

What's happening now

Climate change accelerating,
TIME TO REVISE,
last revision was 12 years ago, rethink
usability of complex documents.



What we did

Consulted with stakeholders and researched extensively resulting in:



Review Report



Two Green Papers
(Climate Change & Biodiversity and Scope & Applicability)



3 public webinars



2 in person workshops



Survey for FSC Members



**Launched
PCI Hub**

...find all resources and publications available at pci.fsc.org

Objectives of this revision

To develop more **user-oriented Forest Stewardship Standards** while maintaining FSC's integrity and delivering greater value and impact for people and forests.



Streamlining



User-oriented



Outcome focused

Key proposals



**Structural changes for
user-orientation**



**Strengthening:
Social & environmental
requirements, Climate
change and biodiversity
conservation**



Modular approach



**Scope &
Applicability**



Outcome orientation



**Streamlining and
clarifying related
documents and
requirements such as:
Annexes, Policy on
Excision, Glossary of
Terms & more**

Streamlining

Limiting redundancies, complexity of formulating. Not limiting rigour.

Example:

**Merging grievance mechanisms
requirement to be fit for both workers**

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**communities rather than two
requirements**

(Principle 2 & Principle 4)

Another way to streamline is through a revised structure



What this looks like in PCI

Each principle and criterion would clearly state the intended result to be achieved.

Principles as outcomes:
“Biodiversity is maintained”
vs.
“Organizations must do X”



Outcome Orientation: How

Simplifies the **language** and **structure** of the FSC Principles & Criteria by focusing on results to be achieved rather than processes or activities to be implemented.

THROUGH:

Clearer and hierarchically consistent structure.

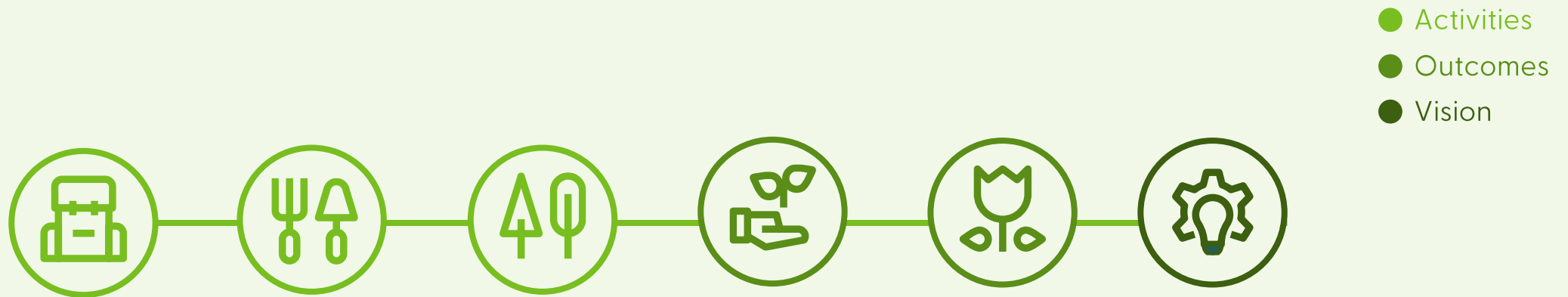
WHERE:

Each principle and each criterion should be linked to a single intended outcome.



Outcome Orientation: Indicators

Activities to be implemented should contribute to achieving the intended outcome of the criterion and at the indicator level.



Vision:

Resilient forests sustain life on Earth. A new forest paradigm is realized where the true value of forests is recognized and incorporated into society.

Modular Approach

Core indicators

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**pre-tagged indicators for
different contexts**

(smallholders, plantations,
urban forests)



Scope and Applicability

Vegetation types for certification currently include:



Natural forests



Plantations



other (i.e. non-forest) vegetation types*.

*other vegetation types is limited to those land-uses involving growing of trees, but includes, in principles 'non-forest' land-uses as they contribute to the mission of FSC.

Currently handled on a case-by-case basis.

Challenge: Ambiguity around:



Agroforestry models where crops are cultivated during early plantation establishment



Woody agricultural crops grown primarily for non-timber products



Short-rotation plantations

Social Requirements

Stronger commitments to:



Gender equality
and workers rights
– aligning with
international
regulations



Indigenous
Peoples' rights
(including
uncontacted
groups)

Papers and webinar material published on PCI Hub for more detail and background information.



Climate and biodiversity

Explicit requirements for adaptation, mitigation, resilience.
New biodiversity indicators to measure real impact.



Additional topics



Intact Forest Landscapes

Maintaining protection threshold



GMOs

Still prohibited, but updated definition (includes CRISPR etc.)



