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Forestry and Timber

Innovation in the Forest-Based Sector – Prerequisite for the Green Economy Seminar

22 April 2013, Room V, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Back-to-back with the Working Party meeting
and the InnovaWood General Assembly

Forest sector innovation plays a key role on the road towards a green economy. Innovation can be considered as a prerequisite for the green economy, towards a sustainable future where most products originate from renewable resources and materials are chosen according to their overall environmental impact.

This seminar is divided in two parts:

- (1) The Framework for Forest-Based Sector Innovation**, how it could assist the transition towards a green economy and what are the enabling factors to foster innovation
- (2) Examples of Forest-Based Sector Innovation in Business**, including examples of innovation in processes, products and materials.

Both parts will include presentations and a panel discussion.

An InnovaWood poster exhibition is organized during the event.

Registration is open at: www.unece.org/forests/wood-innovation2013.html



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Provisional Agenda

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10:00 Opening

Ewa Ratajczak, President, InnoVAWood

Paola Deda, Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

The Framework for Forest-Based Sector Innovation

Moderator: Johan Elvnert, Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) Manager

10:10-10:20 Role of the Forest Sector in the Green Economy

Arnaud Brizay, Forest Policy Officer, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

10:20-10:45 Supporting Knowledge Transfer and Innovation from Research to Industry

Andreas Kleinschmit, Innovation and Research Director, InnoVAWood Research, Technology Development and Innovation Division

10:45-11:10 Policy Options and Instruments for Financing Innovation

Ralph Heinrich, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Economic Cooperation and Integration

11:10-11:35 Sharing Best Practices at EU Level: The "ROK-For" Project

Päivi Pelli, Deputy Head of Programme, European Forest Institute, the ROK-For Project, Finland

11:35-12:00 Fostering Innovation along the Solid Wood Value Chain in Canada

Chris Gaston, Senior Scientist, FPInnovations, Canada

12:00-13:00 Panel Discussion

13:00-15:00 Lunch Break

Examples of Forest Sector Innovation in Business

Moderator: Alfred Teischinger, Professor, InnoVAWood Management Board, Austria

15:00-15:20 Wood in Multistory Construction: Swiss Solutions for Sustainable Building

Peter Schürch, Professor, Berner Fachhochschule, Switzerland

15:20-15:40 The Concept of Flexwood: How to Respond to Changes in Markets?

Morgan Vuillermoz, Research Engineer, Technical Institute FCBA (Forestry, Cellulose, Construction Timber and Furniture), France

15:40-16:00 Adapting Furniture Business Models to New Ways of Living

Mariano Perez Campos, Director, AIDIMA - Furniture, Wood, Packaging and Related Industries Technology Institute, Spain

16:00-16:20 Potential Applications of Nanofibrillated Cellulose from Wood

Philippe Tingaut, Research Scientist, Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology (EMPA), Switzerland

16:20-16:40 New Business Model of Innovation in the Green Economy: Paper Production - Bioenergy - Social Responsibility

Marek Krzykowski, President, International Paper Kwidzyn Sp., Poland

16:40-17:00 Redesigning the Future with Renewable Packaging

Ohto Nuottamo, Senior Packaging Adviser, Stora Enso Renewable Packaging, Finland

17:00-17:50 Panel Discussion

17:50-18:00 Conclusions

Poster exhibition: Innovations in the InnoVAWood network

