

Report by the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM
1. Name:
Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management Team website: https://www.unece.org/forests/fr/msfm.html
2. Period covered:
April 2019 – March 2020
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:
Leader: Mr. Adrian Lanz, Switzerland Deputies: Ms. Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, EEA; Mr. Kari T. Korhonen, Finland; Ms. Stefanie Linser, BOKU Secretary: Mr. Roman Michalak
4. Members:
53 (as of 19 February 2020)
5. Countries: (List separated by comma)
21 countries: (as of 19 February 2020) Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America
6. Meetings held:
Third (28 th) meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, European Environment Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark, 3-4 December 2019 https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53042

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

Provided input to the reporting of the FAO Global Forest Resources (FRA) 2020 and the Joint UNECE/FAO/FOREST EUROPE pan-European reporting; provided feedback on the completed national data collection; provided advice to Secretariats regarding the final outputs (including studies) and the dissemination process; discussed the final formats for presentation of national data reported through these two reporting processes, suggested possible developments and recommended the joint data platform as the main means for this purpose.

Discussed the results and reviewed the process of the reporting on forest ownership in the UNECE region; considering that possible next reporting on this topic is envisaged for around 2025 the Team carried out an initial review the national questionnaire on forest ownership in the UNECE region.

Discussed the initial results of the FRA and pan-European reporting on forest damage in the context of formats and relevance to the needs. Carried out enquiry on national forest damage reporting; on the basis of its results initiated the work on the improvement of consistency, quality and relevance of the future international reporting on forest damages; decided to initiate work on the study dedicated to forest damage in the UNECE region, including developing related international reporting formats and definitions. The Team established a sub-group on this topic (led by Michael Koehl).

The Forest Databanks Network (an informal sub-group of ToS experts in the field of forest data banks, led by Andrzej Talarczyk), initiated its work by developing a questionnaire to identify relevant national level data banks on forests in the UNECE region. In addition, the Network provided advice to the UNECE, FAO and Forest Europe Secretariats in terms of developing global and regional data portals.

Furthermore, Team Members provided direct contribution to the pan-European and global reporting systems, and related outputs as well as to the capacity building activities led by the Joint Section, in particular related to the implementation of the UNDA/UNECE/FAO project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

Support to the presentation and dissemination of the results of the Global and Pan-European 2020 reporting.

Improved information on status and trends, and definitions, related guidelines and reporting formats for international forest damage reporting, based on the results of the questionnaire survey on current methods and thematic study. Possible organization of the thematic conference on this topic.

Repository on national forest data banks; support and advice to the development of the pan-European forest information platform (linked to the FRA one) and the UNECE/FAO forest sector information website.

Advice to the capacity building work led by the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, related to strengthening capacities of countries in the field of forest monitoring.

The next meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM is planned for September 2020.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion)

- The completion of the study on forest ownership in the UNECE region marked a milestone in the work on this topic. The Team, recognising the results achieved, noted still insufficient availability of forest ownership related data and recommended continuing work that would support countries in this field.
- Results of the questionnaire on national forest damage assessment provided rich and valuable material on national work on this topic; in addition, they indicated the opportunity for extension of this work that would deepen analysis of forest damage in the UNECE region. The Team supported the idea of establishment of a project on the development of the study on this topic (based on existing information).
- The launch of the periodic global and regional forest information is scheduled for 2020, which will renew the data of 2015. The Team noted that the launch provides an excellent opportunity for the sector to highlight the visibility of this information, and the sector in general, possibly through concerted actions among all stakeholders of this process, both countries and organizations, also from beyond the traditional extent of the sector. The potential of currently built/developed repositories, websites and data platforms (at all levels) should be used to maximum extent in this regard.
- The Team noted the excellent overall rate of national responses to the international 2020 forest reporting, regardless of this, the recent reporting revealed even deepening differences among capacities of countries in collecting and analysing forest information. Improving of this situation requires thorough work starting from the root level and efforts to even reporting capacities across the UNECE region and worldwide are still of highest priority and highly recognised by the Team (e.g. in the Caucasus and Central Asia regions).

