



Wood You  
Believe  
in Forests?

The sustainable forestry event  
Tuesday 1 Dec. at 10.15 hours  
Pavilion of the Nordic Council of Ministers  
Hall 2B, room 65

Heikki Granholm  
1 December 2015



# Forests for Finns

- Most forested country in Europe
- Economic:
  - GDP (4%)
  - export revenues; over 20 %
  - income to individuals
- Social:
  - individual ownership
  - free access to forests,
  - recreation
  - employment
- Environmental:
  - offset 30–60% of emissions
  - source of renewable energy
  - resource efficiency
  - conservation



## **POLICY RESPONSES:**

- **National Bioeconomy Strategy**
- **National Forest Strategy 2025**
- **Government programme 2015 – 2019**
- **Energy and Climate Strategy**



## Wishlist 2015 onwards:

- emission reductions
- LUS and forests have important role ("3s")
- transparency, equal level playing field, national circumstances
- transformation towards a green bio-based economy





## Programme:

10.15

Snacks & coffee

10.30

Case: Heavily Forested Finland

**Heikki Granholm**, Forestry Councillor,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

10.45

Forests and climate change  
mitigation in the Swedish context

**Björn Boström**, Senior Policy Adviser,  
Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

11.00

Carbon Neutrality in Bio-economy

**Ahti Fagerblom**, Manager,  
Energy and Climate Policy, Finnish Forest Industry

11.15

Bioenergy, by far the biggest renewable

**Joona Turtiainen**, Senior Adviser, Energy and  
climate policy, Finnish Energy

11.30 - 11.45

Discussion