

**Draft Terms of Reference of
UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Capacity Building**

**ILO/UNECE/FAO JOINT EXPERT NETWORK ON
GREEN JOBS IN THE FOREST SECTOR**

**Reference to proposed Joint Programme of Work:
and Work Area 4 (Capacity Building)**
Programme element: XXX

A. OBJECTIVES:

1. Advise the secretariat for the implementation of the ECE/FAO Programme on employment-related issues: green jobs, competences and training in the forest sector.

B. ACTIVITIES:

1. Contribute to, and support the secretariat in, the implementation of activities of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy under Pillar C (decent green jobs) by:
 - a. Improving the monitoring and analysis of the forest sector workforce (including occupational health and safety),
 - b. Review forest sector workforce issues at all levels (policy, management, operations...) and discuss the main threats to the sustainability of the workforce,
 - c. Provide recommendations for the consideration of parent bodies to develop preventive and remedial action.
2. Assess and disseminate existing tools, and when appropriate, contribute to develop new tools to certify competences in the forest sector;
3. Advise and support the secretariat for the organization of meetings related to forest competences and training;
4. Contribute to the capacity building activities (work area 4) that are related to forest competences and training.

C. EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Recommendations, in close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, on ways and means to improve data collection and analysis on jobs, health and safety in the forest sector for better policy making (including for indicators 6.5 and 6.6 of the pan European Criteria and Indicators);
2. Feasibility study and, as appropriate, development of a framework for national action plans for decent green jobs in the forest sector (from development and enforcement of occupational safety and health regulations to communication campaigns targeting potential candidates through training) with examples and case studies;
3. Organization of one meeting to review and formulate recommendations to address the main forest sector workforce issues, including training and gender issues;
4. Assessment and dissemination of information on the existing competency certification schemes such as ConCert¹, ECC², and other tools that could be developed by EFESC³, while extending this approach to the whole UNECE region;
5. Participation in capacity-building activities, in particular the UN Development Account project for the Caucasus and Central Asia, by providing national experts and case studies, trainers and content for seminars etc.

¹ ConCert: Certification of Competency for forestry entrepreneurs

² ECC: European Chainsaw users' Certification

³ EFESC: European Forestry and Environmental Skills Council

D. BACKGROUND: FAO, ECE and ILO have been cooperating for 50 years through the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Management, Technology and Training which was discontinued in 2004. However the activity was revived in 2008 by the joint session of the TC and EFC in the form of a Team of Specialists (Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management).	
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DURATION	<i>From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable</i>
METHODS OF WORK	Annual meeting. Others to be determined by the Team
REPORTING	Annually, to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
TEAM LEADERS	To be elected at first Team meeting
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