

UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2012
Team of Specialists on Monitoring on SFM

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM (length max two pages)	
1. Name :	Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management
2. Period covered:	March 2012-March 2013
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:	<p>Leader: Kari T. Korhonen (Finland)</p> <p>Deputies: Johannes Hangler (Austria), Andrius Kuliesis (Lithuania), Brad Smith (USA)</p> <p>Secretary: Roman Michalak</p>
4. Members:	The Team includes around 60 officially nominated members from over 30 countries and more than 30 experts from various international organizations
5. Meetings held:	<p>Two full ToS Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 22-24.05.2012 - Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22.02.2013 <p>ToS sub-groups meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment sub-group: 21.-22.02.2012 Geneva, 6.11.2012 Geneva, 20.02.2012 Geneva - Socio-Economic Indicators sub-group 3.-4.12.2012 Helsinki

6. Outputs during period by mandate item:

Delivered major outputs

1. Regional contribution to Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2010 and 2015; GFRA 2015 plans and arrangements were discussed and processed in St. Petersburg's ToS meeting. Recommendations from the region for FRA questionnaire's tables and definitions were given.

2. Assistance in the preparation and review of the next report on the State of Europe's Forests (SoEF), for the Sixth and Seventh Ministerial Conferences: including advice on enquiries, definitions etc., covering quantitative indicators;

The Team contributed to the review of the production process, outputs and dissemination activities related to the SoEF 2011. The pan-European SFM reporting tables for the next SoEF report were further developed in 3 sub-groups, formed on thematic basis: a) Forest resources, carbon and forest health b) Increment and drain, c) Socio-economic indicators. Concrete proposals for developing the enquiry tables have been especially for tables related to increment and socio-economic indicators. Work continues in 2013, the whole questionnaire was subject to review of the Team at its Geneva's meeting. Further improvements in the enquiry tables are expected, from the thematic sub-groups.

To support the preparation of the next SoEF report, one sub-group worked on the assessment method. An outline of the assessment method was presented to the Expert Level Meeting in Madrid in February 2013; the method will be discussed by the ECE/FAO Working Party.

3. Improved reporting capacity of countries weak in reporting on criteria and indicators for the State of Europe's Forests Reports;

-

4. Guidance on the implementation of the forest type classification.

Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting decided in March 2013 that the reporting with the use of the new forest type classification in 2015 cycle will be discontinued.

and impact achieved:

Review of the pan-European questionnaire by the ToS ensured the soundness of developments and their relevance to the work done in countries and organisations. The ToS members believe that data quality will be improved due to improvement of enquiry tables and definitions.

The impact of the work done to develop enquiry tables and definitions can be assessed when the country reports of the next pan-European reporting of SFM are reviewed and when the next SoEF Report are written.

In addition to providing advice on the global and regional reporting, the ToS served as the forum for discussion and cooperation on forest related-reporting issues among the countries and organisation. The ToS provides an umbrella for the Forest Information Billboard - a thematic bulletin for exchange of information in this area. –

7. Expected outputs over next period by mandate item:

1. ToS members' contribution to the global meeting of national correspondents in Thailand, May 2013;

2. Final enquiry tables and definitions for the next SoEF reporting produced by the ECE/FAO secretariat with the support of ToS. Recommendations for reporting through International Data Providers, from the ToS meeting scheduled for October 2013.
3. Some ToS members will assist countries in preparation of their national reports for global and regional reporting.
4. Advice on alternative measures to reporting by the EFT that will be applied in 2015 reporting.

8. Issues for the attention of the Secretariat and the Working Party:

9. Comments, lessons learned:

Cooperation between the ToS and UNECE secretariat has been most successful. ECE/FAO secretariat has succeeded in motivating the work of ToS by acknowledging the expertise of both the Team as a whole, and individual members in most balanced way.