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1. FAO Report on REVIEW OF FOREST OWNER ORGANISATIONS IN SELECTED EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The report of the study on forest owners' organizations in selected Eastern European countries, done by an EFICEEC partner consortium for FAO was published in the Forestry Policy and Institutions Working Paper Series - Nr. 30.

The study analyzed the development of forest owner organizations in six Eastern European countries.

*The report can be downloaded from the FAO document repository at:

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/me171e/me171e00.pdf>.

2. Strengthening the Link: Sustainable Biomass & Forest Certification, 14 November 2012, Vienna, Austria

Even with these impressive credentials, wood or more generally, forest biomass continues to hold untapped promise for reducing society's dependence on fossil fuels and playing a critical role in the transition to a green economy. However, ensuring forest biomass can fulfill expectations and deliver an expanding source of sustainable and renewable energy is a delicate balance that requires attention on a range of issues. It's within this context that the utilization of forest certification for providing assurances and promoting sustainable forest management is essential. Yet little is known about forest certification outside the traditional forest sector.

A proliferation of voluntary biomass standards have emerged in recent years. Moreover, the regulatory environment is evolving, and in some regions mandatory criteria have or will be established to address issues on renewable energy and sustainable biomass. How are these measures placed to protect forest resources while promoting the sustainability of biomass and bioenergy production? How does RED, REDD+, LULUCF and forest certification interact and impact the market? What's the impact of the EUTR, requiring safeguards for legality of woody biomass which is brought for the first time into the EU market?

In the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, PEFC is convening a **multi-stakeholder dialogue event** to explore sustainability issues related to expanding use of forest biomass for energy & other industries, and the application of forest certification. The



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event ultimately seeks to build stronger relationships and understanding between sectors on sustainable forestry and promote the exchange of knowledge and available tools.

The event will:

- Explore the landscape of biomass standards and policies for their ability to safeguard social, environmental and economic values within the context of forestry biomass production;
- Assess the demand for and the role of proven forest certification systems in providing additional assurances to forest biomass production;
- Engage a diverse group of stakeholders in an event focused on forests and how to realize their full potential and their sustainability in light of growing energy demands
- Identify opportunities for collaboration amongst stakeholders

The event will take place on 14 November 2012 at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn in Vienna, Austria. For further information, please contact PEFC at development@pefc.org or at +41 22 799 4540. Register at pefc2012.eventbrite.com

*For further details please refer to the website: pefc2012.eventbrite.com.



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3. IPCC announces call for applications for second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has opened a call for applications for the second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme.

The IPCC Scholarship Programme aims to build capacity in the understanding and management of climate change in developing countries by providing opportunities for young scientists from developing countries to undertake studies that would not be possible without funding under the programme.

Applicants must be post-graduate students under the age of 30 studying at PhD level. They must have already been accepted at a recognized educational institution to start studies in 2013, or be currently enrolled on continuing PhD courses. Research proposals should focus on one of the following fields of study:

- Socio-economic modelling related to climate change
- Underlying science of climate change
- Climate change and water

Applicants must be nationals of developing countries and priority will be given to students from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

With a value of up to USD 20,000 per year, each award will be given for a period of one year and is renewable once, subject to satisfactory progress during the period of study and term reports signed by the research supervisor.

Applications will undergo a two-level selection process. IPCC scientific experts will first assess the applications in an initial review and the IPCC Science Board will then review the applications and make a final selection. The candidates selected for an award will be notified individually during the second quarter of 2013.

The IPCC Scholarship Programme was established with the funds received from the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. The IPCC Scholarship Programme benefits from the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

*Students interested in applying for an IPCC scholarship can download application forms at: http://www.ipcc.ch/ipcc-scholarship-programme/ipcc_scholarshipprogramme.shtml

*Completed application forms and supporting documents should be uploaded by 30 September 2012 at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/scholarship/applicant/>

