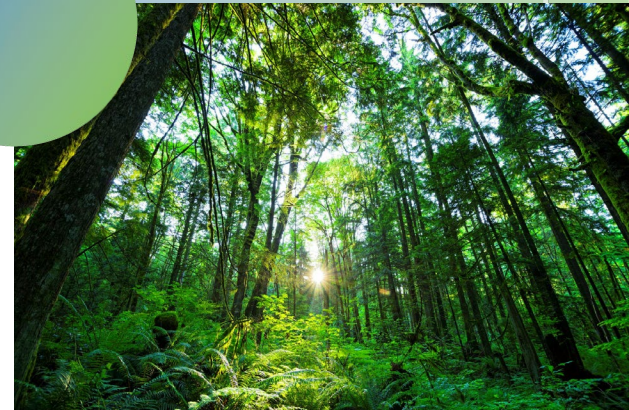




# Activities and developments on Boreal Forests

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# Implemented activities and outputs in 2021/2022

## ECE-FAO Boreal Teams of Specialists

**17 Active members**

### Participating Countries:

**Canada**

**Finland**

**Lithuania**

**Norway**

**Russian Federation**

**Sweden**

**United States of America**

- **3 online meetings held since 42<sup>nd</sup> session of JWP**
  - 23 June 2021,  
13 October 2021,  
2 March 2022
  - ~23 participants from 7 countries
  - Interpretation in Russian and English provided

# Implemented activities and outputs in 2021/2022

## High-level review of International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA) [Insight Process Report](#)

- Focused comments on policy implications and identification of gaps to inform next round of Insight Process
- Comments submitted from 5 participating countries
- Comments summary provided to IBFRA

# Implemented activities and outputs in 2021/2022

- Side event on wildfires at the International Boreal Forest Research Association Conference with **more than 60 participants** in August 2021

Blog post about the event published by the Executive Secretary of UNECE:

**Forest restoration is key to prevent the multiplication of wildfires and strengthen climate action**

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27 August 2021

August is wildfire season in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere. Many areas in the UNECE region, including North America, Siberia, and Mediterranean countries have experienced unusually hot and dry weather this year, and with that some of the biggest wildfires on record. Areas burned in Turkey and Greece were approximately 8 and 12 times larger than average, respectively. Clouds of toxic smoke from the boreal forested Sakha Republic in Siberia (Russian Federation), have drifted as far as the North Pole.



2021 IBFRA Conference Side Event  
**The science and policy of wildfires in the boreal biome**  
Friday, 20 August 2021 – Day 5, 15:00-17:00 CET (ENG | RUS – Zoom)

Opening

Moderator: Ms. Maria Sokolenko (IFA Russian Federation)

Speakers:

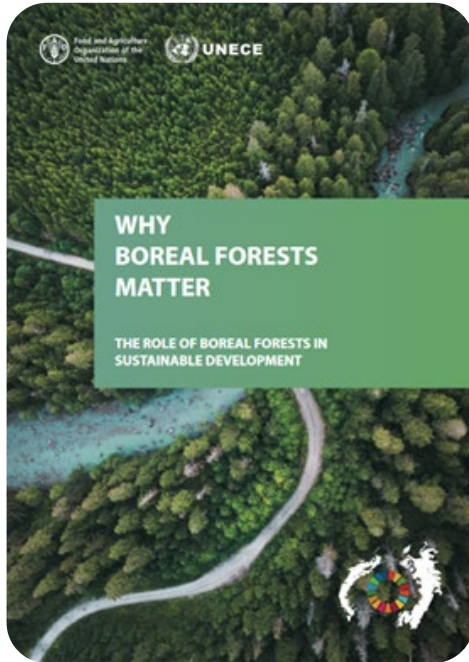
- Mr. Denis Yermohanov (Canadian Forest Service)
- Mr. Frank Koch (U.S. Forest Service)
- Mr. Henrik Lindberg (Hime University)
- Mr. Roman Kotelnikov (Russian Research Institute)
- Mr. Andrey Eritsov (APPS Russian Federation)
- Ms. Lynn Johnston (Canadian Forest Service)
- Ms. Olga Algyerova (UNECE)
- Mr. Florian Kraemer (IBFRA)
- Ms. Anastasy Shvidenko (RAS Academy of Sciences)
- Mr. Alexander Kryshen (Russian Academy of Sciences)
- Mr. Johann Goldammer (GIMC)
- Mr. Vladimir Dmitriev (IFA Russian Federation)
- Mr. Edward Struzik (Island Press and Queen's University)

- Organization and participation in a session, “The science and policy of wildfires in the boreal biome”

# Implemented activities and outputs in 2021/2022

## Publications:

Brochure on “Why boreal forests matter – the role of boreal forests in sustainable development”



Infographic on the risks of climate change for boreal forests and the mitigation potential through international cooperation.

Distributed via social media during the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021

Website: [unece.org/forests/team-specialists-boreal-forests](https://unece.org/forests/team-specialists-boreal-forests)

# Planned outputs and activities in 2022/2023

- Continue to **strengthen the dialogue between boreal forest scientists and policy-makers** to address climate-related challenges
- Organize a **webinar series** with other organizations involved in boreal issues (IUFRO, IBFRA)
- Publish **facts sheets and policy briefs** on boreal-relevant issues of concern

**The Impact** - Continue to raise the awareness of boreal forest issues for stakeholders and the general public, and promote and realize international cooperation on boreal issues, both in terms of science and policy.



# THANK YOU

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