

New Generation Plantations Annual Encounter.

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Recommendations of the workshop participants regarding promotion of further dialog between the boreal countries on the basis of the Boreal Forest Platform:

- 1) It is reasonable to act both at international and national levels. Training and experience exchange workshops shall be held at the international level. At the regional (national) level, more practical issues should be addressed (decision-making, drafting recommendations, cooperation with authorities).
- 2) Formulate simple and clear for wider community challenges of the boreal forests – illegal logging, IFL loss, forest fires, pests and pathogens, climate change related issues.
- 3) Identify the topics that require international cooperation, such as transformation of international markets, conservation of the valuable forests of global significance, critical loss of biodiversity, forest fires, and climate change. Negative experience shall also be addressed.
- 4) It is necessary to expand the communication component beyond the forest sector; the platform should not only rely on experts but also the public should be involved.
- 5) All participants of the platform shall have an opportunity of voicing their opinion and determine agendas for operational events.
- 6) Apart from the main focus on the boreal zone, it is reasonable to address the problems of temperate forests also.
- 7) The term 'intensive forest management' shall be properly and understandably conveyed, including social, environmental and economic benefits it provides. The wording should be easily understood by everybody.