

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

FOREST POLICY

**Reference to proposed Joint Programme of Work:
Work Area 2 (Policy Dialogue and Advice)
and Work Area 4 (Capacity Building)
Programme element: XXX**

A. OBJECTIVES:

1. Support the development of tools and capacity-building for sound policy making for the Forest Sector in the ECE Region.
2. Advise the secretariat for the implementation of the Work Area 2 of the Joint Programme of Work.

B. ACTIVITIES:

1. Advise and support the secretariat in:
 - a. The collection, review, analysis and dissemination of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the UNECE region;
 - b. The organization of policy dialogues at the regional and national level;
2. Contribute to:
 - a. The development of policy tools such as guidelines and recommendations and strengthen policy-related components of studies produced under work area 1;
 - b. Capacity-building activities (work area 4) that are related to forest policy development, institutions and green economy measures.
3. Provide advice and support the implementation of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

C. EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Contribution to a framework for collecting and analysing information on forest policies, institutions and instruments (to be developed in close cooperation with the ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management) with a view to:
 - a. Produce a publication (overview and analysis of existing forest policy and institutions models and main trends)
 - b. Contribute to the forest policy part of the FAO country profiles for the ECE region;
2. Support to the organization of regional policy dialogues (themes, speakers...) and provision of recommendations on further development of the national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods...);
3. Support to the drafting and review of policy outputs of the UNECE/FAO Programme of Work to tailor their messages to country needs and/or target groups;
4. Dissemination of ECE/FAO policy related work at national and sub-national levels;
5. Provision national experts and case studies, trainers and content for capacity building activities.

D. BACKGROUND:

The scope of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy in the EECCA region has been extended to cover the whole ECE region and to support the implementation of the policy related elements of the mandates of the TC and EFC:

According to ECE/TIM/2008/7 - FO: EFC/08/7, the FAO European Forestry Commission is mandated, *'To advise on the formulation of forest policy and to review and coordinate its implementation at the regional level; to exchange information and, generally through special subsidiary bodies, advise on suitable practices and action with regard to technical and economic problems, and to make appropriate*

recommendations in relation to the foregoing.

The same document states that the UNECE Timber Committee is expected to '... *provide member countries with the information and services which they need for policy and decision making as regards their forest and forest industry sector... and, when appropriate, formulate the recommendations addressed to member Government and interested organizations.*'

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METHODS OF WORK	Annual meeting. Other methods 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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