

**ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists report to the
thirty-eighth session of the
Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on
Forest Statistics, Economics and Management**

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name :

Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook
www.unece.org/forests/outlook/methodsandprocesses/forestsector.html

2. Period covered:

April 2015 – March 2016

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader: Mr. Mart-Jan SCHELHAAS
Deputies: Jeff PRESTEMON, Paolo CAMIN
Secretary: Florian STEIERER

4. Members:

59 members

5. Countries:

25 countries: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan..

6. Meetings held:

Third meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook (17 - 18 September 2015), European Panel Federation, Brussels, Belgium
(www.unece.org/index.php?id=40691).

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

Activities in Europe over the last year were focussed on drafting and discussing plans for an EFSOSIII study. In the US, activities were focussed on adaptation of the model framework, and selection of appropriate socio-economic scenarios. Furthermore, preliminary results (forest area, growing stock development, wood production, trade) from the NAFSOS projection system for the European countries were distributed to the national correspondents for a first consistency check. The aim is to increase the credibility of the projections done in the US and to better align future NAFSOS and EFSOS studies and potentially an outlook study in the Russian Federation. By now, a handful of countries have given feedback on the preliminary results, and the US modelling team has updated the model and its input data accordingly. Furthermore, a draft proposal for EFSOS III is set up.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

The coming year should be devoted to fund raising for the EFSOS III study. The idea is to develop a budget and identify clear packages that are attractive for potential donors. Furthermore, discussions are going on with the Russian Federation on organizing a workshop on *"How to harmonize scenarios of the forest sector outlook in the UNECE region"*. NAFSOS efforts will center on additional global market model updating, socioeconomic scenario development and associated data assembly, and model testing under proposed scenarios.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion

Consider supporting the Outlook Study through in kind and financial resources.

10. Other comments: (collaboration with other ToS)

The Team Leader gave a presentation via Skype during the meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (8 October 2015). The Team on Forest Policy confirmed that the policy issues presented as the core for the new outlook studies were relevant. They welcomed the opportunity to cooperate and agreed to review future material becoming available in the outlook studies. The ToS increasingly uses means for online meeting devices and teleconferences to include participation from all three sub-regions. Online meetings are particularly useful for discussion of interim results

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