

**UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2015
Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector
(Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)**

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM
1. Name :
Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)
2. Period covered:
June 2014 – March 2015
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:
Leader: Christian Salvignol (France) Deputies: Diarmuid McAree (Ireland), Andreas Bernasconi (Switzerland) Secretary: Elina Warsta
4. Members:
30 + secretary
5. Countries:
Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Uzbekistan (20)
6. Meetings held:
16 June 2014, Geneva, Switzerland (team meeting) 13-14 October 2014, Bern Switzerland (team leader meeting)
7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary research on Future Green Forest Jobs carried out by a detailed • SWOT Analysis on the actual state of “Forestry & the Green Economy” (ToS meeting in Geneva)

- Evaluation of the outputs in Nov.2014 by forestry students at University College Dublin
- Results were then collated and circulated and the outputs subsequently amended and adapted
- Proposal for an Action Plan was elaborated (team leader meeting)-then circulated for comments
- Outline of Future Green Forest Jobs was described including a Green Job definition proposal
- First descriptions of Future Green Forest Jobs were listed under various categories
- A Side-Workshop was convened with specialists and the concept was evaluated (December 2014)
- Adoption of the “Landscape of Future Green Forest Jobs”
- Presentations of the results so far (Lyss/CH; Berlin/DE; Kazan/RU; Dublin/IRL)

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

- Presentation and participation in a Workshop, Geneva (March 17, 2015)
- Input at conference in Barcelona (March 17, 2015)
- ToS team meeting on Future Green Forest Jobs, Geneva (March 24-25, 2015)
- Update of the “landscape of Future Green Forest Jobs”
- Meeting to prepare for Engelberg in Summer 2015
- Draft proposal on conclusions and recommendations, Summer 2015
- Presenting first results (Keynote) and exploring experiences (Workshop) during the 72nd joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission in Engelberg
- Update of the Action Plan for the ToS
- Launch new 'Green Jobs in the Forest Sector' website in September 2015
- Incorporation of results into forestry students university curriculum lectures (UCD/IRL)
- Preparation for Workshop/Seminar on Green Jobs in the Forestry Sector, Ireland in April 2016 - hosted by Crann - Trees for Ireland and the Irish Environmental Network.

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

The topic “Future Green Forest Jobs” is of high strategic importance for the whole forest sector. It is a crosslinking issue, which demands a high level of coordination and communication. In order to be able to fulfil the given tasks a minimum level of funding for the different activities will be required.

The Action Plan proposes major deliverables: a so called “hand book with recommendations” and “seminars and workshops” which should help to spread the information throughout the involved countries and ensure excellent knowledge transfer and enhanced capacity building.

10. Comments, lessons learned:

There are many actors and institutions working on the issues of forestry and the green economy. The work in progress done by the ToS should be given an official character (mandate) in order that the team members can adequately liaise with other relevant institutions and specialists. This should ensure that outputs are efficiently and effectively delivered and that there is no duplication of effort.