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Seminar

The Forest policy process in Europe

Time	30 March 2012, at 10.00–16.00 (coffee and registration from 09.30)
Venue	Kungl. Skogs- och Lantbruksakademien, Drottninggatan 95 B, Stockholm, Sweden
Registration	No later than 28 March via this link or through our website www.ksla.se (cancellations must be made no later than 28 March, or we will invoice SEK 500 to cover costs)
Fee	SEK 500 (students and Academy fellows: SEK 200)
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The Forest Europe process to develop a Legally Binding Agreement, started just over four years ago and culminating in a Ministerial mandate to start negotiations on a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe last year. The First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee for a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe (INC1) was just held in Vienna. There was a common understanding that the agreement will be a framework agreement with firm commitments that clearly add value and address all types of forests.

There are several other forest policy initiatives that have been quietly working their way through the EU machinery. Most notably, EU Member States and stakeholders are now working together with the Commission to review the EU Forestry Strategy, which dates from 1998. Apart from that, another working group under the Standing Forestry Committee is tasked to take up where the discussions on the Commission's Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information in the EU ended. This group is expected to give proposals on how to improve the availability and quality of information on forests in the EU.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry is proud to present speakers highly involved in these processes, representing different areas and types of forests in the North, the South, the West and the East of Europe.

The seminar will shed light on the driving forces and the future processes of the different policy processes and to catch the essence of the challenges during the panel discussion. The purpose of the seminar is to present the driving forces and the future processes of

- a) the Forest Europe process
- b) the Negotiations for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe
- c) the Green Paper on the Forest Protection and Information in the EU
- d) the review of the EU Forestry Strategy

Welcome!

Åke Barklund
General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA

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Moderator

Åke Barklund, General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA

09.30 **Coffee and registration**

10.00 **Welcome**

Åke Barklund, General Secretary and Managing Director, KSLA

10.10 **Introduction and a general overview**

Fredrik Ingemarson, Programme Manager, The Secretariat for International Forestry Issues (SIFI)

10.30 **Forest policy and the EU**

Markus Holzer, Head of Unit, Bioenergy, Biomass, Forestry and Climatic Changes, DG AGRI

11.00 **The Pan-European forest agreement**

Jan Heino, Senior Executive Specialist, International fellow at KSLA

11.30 Clarifications and questions

12.00 **Lunch break**

13.00 **The interests behind the European policy game**

Dr. Peter Edwards, Forest Products and Markets, SLU

13.30 **The Swedish view on these processes**

Ingeborg Bromée, Deputy Director, Ministry of Rural Affairs

13.50 **A non-EU view on the European forest policy processes**

Sergey Rodin, Deputy Head, Forest Research Institute (FSU VNIILM), The Russian Federation

14.10 **An EU Member State's view on the European forest policy processes**

Graça Rato, Adviser, Autoridade Florestal Nacional MAMAOT, Portugal,

14.30 **Coffee**

14.45 **Panel discussion** (all speakers)

16.00 **Mingle in the foyer**