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UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

(Joint ILO/UNECE/FAO Experts Network)

First meeting online, 16 November 2020

Meeting Report

Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Acting Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section provided opening remarks.

- Item 1** Adoption of the agenda
Agenda was adopted without changes.
- Item 2** Election of Team Leaders
The Team and the secretariat thanked the outgoing Team Leaders for their contribution. A special thanks was addressed to Mr. Diarmuid McAree and Mr Josef Herkendell for their long-standing and important contributions to the work of the ToS. Ms. Carmen Aviles (Spain) was elected as Team Leader, Mr. Andreas Bernasconi (Switzerland) and Mr. Fredrik Silfwerbrand (Sweden) were elected Deputy Leaders. The Team and the secretariat congratulated newly elected Leaders.
- Item 3** Briefing from the COFFI session
The secretariat presented decisions of the seventy-sixth session of COFFI which took place on 4-6 November 2020. ToS members expressed their disappointment with the possibility of discontinuation of the Team. The ToS members were convinced, that forest workforce and green forest jobs strategies are key factors to overcome the expected future challenges facing the forest sector. The secretariat proposed to share the link to the results of the Strategic Programme Review (<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=54660>). The secretariat recommended the Team to continue their work as planned and encouraged it to explain how it contributes to the UNECE/FAO Programme of Work during the next session of the Joint Working Party. The Team decided to prepare a policy brief and a presentation concerning the future of the forest workforce for the next session of the Joint Working Party.
- Item 4** Update on the work of the taskforce
Mr. Peter Poschen presented the work of the Taskforce and the planned approach to the visualization of the Guidelines. The ToS supported the proposed outline and procedure and integrated these activities in the list of activities of the ToS. The Team Leader informed participants that she would send a request for inputs to all team members, attaching the note describing the expected inputs.
- Item 5** Finalisation of the list of activities
The Team discussed addition to the following activities to the draft list: Team meeting in February and towards the end of 2021; preparation of a policy brief and a presentation about the future of the forest workforce for the Working Party session in March 2021; elaboration and publication of visualization examples (see Agenda Item 4). The Team adopted the list of activities with these changes.



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- Item 6** Time and place of the next meeting
The Team agreed to hold the next online meeting in February. The exact date will be confirmed in due time.
- Item 7** AOB
Mr. Andreas Bernasconi thanked the team-members, the former Co-Leaders and the secretariat to their contribution and their initiative. He said that the development of the forest workforce is an important basis for the future development of the sector.
- Item 8** Closing and next steps
A policy brief and a presentation concerning the future of the forest workforce will be prepared for the next ToS meeting.



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Annex 1

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List of activities

1. Relevance of suggested activities to the Terms of Reference¹
 - “Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and member States and regional economic integration organizations on employment-related issues”
 - “Analyze the green job potential as well as green jobs curricula in the forest sector”
 - “Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the organization of meetings and workshops related to forest sector workforce”

2. Activities 2020
 - Report to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
 - Taskforce work on the visualization of UNECE/FAO/Forest Europe Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Job in Forestry
 - Informal call 14 May 2020
 - Elaboration of concept for the visualization of UNECE/FAO/Forest Europe Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Job in Forestry
 - Informal call 15 September 2020
 - Elaboration of examples for the visualization of Guidelines
 - ToS meeting online 16 November 2020

3. Activities 2021
 - ToS meeting February 2021 and by the end of 2021
 - Policy brief preparation
 - Report to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
 - Elaboration of examples for the visualization of Guidelines
 - Workshop on visualization of Guidelines June 2021
 - Communication on the Visualization of Guidelines



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Annex 2

List of participants:

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2. Bernasconi Andreas
3. Bücken Arno
4. Cedergen Jonas
5. Hermans Pierre
6. Kallioniemi Marja
7. Kaspar Jan
8. Katajamaki Waltteri
9. Kiyko Orest
10. McAree Diarmuid
11. Özdemir Turkan
12. Poschen Peter
13. Poputti Ilpo
14. Silfwerbrand Fredrik
15. Tikkanen Jukka

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2. Sambucini Gianluca