

**UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2014
– Monitoring SFM -**

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM (length max two pages)
1. Name:
UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management
2. Period covered:
March 2013-June 2014
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:
Leader: Stein M. Tomter Deputies: Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, Adrian Lanz, Kari T. Korhonen Secretary: Roman Michalak
4. Members: (Number only)
67
5. Countries: (List separated by comma)
Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan
6. Meetings held:
The 20 th meeting the Team (last under the previous Terms of Reference) was held on 18 October 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland; The 21 st meeting the Team (first under the new Terms of Reference), was held on 13-15 May 2014 in Izmir, Turkey.

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

In the 20th Meeting (18.10.2013) the Team discussed and commented on the reporting tables and procedures for the pan-European reporting 2015, with special emphasis on reporting through international data providers. The questionnaire tables were finalized and the reporting was officially launched by FOREST EUROPE and UNECE/FAO in November 2013.

In the 21st meeting the Team discussed its future work and initiated its work plan for the coming two years, provided several comments to develop the Forest Ownership Enquiry and discussed possible indicators related to Sustainable Development Goals.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

The next meeting of the Team is scheduled for 21-23 October 2014 in Geneva. The meeting will discuss the study on forests and sustainable forest management in the UNECE region and review the second draft of the Forest Ownership Enquiry.

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

The Team found several points in the Forest Ownership Enquiry that need further elaboration to guarantee good quality data. The Team agreed to process the next version of the Forest Ownership Enquiry in the next meeting that is planned for October 2014. It is foreseen that the enquiry can be launched in early 2015. The Team is also very interested to work on the assessment method of sustainable forest management and to support UNECE secretariat and FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit in evaluation of data provided by IDPs for the State of Europe's Forests report, as well as to support the report production in general.

10. Comments, lessons learned:

The Team is very active and participation in the meetings is at good level. In the 21st meeting it was agreed that the Team need to develop a prioritized and more detailed work plan with clear time lines and goals. The Team noted unbalanced participation, in particular underrepresentation of experts from South East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The Team noted that so far, efforts to broaden participation did not bring expected results, and considered organisation of a separate, capacity building workshop for experts from those regions.

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