Normative alignment

Cleaning up annexes, advice notes and glossary of terms



Consultation process



Public
consultation

1 Oct–Nov 30 2025



Consultation
Report publication

April 2026



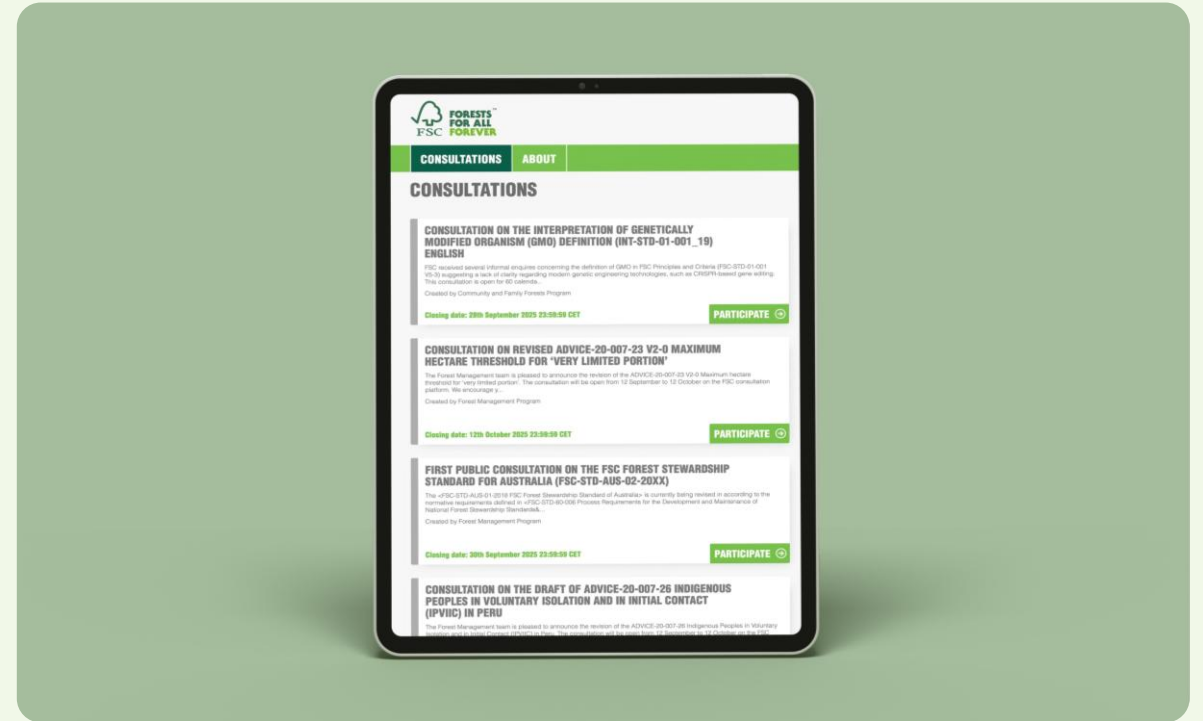
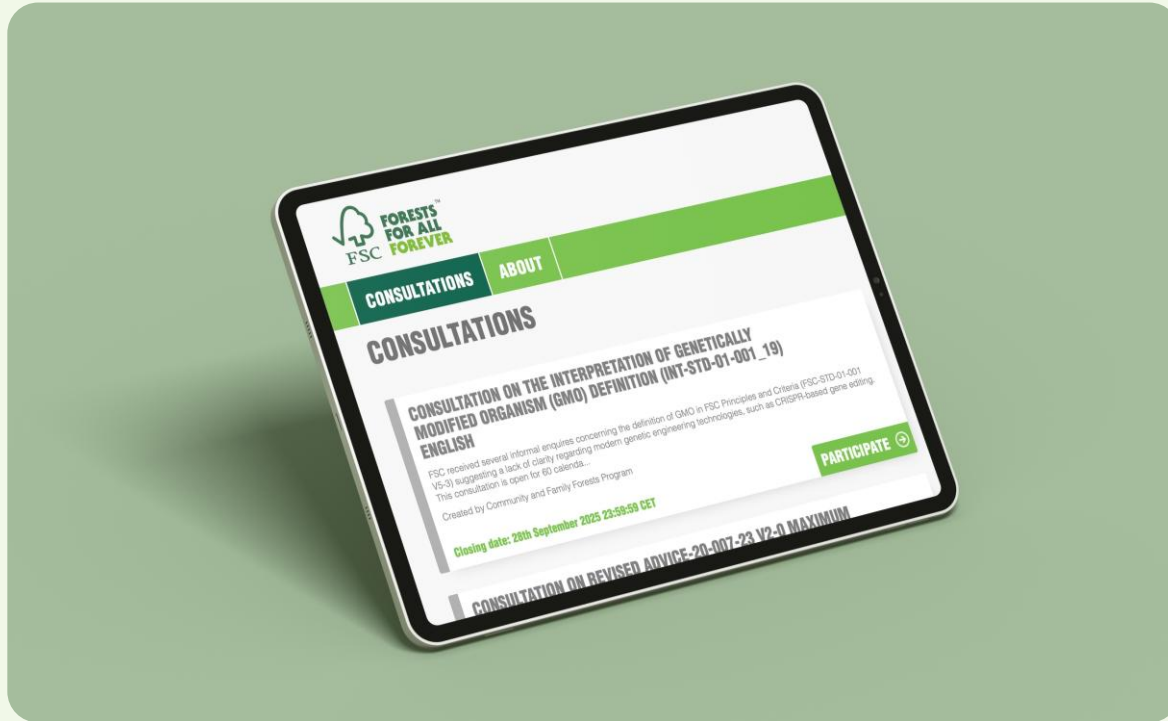
Drafting of requirements
with chamber balanced
working group

Later in 2026

How to participate



40+ Questions on FSC Consultation Platform



All can register for platform and participate

Your voice matters



Stakeholder
input directly
shapes
standards



FSC values
diversity of
perspectives



International
standards to
reflect
international
and
chamber-
balanced
opinions



We will
share
consultation
report by
April 2026 to
show what
happened to
feedback