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**A national strategy for gender equality in Swedish forestry**

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**Abstract:** The governmental proposition bill for a new forest policy (2007/08:108) addressed that the conditions for women and men in the forestry sector are unequal. This situation not only is unjust, but is also hampering the Swedish forest sector ability to compete. The government has therefore developed a national strategy for gender equality in the forestry sector, involving authorities, universities, schools, forest companies, forest owner associations and female forest owner's networks (launched April 2011). Three focus areas have been pointed out: education, working life, and private forest ownership. Corresponding organizations have been given responsibility for developing action plans and later on implementation. In this presentation, an exemplary actual process of gender mainstreaming will be described, with special emphasis on education and learning.

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