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ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

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Objectives of the Team

1. Contribute to the coordination of reporting on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management by MCPFE and Montreal process countries;
2. Support the regional contribution to the global Forest Resource Assessment FRA;
3. Strengthen the strategic discussion of the monitoring of sustainable forest management;
4. Improve countries' reporting capacities and support development of national systems of forest monitoring;
5. Provide advice on the implementation of the framework on forest types;
6. Contribute to the institutional cooperation on monitoring of forests;
7. Maintain and expand the international network and forums for discussion on forest resources and the monitoring of sustainable forest management.



Current Issues

- Global FRA2015 Enquiry Tables published in January 2013
 - includes several new tables, covers wider part of SFM than earlier inquiries
- SoEF2015 Reporting Tables to be published in few months



Main activity of the ToS in 2012: Support to improving the 2015 Enquiry Tables

- Socio-Economic indicators
 - Proposal for improved enquiry tables
- Forest Growth, Removals, Forest balance, FAWS
 - Clarification of concepts: GAI, NAI,...
 - Proposal for improved enquiry tables
- Other specific issues: Forest health, Age structure
 - Proposals for modifications in the tables
- SFM Assessment method
 - Discussion on the assessment process
 - Comments on the method drafted by Kit Prins



Meetings

- Full ToS meetings
 - St. Petersburg, Russia, 22-24 May 2012
 - Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 February 2013
- Sub-group meetings
 - Socio-economic indicators: Helsinki, Finland, 3-4 December 2012
 - Forest Growth & Removals: Stein Tomter & Andrius Kuliesis
 - SFM Assessment method: 3 meetings in Geneva



Next activities

- Support to ECE/FAO secretariat on:
 - finalising the SoEF 2015 enquiry tables
 - organisation of reporting through International Data Providers
- Support to countries on reporting: ToS meeting October 2013

