



Meeting of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Room S1, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday 16 June 2014

Starting at 10.00 a.m.

BACKGROUND

The last meeting of the Team of Specialists (ToS) on Forest Sector Outlook was held during the European Forest Week on 10 December 2013 in Rovaniemi, Finland. The meeting documents, presentations and reports are available [online](#).

During the same week, the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission held their joint session ‘Metsä2013’ and adopted their ***Integrated Programme of Work for 2014-2017*** (see Annex IV of the meeting [report](#)), which contains renewed terms of reference for the Team as well as guidelines applicable to all Teams (see Annex V of the meeting [report](#)).

The first meeting of the ToS for the period 2014-2017 will take place on day before the annual session of the ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management scheduled on 17 and 18 June 2014. For more information on the Working Party session or other meetings held on 16 June 2014, please visit our [meetings and events page](#).

Outlook activities are mentioned under work area 2 “Policy advice and dialogue” and will also benefit from the work conducted under work area 1 “Data, monitoring and assessment”. ‘Metsä2013’ also approved the ***Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy*** (Annex III of the [report](#)), which provides some recommendations on outlook studies (B.1.2: monitoring of the developments in wood energy to be compared with policy targets, demand for wood energy to be compared with the forest sector potential and E.2.1: inter-organisation cooperation on outlook studies).

This Team meeting will focus on:

- **The establishment of the new Team and the election of its officers;**
- **The review of the draft Concept for the next round of Outlook Studies (tbc);**
- **The preparation of a work plan for the Team;**
- **Recent regional and national developments.**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Introduction of the participants (tour de table)
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Presentation of the Terms of Reference and ECE/FAO Guidelines for ToS
4. Election of Officers (one Leader and up to two Deputy Leaders according to the Guidelines)
5. Presentation of the new list of Team Members
6. Lessons learned during the last round of Outlook Studies
7. Status of the EFSOS II discussion papers
8. Draft Concept paper for the next round of Outlook Studies (tbc)
9. Development of a work plan for 2014-2015 for the Team
10. Focus on wood energy: Classifying the amount of wood for energy-use based on the NREAP (National Renewable Energy Action Plans) progress reports 2013
11. Briefing by participants on recent regional and national developments
12. A.O.B.
13. Conclusion

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