**FORESTS AND ENERGY**

Forests are nature’s powerhouse and a vital resource for meeting the world’s renewable-energy demand.

- **Woodfuel** provides 40% of today’s global renewable energy supply – as much as solar, hydroelectric and wind power combined.

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- **Clean, efficient stoves** will improve the health of millions of people affected by harmful smoke from rudimentary stoves.

- **More than 700 million women** are engaged part-time in woodfuel collection, production and trade.

- **Almost 900 million people**, mostly in developing countries, are engaged in the wood-energy sector on a part- or full-time basis.

- **In Africa, woodfuel is a main source of energy** for two-thirds of all households.

- **Wood energy** will be crucial for meeting the **Sustainable Development Goal** of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030.

- The popularity of wood energy is **growing** in developed countries. The production of wood pellets leapt by 42% from 2012 to 2015.

- About 50% - 1.86 billion m³ - of global wood production is used for energy.

**Key actions to increase sustainable woodfuel production and use**

- **Develop policies** to encourage long-term investment in wood energy

- **Support technology transfer** and efficient, well-regulated trade

- **Increase** the area of sustainably managed forests

- **Encourage** the use of clean, cheap, efficient stoves

- **Share information** with policy-makers and the public