

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PAPER AND WOOD PRODUCTS

Fifty-first Session

Tokyo, 27 and 28 May 2010

SUMMARY REPORT

1. Sponsor: Forestry Department; Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division
2. Technical Secretary: Olman Serrano, Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division
3. Participants: 40 external participants (including 16 members), from 19 countries.
4. Objectives: FAO to receive guidance from Committee members on its recent work carried out in the field of forestry, with emphasis on sustainable forest and paper industries.
Committee members to advise FAO on planned activities for the years 2010 – 2011 and beyond.

5. Results

The Committee provided guidance to the FAO Forestry Department's work on the preparation of the "State of the World's Forests" in particular to the chapter on "Sustainable forest industries".

For the activities during the period 2010 – 2011, the Committee recommended FAO to:

1. Prepare an analysis of impact of various policy scenarios on the future of the forest industry.
2. Document gaps in the knowledge needed to support the development of sound climate change policy relevant to the forest industry and suggest modalities for filling these gaps.

The Committee agree to hold its 52nd Session in Montreal, Canada, on 25 and 26 May 2011.

6. Programme, Policy and Financial Implications

There are no substantial financial implications. Recommendations made by the Committee complement the FAO Forestry Department work programme.

7. Anticipated date of publication of the report

It is anticipated that the Proceedings of the session will be published by the end of July 2010.

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