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**INTRO**  
  
On the occasion of the international day of forests today, the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization is bringing issues of “wood energy” into the spotlight.

According to a new report released today by the organization, up to seven percent of greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activity…. comes from the production and use of fuelwood and charcoal.

The food agency says that “Greening” wood energy is key to mitigating climate change and improving rural livelihoods.

To elaborate more on this is Eva Muller, Director of FAO's Forestry Policy and Resources Division.

**QUESTIONS**

1. How prevalent is the practice of using wood fuel today?
   1. Why is it so prevalent still?
2. What can be changed in the charcoal value chain to make it “greener”?
3. Within countries where this is a major issue, what is FAO recommending that those governments do?