

INFORSE submission on the approach to the consideration of outputs component of the first Global Stocktake according to the Paris Agreement

INFORSE, International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE) as a network of civil society organisations will with this submission stress the need to address the problem of overconsumption of wood as a climate change issue that need more focus in climate action. For other issues, INFORSE supports the submission by Climate Action Network International.

We find that there must be a focus on reducing overconsumption of biomass including wood in findings from the GST regarding additional actions that the Parties should implement following the technical assessment of the GST. In addition to phasing out of fossil fuels, the overconsumption of biomass, including wood must be addressed, for energy purposes as well as for other purposes. Where biomass is used to cover basic needs, such as energy for cooking, **climate plans must include proposals to cover the basic needs in ways that do neither drive deforestation and land degradation nor disrupt livelihoods and ecosystems. This can be achieved with reduced biomass consumption through improved cookstoves combined with tree planting as well as efficient electric cooking with electricity from renewable energies**, combined with increased electricity production from renewable energy sources. We propose that for all countries with deforestation problems caused by cooking needs, **this is proposed for inclusion in the coming NDCs.**

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