



FSC Regional Workshop Caucasus, 1st of August, Baku, Azerbaijan



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Invitation

Dear Participant, on behalf of FSC Regional Office for CIS Countries, Green Building Council Azerbaijan, WWF-Caucasus Programme Office, WWF Azerbaijan, the Architects Union of Azerbaijan Republic, Young Architects and Student Club, MGIMO University and Akrolit LLC we are happy to invite you to FSC Regional Workshop Caucasus, held on 1st of August in Baku, Azerbaijan (M.Mukhartova, 24, The Union of Architects building).

Forests are the natural wealth of the Caucasus countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia). Their total area is over 4.2 million ha. A significant part of the forests is used for conservation purposes, preserving biodiversity and providing ecosystem services for the local people, especially valuable are gathered non-timber forest products such as nuts, wild apples and so on.

Voluntary forest certification is a modern, market-based approach for sustainable forest management. Currently, worldwide there is certified more than 180 million ha of forest, including about 45-50 million ha in the Caucasus countries neighborhoods. Turnover of FSC certified timber products are estimated to be tens of billions of dollars, recognition of FSC trademark is up to 50-60% in Western Europe. The EU countries, U.S., Japan and Australia has a government procurement policy of certified timber, preventing the entry into the country illegally logged timber and subproducts. Voluntary forest certification is a market mechanism; its development is not possible without the commitment of business, and especially companies with a policy of corporate social responsibility.

The FSC Regional Workshop Caucasus will become a foundation for sharing experience and opinion on ecologically friendly and economically sustainable practices in Green building, eco-packaging, printing, recycling and many more. The Workshop aim is devoted to discuss opportunities of how to support responsible management of forests in the region through the formation of environmentally responsible procurement of certified timber from socially oriented business.

For any further questions please contact FSC Regional Key Account Officer, Mariam Mattila, m.matila@fsc.org, +79255191007

We are looking forward to see you in Baku, Azerbaijan!

Sincerely,



Workshop Program	
9:30 - 10:00	Registration
10.00 - 10.10	Opening words/ Organizers
10:10 - 10:30	Voluntary forest certification scheme FSC: development opportunities in the region / FSC CIS (Mariam Mattila)
10:30 - 10:50	Supporting FSC-based Forest Certification in Azerbaijan and Georgia Under FLEG2 Program / WWF Azerbaijan (Konul Ahmadova)
10:50 - 11:10	The National legislation and FSC / Ministry of Justice of Republic of Azerbaijan (Matanat Asgarova)
11:10 - 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 - 12:00	Harmony House and connection with nature. The first building in Azerbaijan eco-friendly wooden houses of the Finnish technology/ Ni Group Company (Arzu Hasanova)
12:00 - 12:20	Renewable energy and energy efficiency policy: Azerbaijan's experience and strategic view / The State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources Azerbaijan Republic (Samir Rahimov)
12:20 - 12:40	Recycling, challenges and opportunities in the region / "Tamiz Shahar" JSC (Sabit Zeyniyev)
12:40 - 13:00	Non timber economic values of forests in Azerbaijan / Khazar University (Rovshan Abbasov)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 14:20	FSC in education / MGIMO (Elena Bazileva)
14:20 - 14:40	Green Roof / Techno Nicol (Nuh Hashimov)
14:40 – 15:00	Green over Grey / AzGBC (Fuad Bagirov) and GBC Georgia (Nato Kirvalidze)
15:00 – 15:20	Discussion Q & A
15:20 – 15:30	Conclusions, closing words/Organizers
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Awarding Ceremony of "Green Challenges" Competition

