

UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2012 – TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST PRODUCTS

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM	
1. Name :	Eoin O'Driscoll
2. Period covered:	March 2012-February 2013
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:	Leader: Eoin O'Driscoll Deputies: Jeremy Wall, Branko GLAVONJIC and Eduard L. AKIM Secretary: Matt Fonseca
4. Members:	http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/other/Official_ToS_as_of_1_March_2011.pdf
5. Meetings held:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In October 2012, a ToS meeting was held during the Timber Committee Meeting. A number of points concerning plans for the Annual Market Review were discussed. Apart from this, the activity of the team has been limited. The lack of funds and secretariat staff was also cited as a limiting factor during the last year.
6. Outputs during period by mandate item and impact achieved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The team's mandate was discussed at our October meeting. Eoin suggested a simple mandate: "to enhance the use of wood and assist in guiding the FPAMR". Sylvain Labbé said that we should specifically "position wood as a sustainable forest product". Paola mentioned that the mandate and terms of reference will need to be linked with the Forestry and Timber Section Programme of Work. Eoin agreed to lead this work.
7. Expected outputs over next period by mandate item:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At our October 2012 meeting, there was significant discussion surrounding the role of the Team in producing the FPAMR. The ToS are currently working with the Secretariat to improve the FPAMR. - The ToS are currently working on a workshop on the use of wood in construction to be held in Brussels on October 23 2013 and a side event to be held at Metsä 2013. Both events have been discussed with the UNECE Secretariat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Brussels workshop will target a non timber audience
8. Issues for the attention of the Secretariat and the Working Party:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ToS are working with the Secretariat to provide multi-annual funding for the FPAMR and an annual capacity building workshop in SE Europe.
9. Comments, lessons learned:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-annual funding is required for both the FPAMR and for capacity building workshops in SE Europe

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