10. Other comments: (e.g. collaboration with other ToS, justification for not holding a meeting, etc.)

None at the time of preparation of this report

Report of ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name:

Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics
Team website: <https://www.unece.org/forests/tosfps.html>

2. Period covered:

April 2019 – March 2020

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader: Mr. Branko GLAVONJIĆ
Deputy: Ms. Graça LOURO
Secretary: Mr. Alex MCCUSKER

4. Members:

34 (as of 23 January 2020)

5. Countries:

(as of 23 January 2020) Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

6. Meetings held:

None in the reporting period but one meeting was held prior to the last session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on 26 March 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland and the next meeting is currently planned to be held on 26 March 2020, in Geneva, Switzerland.

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

The main ToS outputs in the last year were:

Collection of statistics and information within the:

1. Production of JFSQ for 2018, covering the compilation on post-consumer recovered wood as a single item, as agreed by the team and discussed during 2019.
2. Timber Forest Questionnaire 2019
3. Consolidation on the questionnaire for Engineered Wood Products (Glulam, CLT, LVL, I-beams, production and trade) which is being developed since 2017.
4. Active participation of ToS members in the production of the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2018-2019 (FPAMR 2018-2019)

Members of the ToS made significant contributions to the development of the upcoming Study on conversion factors.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

1. Work on roundwood removals methodology and information sources;
2. Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade. Continuing work on the wood balance. The issue of double counting will also be pursued. Wood chips – what are requirements for “clean” chips used in pulping. Distinguish them from energy chips;
3. Collection of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
4. Production of JFSQ for 2019;
5. Timber Forest Questionnaire 2019;
6. Support to the FPAMR production;
7. Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2019-2020;
8. Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2019-2020;
9. Improvement of the existing database and expansion of available information: Integration of 2017 changes into ECE database;
10. Capacity building of statistical correspondents and improving statistical system for forest products in South East European countries in cooperation with FAO (workshops, trainings);
11. Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party:

- Supporting the participation in the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
- Supporting to the Harmonized System 2022 revision, review of international classifications;
- Providing assistance to the initiatives for capacity building of statistical correspondents and improving the statistical system for forest products in countries in south eastern Europe. A 2020 capacity-building workshop could involve experts and non-experts with separate programmes. Serbia was identified as host country.

10. Other comments:

The continuation of discussion within ToS and between ToS and other international organizations and institutions concerning the upgrade of the statistical system for forest products.

Report of ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name:

[Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products](#)

2. Period covered:

April 2019 – March 2020

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader: Mr. Eoin O’Driscoll
Deputies: Mr. Delton Alderman and Mr. Jeremy Wall
Secretary: Mr. Matthew Fonseca

4. Members:

Eighty-six (as of 21 January 2020)

5. Countries: (List separated by comma)

Thirty-four countries: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan. (as of 21 January 2020)

6. Meetings held:

A [meeting](#) of the ToS was held on 5/11/2019 on the margins of the UNECE Forêt 2019
A meeting of the ToS will be held on the margins of this Working Party meeting.

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

Assisted the Joint Section with the production of the UNECE FPAMR 2019/2020, authored chapters, supplied photos, proof-read the FPAMR

Assisted the Joint Section with the organisation of the [Market Discussions](#) at Forêt 2019. This included speaker selection. An informal speaker meeting which was held over lunch prior to the market discussions was considered to be very helpful.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

Produce the FPAMR;

Organise and run the Market Discussions at the UNECE Timber Committee Meeting 2020. The format for same to be similar to that introduced in 2019;

Organise and run a workshop on the use of forest products in construction 19/5-20/5/2020;

Organise and run a workshop at CoP26 in Glasgow in November 2020.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion

- Securing adequate multi-annual funding for the production of the FPAMR.

10. Other comments: (e.g. collaboration with other ToS, justification for not holding a meeting, etc.)

We are in ongoing discussions with the secretariat of the UNECE Housing and Land Management regarding the organisation of joint meetings.

