

TO the kind attention of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat,

The University of Belgrade-Faculty of Forestry is a higher education and scientific research institution with a hundredyear-long tradition. Studies are organized at three levels: the undergraduate academic studies (4 years), the master's degree academic studies (1 year) and doctoral studies (3 years). This 4 + 1 + 3 system of study is still valid today. So far, more than 10,000 students have graduated from the Faculty, and 435 Master of Science theses, 658 Master's theses and 346 Doctoral dissertations have been completed and defended at this Faculty.

In 2020, the Faculty was re-accredited as a state scientific research institution in the field of biotechnical sciences – agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Scientific research at the Faculty is performed by 124 researchers, through individual activities or activities of project teams, which deal with fundamental, applied and development research in the field of forestry, wood technologies, landscape architecture and ecological engineering in the protection of soil and water resources. The basis for scientific research is a significant number of laboratories and centers formed at the Faculty of Forestry in the past period.

During the past months, our institution worked closely with experts from the Forest Department (Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Water Management) and FAO to describe and analyze the close nexus between energy, forest's health and climate change in Serbia.

Faculty of Forestry is glad to support the project *"Enhancing the resilience of Serbian forests and the carbon storage potential of the country to support and boost the decarbonization process through adaptation and mitigation investments"*.

We believe that the proposed approach and activities are instrumental in reaching the objectives that the country identified with its National Strategy for Renewable Energy, its Nationally Determined Contribution, the Climate Change Law and the Low Carbon Development Strategy among other.

We look forward to further collaborating both during the design phase and execution of the project.

Appreciatively,

Faculty of Forestry

Prof. dr Branko Stajić, Dean

