Forestry, Indonesia; His Excellency Wylbur Simuusa, Minister of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Zambia; His Excellency Matthew Joseph Walter, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Dominica; His Excellency Susil Premajayanth, Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka; His Excellency Ginma do Kromosoeto, Minister of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management, Suriname; His Excellency Blaise Ahanhanzo-Glèlè, Minister of Environment, Housing and Urban Development, Benin; His Excellency Mikhail Amelyanovich, Minister of Forestry, Belarus; His Excellency Abdeladim Lhafi, High Commissioner for Water, Forests and Combating Desertification, Morocco; His Excellency Mathieu Bahaud Darret, Minister of Water and Forests, Côte d’Ivoire; Her Excellency Kerri-Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, United States; His Excellency Sun Zhagen, Vice-Minister, State Forestry Administration, China; His Excellency Sadegh Khalilian, Minister of Agriculture, Islamic Republic of Iran; and His Excellency Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Under-Secretary-General for Environment, Energy, Science and Technology, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

Organization of work

The Co-Chair of the ministerial segment (Ecuador) made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.
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4th meeting (parallel)  Round table 1: “Forests and economic development”

The Co-Chair of the ministerial segment, His Excellency Professor Veysel Eroğlu, Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, opened the round table and introduced the Co-Chairs of the round table.

Following welcome remarks by the Co-Chair of the round table, Mr. Arvids Ozols, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia, a statement was made by the keynote speaker, Ms. Uma Lele, Independent Scholar and Former World Bank Senior Advisor.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Belarus, Canada, Grenada, Israel, Malaysia, India, Finland, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lesotho, Uganda and Jamaica.

The Co-Chair of the round table, His Excellency Alhaji Inusah Fuseini, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana, made closing remarks.

4th meeting (parallel)  Round table 2: “Rio+20 outcome, post-2015 United Nations development agenda and international arrangement on forests”

The Chair of the Forum and Co-Chair of the ministerial segment, Mr. Mario Ruales Carranza (Ecuador), opened the round table and introduced the co-chairs of the round table.

Following welcome remarks by the Co-Chair of the round table, Mr. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Ambassador for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, a statement was made by the keynote speaker, Mr. Wu Hong-bo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Germany, Turkey, Malaysia, Thailand, Austria, Argentina, Indonesia, the United States, Congo, Togo, India and Gabon.

A statement was also made by the representative of the European Union.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Wu Hong-bo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, made closing remarks.

5th meeting  High-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

The Chair of the Forum and Co-Chair of the ministerial segment, Mr. Mario Ruales Carranza (Ecuador), made a statement.

A statement was made by Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, who also moderated the interactive dialogue.

In response to the questions posed by the Moderator, statements were made by the following Heads of the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests: Mr. Tony Simons, Director-General, World Agroforestry Centre; Dr. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer, Chair and Head of Delegation of the Global Environment Facility;
Mr. Niels Elers Koch, President, International Union of Forest Research Organizations and Vice-Chair, Collaborative Partnerships on Forests; Mr. Stewart Maginnis, Global Director, Nature-based Solutions Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature; Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization; Mr. Tim Christophersen, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme; Mr. Peter Dewees, Forest Advisor, Sustainable Development Network, World Bank; Mr. Mansour N’Diaye, Chef de Cabinet and Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity; Mr. Peter Holmgren, Director-General, Center for International Forestry Research; and Mr. Eduardo Rojas-Briales, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Chair, Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Nepal, to which the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat and the Assistant Director-General Forestry Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, responded.

Ministerial segment — List of speakers

The Forum heard statements by His Excellency Fouad Mohadji, Vice President in charge of the Ministry of Production, Environment, Energy and Industry, Comoros; Her Excellency Jennifer Chilunga, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Management, Malawi; His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Sustainable Development, Forestry Economy and the Environment, Congo; and His Excellency Alhaji Inusah Fuseini, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana.

Brief report on the round table discussions by the respective Co-Chairs

Round table 1: “Forests and economic development”

A statement was made by the Co-Chair of Round table 1, His Excellency Alhaji Inusah Fuseini, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana.

Round table 2: “Rio+20 outcome, post-2015 United Nations development agenda and international arrangement on forests”

Statements were made by the Co-Chairs of Round table 2, Mr. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Ambassador for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, and His Excellency Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Under-Secretary-General for Environment, Energy, Science and Technology, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

Ministerial segment — List of speakers

The Forum heard statements by His Excellency Mohammad Hamad, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Mineral Resources, Libya; His Excellency Farid Ahmed Saeed Mogawar, Minister of Agriculture, Yemen; a representative of Angola, on behalf of His Excellency André de Jesus Moda, Secretary of State for Forestry Resources, Angola; Mr. Gelu Puiu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Romania; Mr. Ernesto Adobo, Under-Secretary of Staff Bureau and Project Management, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines; His Excellency Tufuga Gafoa Faitua, Associate Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa; Mr. AB Tajul Islam, State Minister, Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, Bangladesh; His Excellency Tom Rosser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada-Canadian Forest Service; a representative of Germany on behalf of
Mr. Clemens Neumann, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany; Her Excellency Oyun Sanjaasuren, Minister for Environment and Green Development, Mongolia; Mr. Gerhard Mannsberger, Director-General, Forestry Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria; Mr. Masran Md. Salleh, Deputy Director-General (Policy and Planning), Forest Department, Malaysia; Mr. Anders Lönnblad, Deputy Director-General, Ministry for Rural Affairs, Sweden; Mr. Joseph S. Iita, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Namibia; Mr. Kevin Smyth, Adviser, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, Ireland; Mr. Russell Phillips, Minister Counsellor (Agriculture), Australia; Mr. Victor Maslyakov, Head of the Federal Forestry Agency, Russian Federation; Mr. Keiji Fukuda, Consul General of Japan to Istanbul; Mrs. Fabiana Loguzzo, Director of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture, Argentina; Mr. Angelo Sartori, Head of the Technical Secretariat of Forest Management, National Forest Corporation, Chile; Mr. Iaroslav Makarchuk, First Deputy Head of State Forest Resources Agency, Ukraine; Dr. Don Koo Lee, Former Minister of Forest Service, Republic of Korea; Mr. Moshe Kamhi, Consul General of Israel in Istanbul; Mr. Rolf Manser, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel André, Director of Water and Forest, Senegal; Mr. Diego Pacheco Balanza, Expert on Environmental Issues, Plurinational State of Bolivia; Mr. Wijarn Simachaya, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand; Mr. Nguyen Ba Ngai, Deputy Director-General, General Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam; His Excellency Gianpaolo Scarante, Ambassador of Italy in Turkey; His Excellency Jorge Abarca del Carpio, Ambassador of Peru in Turkey; Dr. Nthabiseng Motete, Deputy Director for Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa; Mr. Javier Diaz-Carmona, Director-General of Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador for Climate Change and Global Environmental Affairs, Costa Rica; Mr. V. Rajagopalan, Secretary, Environment and Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, India; Mrs. Astride Nazaire, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations in New York; Mr. Edward S. Kamara, Manager for Forest Products Marketing, Forestry Development Authority, Liberia; and Mr. Noual Mohamed Seglin, Director-General, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria.

Closure of the ministerial segment

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations made a closing statement.

The Co-Chairs of the ministerial segment also made closing remarks.

The ministerial segment of the Forum was concluded.

General information

A note by the Secretariat with detailed information for participants is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/INF/1.

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**Documentation**

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**List of side events**


**List of participants**

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