Report of ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name:

Team of Specialists on Wood Energy
Team website: <https://www.unece.org/forests/areas-of-work/forestswood-energy/team-of-specialists-on-wood-energy.html>

2. Period covered:

April 2019 – March 2020

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader: Mr. Francisco AGUILAR
Deputies: Ms. Karen ABT, Mr. Matthias DEES, Mr. Richard SIKKEMA, Mr. Dinko VUSIC
Secretary: Mr. Florian STEIERER

4. Members:

22 (as of 03 February 2020)

5. Countries: (List separated by comma)

(as of 03 February 2020) Austria, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Sweden, Serbia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

6. Meetings held:

Fifth Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy, 3 - 4 June 2019, Sweden, Umeå, hosted by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

The ToS contributed to the publication of Chapter 9 in the Forest Products Annual Market Review 'Wood Energy Markets'.

ToS members worked together in the analysis of residential wood energy consumption data and publication of scientific manuscript:

Glaserapp, S., Aguilar, F.X., Weimar, H., and U. Mantau. 2019. Assessment of residential wood energy consumption using German household-level data. *Biomass & Bioenergy*. 126: 117-129.

It was followed by a popular science manuscript released in the German press:

Glaserapp S, Aguilar FX, Mantau U, Weimar H (2019) Energetische Holzverwendung in Haushalten : Verbrauchsmusteranalyse gibt Einblicke in das Nutzungsverhalten der Privathaushalte in Deutschland. *Holz Zentralbl* 145(38): 814-815.

The ToS has sought continued collaboration on energy statistics with the International Energy Agency, Eurostat. There is an outstanding need for standardized statistics.

Some members of the ToS attended the Expert Workshop in support of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) Joint Initiative on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting. The event was held at the FAO headquarter in Rome from 22 – 24 October 2019.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

The ToS will have its annual meeting in Geneva on 26 March 2020.

The ToS will continue working on a better understanding and contribution to wood energy data in an upcoming report titled “Conversion factors for residential wood energy consumption prelude integration of forest products and energy statistics”.

The ToS will explore synergies between its mandate on Wood Energy and how its utilization relates to goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Another area of interest for the ToS is the linkage between wood energy production and potential air quality effects. We foresee synergies with other UN groups inclusive of the UNECE Air Convention, United Nations’ Environment Program, the World Health Organization and others.

A direct contribution of approaches to define the carbon neutrality of wood energy is another area of interest for the ToS Wood Energy and may bring synergies with UNFCCC.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion

- Foreseeing opportunities for cooperation with other UN-bodies (UNECE Air Convention, UNEP, WHO) in the context of the UNECE Air Convention.

10. Other comments: (e.g. collaboration with other ToS, justification for not holding a meeting, etc.)

In March 2020 there will be a joint session with the ToS on Forest Products Statistics to discuss the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry.

Report by the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name:

Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Team website: <https://www.unece.org/forests/areas-of-work/policy-dialogue-and-advice/forest-sector-outlook/methods-and-processes/team-of-specialists-on-forest-sector-outlook.html>

2. Period covered:

April 2019 – March 2020

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader:

Deputies: Mr. Jeffrey Prestemon, Mr. Ragnar Jonsson

Secretary: Ms. Birgit Lia Fain

4. Members:

42 (as of 22 January 2020)

5. Countries: (List separated by comma)

14 countries: (as of 22 January 2020) Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

6. Meetings held:

Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook (November 2019, virtual WEBEX meeting)

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

- Background document for the current Outlook study, available at the 41st Meeting of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, 27-29 March 2019, in Geneva;
- Presentation of preliminary results to the JWP at the meeting 27-29 March 2019;

- Contract executed to have Mr. Prakash Nepal prepare a Background Methodology Report as an adjunct to the full draft of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study (December 2019-February 2020).

Full draft of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study completed (March 2020).

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

- Presentation of the results of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study to the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (24-25 March 2020);
- Review of the full draft of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study (April - May 2020);
- First organizing meeting of the new Forest Sector Outlook-Forest Policy Team of Specialists (26 March 2020);
- Revisions of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study (May-September 2020);
- Publication of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study (October 2020);
- Public presentations of the 2020 Outlook (venues to be determined).

