Forests and Economic Development:
a driver for the Green Economy in the ECE region
Tuesday 9 April at 13.00-14.00 in TOPKAPI A
UNFF10 side event, Istanbul, Turkey
## Welcome and Opening

**Paola Deda**, Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section  
**Dominique Reeb**, Deputy Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section  
**Eduardo Rojas-Briales**, Assistant Director-General, FAO  
A light lunch will be offered

## Country Views

**Tom Rosser**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service, Canada  
**Jari Koskinen**, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland  
**Lennart Ackzell**, Senior Advisor, Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners, International Family Forest Alliance, Sweden  
**Alexander Panfilov**, State Secretary, Deputy Head of the Federal Forestry Agency, Russian Federation  
**Ms. Nina Dobrzynska**, Director of the Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation, Ministry of the Environment, Poland
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Background

- Public generally not aware of how essential forests are

- Not much is know about forests’ contribution to economic development

- Value of services often hidden by wood production

- Value of numerous forests lies now more in services they provide

- This publication brings together a wide range of information with clear messages
The ECE Region
Forest cover in the ECE countries

40% of the world’s forests and 36% of the region’s land area
The way forward: the Forest Sector as an integrated part of the Green Economy

Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
5 Pillars

1. Sustainable production and consumption of forest products
2. A low carbon forest sector
3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector
4. Valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services
5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector in the Green Economy
Conclusion and next steps

• Green Economy a major opportunity
• Forest sector is already part of a Green Economy
• Partnerships are essential: all actors and stakeholders need to work together to address challenges

This sector can lead the transition
Thank you!