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ToS SFP: Surveying results

- At the joint meeting in Antalya in October 2011, the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission approved the methodology and timeline for the Strategic Review of the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work on Forestry and Timber.
- As part of this strategic review, ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists were requested to provide feedback.
- To this end, and to facilitate internal consultation, the TC and EFC bureaux prepared a questionnaire that was sent to ToS members.
- During December 2011 and January 2012 surveying of all ToS SFP members in all member countries was conducted.
- Detailed results of this surveying are available in printed form.



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- Eight responses from members with an average of 7 years of involvement in the ToS SFP ranging from 3 years to over 10 years. Background of respondents is varied but all indicated that they worked in some aspect of forest sector marketing or business development.
- 63% of respondents feel that in their position they do have a direct influence on the implementation of the outcome of the ToS work in their country.
- Respondents expressed a lack of formal methods of disseminating results from ToS and Timber Committee (TC) sessions to colleagues in their home countries. The TC Secretariat and ToS Leaders could have a greater role in establishing these formal dissemination protocols.
- Resources/Funding to attend meetings is a significant issue. There should be mechanisms in the TC infrastructure to budget for travel expenses for ToS Leaders and other officers. Member country and industry funds should be actively sought.



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- The Team Mandate is clear but it was suggested to update it more frequently.
- Respondents were split on the clarity and effectiveness of reporting procedures of the ToS back to UNECE/FAO.
- On a scale of 1=not effective at all to 5=extremely effective, the average overall quality of the team leader is 4.2, while the average score for support by UNECE/FAO secretariat is 4.0.
- Regional coverage is considered as adequate although emerging countries outside the UNECE should be given increased emphasis, particularly with regard to impacts on global and UNECE wood markets.



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- **Conclusions and recommendations**
- WE APPRECIATE THE PUBLISHED ANNUAL REVIEWS AND WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO IMPLEMENT A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS WITH DATA FOR 3-5-7 YEARS.
- APPROPRIATE, ALSO TO PUT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE TIMBER COMMITTEE THE AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MARKET DISCUSSIONS, AND ALL SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION, MADE BY SECRETARIAT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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