



Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management

## **Meeting of the Steering Committee**

Geneva, 12 January 2011

### **Report of the meeting**

1. The meeting was attended by Mr. Christian Salvignol (France, Chair), Mr. Diarmuid McAree (Ireland, Vice-Chair), Mr. Martin Büchel (Switzerland, Vice-Chair), Mr. Josef Herkendell (Germany, European Environment Agency, Vice-Chair), Ms. Paola Deda (UNECE/FAO) and Mr. Arnaud Brizay (UNECE/FAO, Secretary).

#### **Item 1 Mandate and Membership of the Joint Network**

2. The mandates for the seven teams of specialists, including the Joint Network, have been renewed at the last session of the Timber Committee. In order to strengthen the network, a call for new membership could be arranged using the forest email list of IISD ([www.iisd.ca](http://www.iisd.ca)).

#### **Item 2 Secretariat**

3. Mr. Brizay, recently seconded by the French Ministry of Agriculture to the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber section, is now on in charge of the Secretariat of the Joint Network.

#### **Item 3 Interaction with others Team of Specialists**

4. Exchange of information and meeting between Chairs of the teams of specialists is strongly recommended. Such informal meetings could take place during the Regional Forest Information Week (21-25 March 2011, Geneva). Additionally, the creation of a new Working Party, or the renewal of the mandate for the WP on Forests Economics and Statistics, could provide a forum where all Teams could formalize these exchanges.

**Item 4          Fund raising**

5. Operating costs cannot be funded directly. They must be included in the budget of the Network projects. In order to promote fundraising for the projects of the Joint Network, an attractive brochure on the network (goals, achievements, practical examples...) should be assembled as soon as possible (first draft and editing by Mr. Salvignol, with the help of the ECE designer). This brochure will be attached to a letter for potential donors (see list in the report of the preparatory meeting for the seminar about the impact of climate change on forest work).

**Item 5          Communication**

6. The Joint Network webpage of [www.unece.org/timber](http://www.unece.org/timber) should be revised in order to improve content and give access to its newsletters (incl. archive system), which should also be broadcasted on the IISD Forest email List.