



## Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Experts Network)

8-9 September 2015, La Bastide, France

The team meeting was organised by the chair of the team, Christian Salvignol (France). The following team members participated at the meeting: Josef Herkendell (Germany), Diarmuid McAree (Ireland), Christian Salvignol (France), Andreas Bernasconi (Switzerland). Feedback and Inputs before and immediately after the meeting by Elina Warsta (UNECE-FAO) and Hakan Nystrand (Finland) were taken into account.

### 1. Introduction

#### Goals of the meeting

- Adaptation of the Report on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (-> see chapter 3).
- Preparation of the Side-Event in Engelberg (-> see chapter 4)
- Amendment and Adaptation of the Action Plan of the Team (-> see chapter 5).
- Finalising the next Newsletter (-> see chapter 6).
- Improving further steps in communication (-> see chapter 7).

#### Setting, Meeting Sessions

- Place: Training Centre in La Bastide des Jordans, France.
- Date/Session Slots:  
Tuesday 8 September Morning and Afternoon; Wednesday 9 September Morning.

#### Outputs/Results of the meeting

- Meeting summary (*this report*)
- Update To Do List (*see attached document*)
- Finalised Newsletter (*see document sent by CS*)
- Adopted Action Plan 2014-2017 (-> *see adopted action plan*, attached document)
- Concept Side-Event Engelberg (-> *draft will follow during September*)
- Update of the Report on Green Jobs in the forest sector (*draft will be sent by early October*)

### 2. General informations and inputs

#### *General remarks and findings*

- One of our major tasks is to identify and promote possibilities for (new) green jobs in the forest sector.
- Our issue (Green Forest Jobs) is linked with many other ongoing activities; e.g. programmes under the umbrella of Education for sustainable development or all the studies and actions linked to Ecosystem Services or/and valuation of forest ecosystem services.
- There are also many links to statistics: definition and limitations of Green Forest Jobs.
- Several countries with specific forest education strategies (e.g. in CH).

#### *The general context "transition of work perspectives" ("Chapter 0")*

- Dramatic changes in employment are taking place.
- Important trends such as migration and urbanisation and demographic changes in society have to be taken into account.
- With the developments in technology new work fields are developing. These technological developments influence new procedures and skills (e.g. self repairing machines).
- **-> There is an urgent need for the adaptation of the work force due to changes in society, the economy and new technologies!**



### 3. Report on Green Forest Jobs

The following amendments have been decided:

- Title : Landscape was considered to be inappropriate word in the heading; the title was changed to read “Green Jobs in the forest sector”.
- A Management Summary is to be included in the beginning of the report.
- Figure 1: distinguish (a) traditional & current GFJ and (b) future new GFJ; change of the two areas “Health and recreation” and “biodiversity and forest protection”.
- Literature: some of the literature references are not mentioned in the text (-> to be corrected).

*Discussion of the actual version (sent on Saturday, 5th of september):*

- The figure 1 might widen the view on the potential and is considered as worthwhile.
- Several details (already corrected; see next version/draft).

*Chapters to be done*

- Management Summary (-> Andreas)
- New subchapter about Ecosystems Services (-> Andreas)
- Text Chapter 4.1 (-> Hakan).
- Text Chapter 4.6 (-> Christian).
- Conclusions (-> all).

*Other comments:*

- Knowledge Transfer includes practical implementation of knowledge, putting into practice what science has developed.

*Further procedure*

- September 15: Further inputs for remaining chapters (see above).
- End of September: adaptation of new version (first official draft of complete report) (-> Andreas)
- October 2: first draft (complete report) goes to the whole team (-> Andreas)
- October 9: Feedback to the first draft (-> all)
- October 16: Second draft (complete report / Engelberg version) goes to the whole team (-> Andreas)
- October 23: Feedback on the second draft (-> all)
- October 30: The report is finished, online (Eduforest) and some examples. are copied for Engelberg (-> Andreas).

### 4. Side-Event in Engelberg

*Side-Event: the framework*

- Date: Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.
- Potential time: 12.15 – 13.45 (during Lunch time).

*Outline of the ToS Side-Event*

- 30' (12.30-13.00); “short and clear”.
- structure: short presentation (15’); discussion (12’); final word (3’).
- Participation: C. Salvignol, A. Bernasconi, J. Herkendell (most probably) D.McAree (funds permitting).
- Presentation and final word: C. Salvignol.
- Brown Bag Lunch.
- Logistics: A. Bernasconi.

*Presentation (20’ max)*

- Introduction (slide 1)  
mandate ToS and main message of ToS.
- The general context (chapter 0, see arguments above) (slide 2)
- Six Examples - covering the six areas according to figure 1 of the report (slides 3 to 8), e.g. Woody biomass; Bioremediation; Climate change adaptation; Forest recreation/health green prescription. Ecotherapy, Education/Training
- Final statement: Conclusion and introduction to discussion (slide 9).  
Adaptable workforce; what do we have to do in order to generate new Green Forest Jobs.



### *Further comments and side-actions*

- Poster: no poster.
- Important is the exchange of ideas and to directly talk to people at the side event.
- List of interested people for report (List with eMail-Addresses).
- 3 Ex. of report (printed version).
- Powerpoint with examples.
- If possible we will try to contact members of other ToS to find out more about common aims and objectives

## 5. Adoption of the Action Plan

*The following amendments have been decided:*

- Time Frame: The Action Plan has to be adopted (Working plan until 2017).
- The Goal was agreed as follows: To Identify and list existing and potential Green Forest Jobs in the forest sector.
- Possible Workshop on Green Forest Jobs in June/July 2016 in Ireland.( D.McA) With examples and first results of surveys of some countries and presentations on Forest Ecotherapy

## 6. Newsletter

*Newsletter*

- The text for the next newsletter was discussed and adopted ( C. Salvignol,D.McAree)).
- An official newsletter from Geneva has to be sent out from Geneva pretty soon to let all the countries know about the further steps.

## 7. Communication and Networking

*Special activities and To Do's*

- Check COST Actions ongoing and during the last years with the issue of Green Forest Jobs (-> J. Herkendell,D, McAree).
- The official announcement e.g. of the side-event in Engelberg has to go through UNECE, ILO and FAO (joint letter of the three departments).
- Communication of our results to relevant agencies and institutions (-> separate communication list).
- Contact Kit. Prins (-> C. Salvignol).
- A list of specialists and contact points (topics: Green Economy, statistics) within ILO/FAO/ECE should be given (-> E. Warsta).

## 8. Resources

*Ambitious programme.*

The goal and the proposed targets are considered to be a very ambitious programme. So far the work that has been done has been based on the work of the active Team members without any support from Geneva. The proposed further deliverables are dependent on funding by the supporting institutions.

## 9. Next Steps

The milestones for our future work are described in the revised action plan (see attached file). The special tasks are summarised in the attached To Do List.

Bern, September 2015, Andreas Bernasconi