

Outline of EETAP report WG3: *Visions and hopes for the future with regard to energy and the environment*

*This report will review the visions and hopes of people, communities, governments and other institutions in discussing the future with regard to the environment. Submissions of case studies from different communities will be amalgamated into the relevant sections, with examples of how these visions and hopes for the future can lead to different policy options.*

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The importance of visions and hopes
- 1.2. Word analysis of the concept of the future
- 1.3. Word analysis of the concept of hope
- 1.4. Concerns about the future?

2. Perspectives on the future among living organisms

*How do our worldviews allocate value and meaning to people, plants, animals and the biosphere? Visions and hopes of the future - What is the most appropriate timescale to consider problems of environmental ethics – years, decades, centuries, or generations?*

- 2.1. World view/ philosophic outlook (Myths; Religious ideas; Popular beliefs (Tribal, Rural, Urban))
- 2.2. Scientific analyses and explanations
- 2.3. Moral interpretation on the basis of world view and scientific explanation
- 2.4. Lifespan measures for future in living organisms
- 2.5. Views of the future and generation time.
- 2.6. Visions for the Future

*Is there a common vision of where we would like society to go beyond MDGs? How to balance economic growth, quality of life, and other future aspirations in a holistic vision?*

*Time is limited by space – changing visions*

*Forestry policy analysis*

3. Tools for Measurement and Analyses of views of the future

Optimum utilization of energy and maximum satisfaction of people

Fuzzy model

Simulation models

Statistics

Projections

Potential new measures and techniques

4. Energy, environment and paradigms of development

Growth, comfort, consumerism

Well-being, safety, security

Common good, integral, total development, holistic development

Scientific remedies

5. Review of time frames in planning cycles in policy

3.1. Government policy

3.2. International organizations

3.3. International donor agencies

3.4. Commercial sector

3.5. Selected case studies to compare sectors, forestry, transport, urban development, media, etc.

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## 6. Policy Options

*What are the relationships between such worldviews and actual decisions made by policymakers or the daily lives of the people they represent? What changes would be expected in policy if different visions of future were taken.*

Clarifying Goals, objectives, strategies,

Balancing short term strategies with long term hopes

Review of goals in vision statements

Identifying healthy practices and methods

Propagation of scientific solutions and methods

Changing the popular attitudes towards new world view

Co-operation of partners

## 7. Case Studies (Some will be integrated into the relevant sections)

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