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Policy makers view of the discussions during the meeting

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Policy makers need to have a broader view

- The GHG emissions is not the only issue to be taken into account
- Policy makers need to take into account other important issues, such as:
 - National income & economic growth
 - Industry, energy, agricultural, forest policies, etc.
 - E.g. policies for reduction of fossil fuel use, security of supply, management of national natural resources
 - Employment
 - Existing infrastructure (Energy / Industry / Service sectors)
 - Etc. etc.....



Policy makers view...

- To promote only fast growing biomass on arable land is not a sustainable solution
 - The raw material streams from arable land and forest land are for different purposes and are in most cases not compatible
- It is difficult to increase forest growth without fertilizing (on forest land)
 - It is possible to plant more fast growing tree species but it takes 40-60 years get benefit of that in boreal conditions
 - Only domestic tree species should be used



Policy makers view...

- Change from arable land to forest land or vice versa is not a valid option, i.e. it is a "land use change"
 - The quota between these land use options has been stable in many industrialised countries
 - Most of the change is due to infra structural reasons, i.e. road building, expanding urban areas etc.
 - There are also regulations in RED (EU) and in several sustainability systems
- Fast growing biomass for energy on arable land – does it work ?
 - Examples from Finland (Reed Canary Grass) and Sweden (Salix) show that there are big problems – a systems failure ? What to do ?



Task 38

- Show facts – we can't deny the scientific facts
- Show relevant examples:
 - These should be understandable for the audience, e.g. for policy makers
- It should be taken into account that there are also other important issues than GHG issues, or to have understanding that there other important issues