



KENYA POSITION

Item 5: Forest and sustainable production of wood and noon-wood forest products – meeting the demands and supporting resilient local economies

Chairperson,

Kenya recognises that sustainable production and use of wood and non-wood products supports sustainable management of terrestrial and marine ecosystems. Forests are critical components of these ecosystems and are indispensable assets in supporting ecological integrity and functioning. Forests underpin the sustenance of the productive sectors of the economy particularly agriculture, energy, wildlife, tourism, trade and industry.

Significant policy development has occurred in Kenya that promote efficient planning, management and utilization of wood and non-wood forest products. These include the development of standard operating procedure for commercialisation of forest plantations, digitalization of forest resources, interim national standards (INS) to facilitate certification of forests to meet the good and responsible forests management and stewardship, National Strategy on commercial forestry to attract private sector investments and tree improvement Strategy.

Kenya appreciates the strong and ongoing support from FAO in promoting sustainable utilization of gums and resins in the drylands, policy and legislative support in the management of forestry resources and promotion of tree- based farmer producer associations.

Kenya calls upon FAO to explore opportunities for scaling-up sustainable wood production and use that include: Adoption of innovative forestry technologies across the wood value chain; Catalysing investments in efficient wood conversion and processing technologies; Mobilizing adequate finance for sustainable wood production, including climate finance and credit facilities; Promotion of enterprises that, support sustainable exploitation of non-wood forest products.

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