



Establishment and renewal of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

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- The ***Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work 2018 – 2021*** contains the Terms of References for eight Teams of Specialist [ECE/TIM/2017/2-FO:EFC/2017/2];
- Each single ToR of the ToS' highlights that the ***lifetime of the ToS' are limited*** (Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021)
- The Teams of Specialists are reviewed after two years, and the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party of Forest Statistics, Economics and Management provides recommendations to the Committee and the Commission for updating the Terms of Reference of the Teams of Specialists and for their extension or discontinuation.

Guidance on Work area:

Summary on ToS recommendations by the Joint Working Party

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Team of Specialists ...	Recommendation to the 2019 Joint Session of ECE COFFI and FAO EFC
... on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	Extension of existing mandate
... on Sustainable Forest Products	Extension of existing mandate
... on Forest Products Statistics	Extension of existing mandate
... on Wood Energy	Extension of existing mandate
... on Forest Sector Outlook	Extension of existing mandate Slightly amended mandate
... on Forest Policy (Forest Policy Network)	Integration into ToS on Forest Sector Outlook
... on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)	Merge with FAO global Forest Communicators' Network - FAO provides secretary - extension of existing mandate
... on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)	Increased coordination with Forest Europe (to be further discussed) Extension of existing mandate
... Boreal Forests	Establishment of new ToS



The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management at its forty-first session ***recommended the establishment of a Team of Specialist on Boreal Forests***, in accordance with the draft terms of reference.

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, and Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice”

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Draft Terms of Reference – A. Objectives (i)

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Contribute to ***science and policy cooperation*** on boreal forests, while reducing duplication of effort and encouraging the pursuit of cost-effective approaches for circumboreal cooperation;

Increase collaboration with the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA) and other boreal-related research organizations, in order to strengthen science and policy cooperation with regards to the boreal biome;



Improve awareness and understanding of the role boreal forests play in global issues such as climate change and the bioeconomy, as well as in addressing the challenges reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on any matters related to boreal forests within the integrated programme of work.

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Draft Terms of Reference – B. Activities and functions (i)



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Contribute to the ***exchange of information, experiences and best practices*** on boreal forests;

Facilitate a ***science policy dialogue on boreal forest issues***;

Where appropriate, contribute to ***identifying knowledge gaps*** that – when addressed – can provide policy responses to international challenges;

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Draft Terms of Reference – B. Activities and functions (ii)



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Work with other international bodies, including the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA), with a view to achieving coordination of initiatives;

Collaborate with other ECE/ FAO Teams of Specialists on cross-cutting issues.

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Draft Terms of Reference – C. Expected major outputs (i)



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The Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests will ***identify priority issues for the sustainable management of boreal forests***, taking into account regional realities and differences.

The Team will focus on ***increasing knowledge and understanding*** of issues related to boreal forests.

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Draft Terms of Reference – C. Expected major outputs (ii)



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Produce (and contribute to the production of) ***information products that reflect collaborative efforts on boreal forest issues;***

Produce, based on existing information, ***assessment and scoping documents, presentations and other information products describing existing conditions in boreal forests, and identifying important issues and opportunities in their management;***

Provide consultation and advice on boreal-related issues as needed.

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To ***advise and support*** the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the methodology, preparation and implementation of outlook studies.

Serve as a repository of global, regional, sub-regional and national forest sector outlook studies; and forest policy developments; and ***facilitate exchange of knowledge***.



Provide ***support and expertise*** to the secretariat to conduct a forest sector outlook study and related documents.

Present the findings of the studies in public forums, such as scientific and professional meetings.

Provide guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.

Provide support to the secretariat for ***enhancing member States' capacities*** on forest sector outlook studies.



Identify scenarios based on: structural developments in the forest sector; long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services; as well as impacts and implications of international and national policy developments.

Advise on ***timeline for new outlook studies*** and identify potential contributors and donors.

Undertake ***research in support of forest sector outlook studies***.



Provide an ***overview on alternative forest sector models.***

Contribute to ***strengthen policy-related components of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section's work and publications and disseminate information in support of decision making processes with regards to outlook studies and international forest policy developments*** (creation of policy briefs, sharing of informative materials).



Publication of the ECE/FAO Forest Sector Outlook Study and related documents.

Provide ***national level results of outlook studies***, if resources are made available.

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Committee and the Commission are invited to...



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- ... consider recommendations from the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management;
- ... agree on the establishment of the ToS (on Boreal Forests) and review and approve its draft terms of reference;
- ... review the proposals and adopt the relevant Terms of Reference;



Thank you!

