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Support and Contribution of the Forest Sector to Sustainable Development of South East Europe and the CIS

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Program Elements and Objectives of the FAO/UNECE Strategy on forestry and timber activities in South East Europe and CIS, 2005 – 2010

** Forest land use = Conglomerate of all human activities in forests (forestry, recreation services, non-wood forest products etc.) and benefits provided by forest ecosystems (e.g. water retention and filtering, carbon storage etc.) corresponding to society's needs and market demands*

*** Forest Sector= Forest Land Use + Wood Industry*

PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES
<u>Forest land use management</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve management and marketing by private / non-state forest owners (e.g. associations, capacity building)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote economic viability and employment through capacities building for diversification of products/services and innovations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore income opportunities from social and environmental benefits and services by encouraging the implementation of multifunctional forest management
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve state management and marketing through e.g. exploring possibilities for outsourcing of business management functions, particularly by long term leasing agreements
<u>Policy and institutional reforms</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote social and environmental benefits of forest ecosystems
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote wood as a renewable and environmental friendly material with adequate state measures, taking into account national specifics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and coordinate forest land use related policies institutions and instruments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop further activities to reduce illegal logging and related trade, among others by law enforcement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote economic viability of forest land use through market reforms and market developments aiming at sustainable development of forest resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase the implementation of participatory approaches in policy decision making processes and setup adequate institutional frames
<u>Communication and monitoring processes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate target countries adequately into international processes, networks and institutions dealing with data collection, analysis and information exchange
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate cross-sectoral dialogue between forest sector and other sectors and integrate forest policy adequately in the general economic planning and policy making
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor and analyse international assistance provided to forest land use
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop national and international information networks on forest resources (inventories, forest resources assessment, valuation of forest ecosystems services) forest products markets (statistics) and forest land use related policies (legislation databases)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide public access to data and information and to promote better communication between involved stakeholders