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion)

- Request country reviews of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study to be completed by 31 May 2020;
- Request possible venues for presentations of the 2020 FSOS;
- Request guidance on specific issues and activities in the coming term for the newly merged FSOS-FP ToS;
- New leadership team needed for the newly merged FSOS-FP ToS: Leader, Deputy Leaders (2).

10. Other comments: (e.g. collaboration with other ToS, justification for not holding a meeting, etc.)

- The ToS welcomes Mr. Tristan Herrmann as Interim Secretary to the team, taking up duties of Secretary Ms. Lia Fain.
- Vice Leader Jeff Prestemon will complete his participation in the ToS upon the publication of the 2020 Forest Sector Outlook Study.

Report by the Team of Specialists on Forest Communicators' Network (FNC)

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM	
1. Name:	Team of Specialists on Forest Communication – Forest Communicators' Network (FCN) Team website http://www.unece.org/forests/information/fcn.html
2. Period covered:	April 2019 – March 2020
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:	<p>Leader: Mr Kai Lintunen</p> <p>Deputies: Ms Jennifer Hayes, Mr Tomass Kotovics, Ms Gerda Wolfrum, Ms Lourdes Lázaro Marín</p> <p>Secretary: Ms Maria De Cristofaro</p>
4. Members: (Number only)	222
5. Countries: (List separated by comma)	<p>Countries: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan</p> <p>Organizations: EFIMED, 'Environmental culture and education' newspaper, Agri and Forest Enterprises, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Association Elkana, Austrian Federal Forests, Biostrategia, BOKU Vienna, Bund Deutscher Forstleute, CEI-Bois, Center for International Forest Research, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Chamber of Forest Engineers of Turkey, Coillte, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF), Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Confederation of Forest Industries, CPF, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Deutscher Forstverein E.V., Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), EFI FLEGT & REDD Unit, EFIATLANTIC, Environment Project, European Commission, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN), European Forest Institute, European Forest Institute, European Forest Institute(EFI) - Barcelona, European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR), FCN Africa, FCN Asia/Pacific, FCN Mediterranean/Near East, FCN South America, FERN, FHP Kooperationsplattform Forst Holz Papier, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Forest Aerial Protection Centre "Avialesookhrana", FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit Bratislava, Forest Management Institute, Forest Owners Association, Forest Research, Forest</p>

Research Institute of National Agricultural Research and Innovation centre, Forest research, Forestry commission, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia (CTFC), Forest Service - Pacific Northwest Research Station, Forest Training Center of Lyss, Forestis - Associação Florestal de Portugal, FSC International, General Directorate of the State Forests, German Forest Society, Giny Comunicació, Global Forest Information Service and IUFRO, Global Forest Program, World Wide Fund for Nature, Iceland Forest Service, ICTA-UAB, International Forestry Students Association, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), IUFRO, Kobzina Consulting, Kompetenzzentrum Holz GmbH, Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users (KAFLU), Magazine Forestry and Hunting Management, MEDfOR Erasmus Mundus Secretariat, METO - Forestry Experts' Association, Finland, Minerva Communications, Mountain Partnership CA, MSc Forestry Professional Board in Spain (COIM), NARIC Forest Research Institute, North-West region forestry programs, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Partnerships for Forests - DFID-funded forestry and land use programme - UK, PEFC Council asbl, Press service of State Forest Resources Agency, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), ProHolz Austria, Responsible Asia Forestry&Trade Program RAFT, Steindlegger ISS - Integrated Sustainability Solutions, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Inc, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SYLVA NOVA, The Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development (LECRD) Project, The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center, The University of British Columbia, The World Conservation Union (IUCN), UEF, UNDP Turkey, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, Union de Selvicultores del Sur de Europe, AEIE (USSE), United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Université catholique de Louvain Belgium, Université De Lorraine, University of British Columbia, University of Shiga Prefecture, University of Suceva, Faculty of Forestry, Walloon Economic Office for Wood, WBCSD, Werkstatt Natur, World Bank, World Bank Russia Country Office, World Forestry Center, World Forestry Institute.

