

Annex 4. Legal and policy frameworks and international meetings on Forests and Water

Table 1. Commitments and work of relevance to the interrelations between forests and water

Commitments and work conducted	Relevance	In the frame of
Ramsar Convention, Wetland management plans (1971, http://www.ramsar.org/)	Forests and wetlands	Ramsar Convention
MCPFE Resolution S4: Adapting the Management of Mountain Forests to New Environmental Conditions (1990, http://www.mcpfe.org/conferences/strasbourg)	Restoration of degraded forests in upper watershed areas (paragraph 4)	MCPFE
MCPFE Resolution L2 /4 th MCPFE in Vienna: Pan-European Criteria, Indicators and Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management/Improved Pan-European Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management. (1998, http://www.mcpfe.org/www-mcpfe/conferences/lisbon and 2003, http://www.mcpfe.org/www-mcpfe/conferences/vienna)	Maintenance and Appropriate Enhancement of Protective Functions in Forest Management - notably soil and water (Criterion 5)	MCPFE
Integrated Water Resources Management, developed in the frame of WSSD in Johannesburg (2002, http://www.un.org/events/wssd/)	An holistic approach to water resources management.	World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)
MCPFE Resolution V1: Strengthen Synergies For Sustainable Forest Management in Europe Through Cross-Sectoral Co-Operation and National Forest Programmes (2003, http://www.mcpfe.org/www-mcpfe/conferences/vienna)	Cross-sectoral cooperation	MCPFE
Seminar on the role of ecosystems as water suppliers (2004, http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/ecosystem/seminar.htm)	Forests as an important contributor to the ecosystem services for water.	UNECE Water Convention
Seminar on environmental services and financing for the protection and sustainable use of water-related ecosystems (2005, http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/payment_ecosystems/seminar.htm)	Forests as an important contributor to the environmental services for water.	UNECE Water Convention

<p>Recommendations on Payments for Ecosystem Services in Integrated Water Resources Management</p> <p>(2006, http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/documents/PES_Recommendations_web.pdf)</p>	<p>Payment schemes for e.g. forest ecosystem services in integrated water resources management.</p>	<p>UNECE Water Convention</p>
<p>MCPFE resolution W2: Forests and Water (November 2007: http://www.mcpfe.org/files/u1/warsaw_resolution_2.pdf)</p>	<p>Addressing four main challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable management of forests in relation to water - Coordinating policies on forests and water - Forests, water and climate change - Economic valuation of water-related forest services. 	<p>MCPFE</p>
<p>Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation (adopted at the MCPFE Expert Level Meeting, November 2008: http://www.mcpfe.org/node/156)</p>	<p>Recommendations for afforestation and reforestation programmes with regard to impacts on water resources, specifically addressed in paragraphs 5, 11, 12, 25, 26 and 31.</p>	<p>MCPFE</p>
<p>EU Water Framework Directive (adopted October 2000, for implementation by 2015: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/index_en.html)</p>	<p>The Directive's combined approach explicitly requires cooperation of the water sector with other policy sectors (including forestry) that have an impact on water resources.</p>	<p>European Union</p>

Table 2. Conferences and international meetings addressing forests and water issues in the pan-European and UNECE region.

Activity	Time	Venue
26 th Session of the European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds on “Forests, water and climate change in high altitude and high latitude watersheds”	19-22 August 2008	Oulu, Finland
III International conference “Forest and Water”	14-17 September 2008	Mragowo, Poland
Plenary session “Forests and Water” during the European Forest Week	20-24 October 2008	Rome, Italy
International Conference on Water and Forests: a convenient truth?	30-31 October 2008	Barcelona, Spain