

A pathway to a green economy in the context of sustainable development: A focus on the role of markets and the promotion of sustainable forest management

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Excellencies,

April 2013. The subject is forest finance - where does it come from, where are the gaps, what is needed? I hope this workshop will go a long way in framing the issues in such a way that the UNFF10 provides a very sound foundation for rethinking our understanding of forest finance and the values of the functions and benefits of forests.

Landscape restoration, including wetlands, agriculture, mountains, drylands, rivers, biodiversity and people, can only be achieved when private institutions, along with local communities, work together towards sustainable forest management. The challenge ahead is to explore institutional arrangements that