

**Monitoring Forest Resources for Sustainable Forest Management:  
Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists – 21-22 May 2007, Edinburgh**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

The ToS meeting will take place in the premises of the UK Forestry Commission in Edinburgh (Scotland), on 21-22 May 2007. The proposed provisional agenda is agreed with the ToS Leader, Deputy Leaders, and hosts of the ToS meeting (Simon Gillam). It will be presented and discussed at the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party in March (ToS governing governmental body).

Your further proposals/ suggestions to the Agenda and Programme of the ToS meeting, as well as your comments on the forthcoming event in general, are welcome and would be much appreciated. We would also be very grateful for your timely registration, which would assist the meeting's organization. Traditionally, the working language of the ToS meeting will be English.

The UK Forestry Commission will be arranging a dinner for all participants on the evening of 21 May, in the Mansion House of Edinburgh Zoo, and will be providing a buffet lunch on both days of the meeting. Please note that organizers are not in a position to provide any other financial support for participation in the meeting.

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation reservations, and are advised to book early. The closest hotel to the venue is the Holiday Inn Edinburgh, but the best rate now available is around £100/night, so a block reservation has not been made there. For those able to book early, the UK Forestry Commission has arranged with the Edinburgh Capital Hotel (about 1.5km from the venue) to hold a number of rooms until 9 March at the special rate of £57/night (single, including breakfast). For this offer, book direct with the hotel (telephone + 44 131 528 9900, fax + 44 131 334 9712), quoting Forestry Commission and reference AILEEN.

Simon Gillam has provided a map/ plan of the ToS meeting's venue with the practical information (attached). You might also wish to consult the following web links: Edinburgh Capital Hotel <<http://www.edinburghcapitalhotel.co.uk/>>, Holiday Inn Edinburgh <<http://www.edinburgh.holiday-inn.com/>>, and Edinburgh Zoo <<http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/>> (for the Mansion House see "*Conferences & Weddings*"). More details on the organization of the ToS meeting will come to you later.