6. Meetings held:

- EU Commission Conference “Our Forests, Our Future” 25-26.4.2019 Brussels;
- FCN annual meeting 21-23.5.2019 Oslo;
- Asia-Pacific Forest Week 17.-21.6.2019 Seoul/Incheon;
- FCN Task Force 29-30.9.2019 Rome;
- FCN Task Force 25-26.11.2019 Wien;
- Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World (SW4SW) communication workshop 17-18.12.2019 Rome;
- Communication workshop for German forest communicators 20.1.2020 Berlin.

Other activities with FCN participation or support:

- Mediterranean Forest Week 29.3.-3.4.2019 Lebanon;
- German National Forest Days workshop 8.-10.5.2019 Dresden;
- UN Mountain Partnership communications workshop 8.-9.7.2019 Trento;
- Ecological Restoration World Congress communication session and Global Forest; Communications Coordination Group meeting 23.-26.9.2019 Cape Town;
- IUFRO World Congress 29.9.-3.10.2019 Curitiba;
- PEFC 20 years conference 3.10.2019 London.

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the revision of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe; • Promoting the making of a survey among European Communicators on common messages within forest communication in the UNECE region; • Input to the International Day of Forests video spot; • Promoting work on updating public perception research.
<p>8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCN members to organize communications session and a workshop at IUCN World Congress; France 2020; • FCN members to participate at the global communication session and organize a communications session and a workshop at World Architecture Congress Brazil 2020; • Organizing a communication workshop on SW4SW in North America 2020; • Contributing to upcoming communications sessions; • Contributing to the World Forestry Congress; • Communication advice on the International Day of Forests 2019 and 2020; • Work on updating the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe; • Work on updating public perception research.
<p>9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next FCN Meeting in Slovenia September 2020.
<p>10. Other comments: (collaboration with other ToS)</p>

Report by the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM
1. Name:
Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector Team website: https://www.unece.org/forests/sc/methodsandprocesses/fao/ece/ilo.html
2. Period covered:
April 2019 – March 2020
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:
Leader: Mr. Andreas Bernasconi Deputies: Mr. Diarmuid McAree, Mr. Josef Herkendell Secretary: Ms. Alicja Kacprzak
4. Members:
12 (as of 21 January 2020); same as in chapter 5
5. Countries: (List separated by comma)
9 countries: (as of 21 January 2020) Austria, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine; and ILO
6. Meetings held:
27 June 2019, Madrid Spain (https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=51529) 16 October 2019, conference call of the ToS 5 November 2019, meeting of the team members (Geneva) 24 March 2020, meeting of team members during the UNECE/FAO Working Party meeting (Geneva)
7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">June 2019: support and organisation of the second knowledge - sharing workshop in Madrid (innovation, bioeconomy, value of forests). Impact: knowledge sharing among participants.

- 5 Nov. organisation of a side-event during the Joint Session of COFFI/EFC (Green Forest Jobs in a Circular Economy). Impact: knowledge sharing among the participants.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

The objective of the ToS work on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector is to advise and support the secretariat on the implementation of the ECE/FAO Integrated Program of Work on issues related to employment in the forest sector such as: jobs, needed competencies, education and training in a green economy.

The guidelines on Green Forest Jobs in the Forest Sector have been approved and will give the framework for future activities.

Planned Outputs 2020:

- Best practice examples based on the guidelines. Impact: knowledge sharing on the internet.
- Foresight Trend Analysis on Green Forest Jobs to be organised during the annual meeting of the ToS. Impact: knowledge sharing in the Forest Billboard.

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion

Question to the UNECE/FAO member States:

- Any advice on the future thematic focus after 2021 for the ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector?
- Any advice on the collaboration with other key partners on the topic, including ILO and Forest Europe?
- Which ongoing international programmes should be taken into consideration for the future work of the ToS?

10. Other comments: (e.g. collaboration with other ToS, justification for not holding a meeting, etc.)

The close and ongoing cooperation with the ILO and Forest Europe is particularly noteworthy.

Cooperation with the Forest Europe network was intensified during 2019 and is envisioned to continue – depending on the outcome of the 2020 Forest Europe Ministerial Conference and subsequently how the theme of green jobs will be covered in the future UNECE/FAO joint program of work.