

Forest Europe



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READY TO ANNOUNCE NEXT FOREST SUMMIT

The most recent MCPFE Expert Level Meeting agreed on the timeframe and themes of up-coming the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). The 5th MCPFE is to be convened on 5 - 7 November 2007, in Warsaw, Poland, and will be organized under the joint chairmanship of Poland and Norway.

A scope of the Warsaw Conference was discussed by the MCPFE Expert Level Meeting (9-10 October, 2006) that gathered about 70 experts representing 28 signatory countries, the European Commission and 16 international organizations. The participants approved the proposal of the General Co-ordinating Committee (GCC) to embrace the future commitments in a frame of the Ministerial Declaration and two Resolutions related to forests/water and wood/energy issues.

START OF NEGOTIATIONS

The ELM decisions opened the negotiation process towards new ministerial commitments, which will tackle in a balanced way the most important forest concerns, the MCPFE contribution to the international activities on forests including regional co-operation as well as promotion of SFM worldwide. The linkages between forest, water and energy issues, are perceived as vital components of livelihoods are bases for the overall message of the documents, which also embrace an influence of forests on quality of life of modern societies and their role in safeguarding our future. More specific formulation will be further elaborated during subsequent drafting and ELM meetings so as to encompass all relevant issues for consideration in commitments of the 5th MCPFE.

The initiative of assisting the MCPFE Liaison Unit in further works on elaboration of the Conference documents, called "Friends of the LUW", was unanimously supported by the ELM. The MCPFE countries and organizations offered their contribution to this task and designated experts for voluntary groups for each of the three documents.

Further information on the preparation of the Warsaw Conference available at: www.mcpfe.org

MEETINGS

MCPFE MEETINGS

13–15 November, 2006, Bled, Slovenia
Workshop on pan-European understanding of forest classification

11–12 January, 2007, Geneva, Switzerland
Workshop on Mobilising Wood Resources

1–2 February, 2007, tbd
MCPFE Drafting Meeting

28–29 March, 2007, tbd
MCPFE Drafting Meeting

4–5 June, 2007, tbd
MCPFE Drafting Meeting

6 June, 2007, tbd
MCPFE Expert Level Meeting

3–4 September 2007, Warsaw, Poland
MCPFE Expert Level Meeting

OTHER MEETINGS

11–15 December 2006, UNHQ,
New York
UNFF Ah-Hoc Expert Group on Non-Legally Binding Instrument

20–21 February 2007, Zagreb, Croatia
Workshop on National Forest Programmes – a Tool for Strengthening Science-Policy Interface in Practise

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