FOREST EUROPE

“THE ROAD FROM OSLO TO THE MADRID EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE”

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FOREST EUROPE Achievements

- Created a solid platform for pan-European cooperation
- Framework for global-regional interface
- Developed a conceptual frame for sustainable forest management in Europe
- Improvements in management and forest condition
Milestones towards Sustainable Forest Management

HELSINKI 1993  LISBON 1998  WARSAW 2007

STRASBOURG 1990  VIENNA 2003  OSLO 2011
Ministerial Conference, Oslo, Norway
14-15th June 2011

• Oslo Ministerial Decision: *European Forests 2020*

• Oslo Ministerial Mandate for Negotiating a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe
Oslo Ministerial Mandate

The **road to the Oslo Ministerial Mandate** for Negotiating a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe:

- Proposed by Austria (2003)
- Warsaw Ministerial Conference (2007)
- Oslo Ministerial Conference (2011)
Oslo Ministerial Mandate

Ministers decide to take further international action launching negotiations and:

a. Establishing an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee

b. Adopting the Rules of Procedure

c. Establishing the Bureau of the INC

d. Nominating the Chair: Mr. Jan Heino (Finland);
Oslo Ministerial Mandate: INC Subjects

a. Ensure SFM in Europe
b. Maintain and enhance forest resources in Europe
c. Increase the resilience of forests to natural hazards
d. Enhance the contributions of forests to mitigation of CC
e. Maintain and enhance protective and productive potential
f. Halt the loss of forest biodiversity and combat desertification
g. Contribute to a green economy
h. Maintain and enhance cultural and social functions
i. Reduce illegal logging and associated trade
j. Improve forest knowledge
k. Enhance participation and cooperation
Oslo Ministerial Mandate: INC Considerations

- Flexibility
- Global discussions
- Cooperation and coordination w. international agreements
- Securing effective participation of stakeholders
- Agreement on common terms and definitions
- Efficient organisation
- Possibility of an agreement under UN umbrella.
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe

- INC1, Vienna, 27 Feb-2 March 2012
- INC2, Bonn, 3-7 Sept 2012
- Terms and definitions, Madrid, Nov 2012
- INC3, Antalya, 28 Jan-1 Feb 2013
- Resumed INC3, St Petersburg, 3-5 April 2013
- INC4, Warsaw, 10-14 June 2013
- FOREST EUROPE EMC Madrid

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Extraordinary FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference

- INC will present its results to an Extraordinary FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference
- Ministers will consider the results of the INC and possible adoption and opening for signature.
- 1 or 2 days depending on the outcomes of INC4
- The EMC will be held in Madrid, November 2013
Thank you for your attention!

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