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Results of Team of Specialists
Internal Evaluations
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Background

- Part of the Strategic Review of ECE/FAO
- 7 ToSs to contribute to integrated work programme 2008-2013
 - Sustainable Forest Products
 - Monitoring Sustainable Forest management
 - Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
 - Forest Fire
 - Forest Communicators Network
 - Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest management
 - Forest Sector Outlook



Methodology – Timeline

- Set of questions developed by Bureaux → Team Leader, 28/11/2011
- 34 questions: qualitative/quantitative
- Deadline February 15th, 2012 then end of April
- Responses:
 - Sustainable Forest Products: 8 out of 49
 - Monitoring SFM: 9 out of 90
 - Forest Policy in EE and CA: 3 out of 55
 - Forest Fire: 10 out of 34
 - Forest Communicators Network: 6 out of 134
 - Joint Expert Network: 1 out of 43
 - Outlook: 8 out of 93
 - Total: 45 out of 458
- ToS Leaders prepared a short report
- Discussions during WP FSEM, Geneva March 2012



Main Conclusions (1)

- Sustainable Forest Products: Satisfied with output, mandate and reaching out could be improved, recommend participation of forest industries and NGOs
- Monitoring SFM: good assessment of work, structure and team, lack of expertise on socio-economic indicators, little progress on improving capacity of countries with weak reporting, need for additional resources for outreach, decreased involvement in issues relevant to NA → new approach: cooperation with Montreal Process
- Forest Policy in EE and CA: identify members involved in forest policy, better planning and monitoring, need for funding



Main Conclusions (2)

- Forest Fire: active participation, important and relevant issue, need to address forest fire prevention (review mandate)
- Forest Communicators Network: services of FCN sought after, clarify reporting lines, lack of funding
- Joint Expert Network: lack of funding, need to be informed about work of other ToSs, enhance collaboration amongst ToSs
- Outlook: put more emphasis on globalisation, emerging economies and climate change, more coherence between modelling of scenarios, consider outlook at ECE level



General Conclusions

- Low response rate (passive participation, questionnaire)
- Main motivation: exchange + networking
- Themes relevant
- Some teams with clear mandate significant contribution, others unclear → lack of participation & tangible outputs
- Good country representation, but mostly governments, good level of expertise, problem of funding for participation in SEE, CA and Caucasus, language not an issue
- Reporting back to FTS unclear
- Good support of Secretariat especially for events, guidance average
- No collaboration and exchange between ToSs but also no interest



Recommendations

From the WP FSEM:

- Adjust ToSs mandates to Action Plan for the forest sector in a green economy

From the evaluation

- **FUNDING!** Work and participation
- Diversification of membership (academic, research, NGO)
- Review mandates for clarity and better support to ECE/FAO
- Improve relationship between ToSs and FTS: guidance and reporting
- More specific recommendations in individual reports (ECE/TIM/2012/6)



Questions and Comments from the Delegates

