70th Session of the Timber Committee

Results of Team of Specialists
Internal Evaluations
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Background

- Part of the Strategic Review of ECE/FAO
- 7 ToSs to contribute to integrated work programme 2008-2013
  - Sustainable Forest Products
  - Monitoring Sustainable Forest management
  - Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
  - Forest Fire
  - Forest Communicators Network
  - Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest management
  - Forest Sector Outlook
Methodology – Timeline

• Set of questions developed by Bureaux → Team Leader, 28/11/2011
• 34 questions: qualitative/quantitative
• Deadline February 15th, 2012 then end of April
• Responses:
  • Sustainable Forest Products: 8 out of 49
  • Monitoring SFM: 9 out of 90
  • Forest Policy in EE and CA: 3 out of 55
  • Forest Fire: 10 out of 34
  • Forest Communicators Network: 6 out of 134
  • Joint Expert Network: 1 out of 43
  • Outlook: 8 out of 93
  • Total: 45 out of 458
• ToS Leaders prepared a short report
• Discussions during WP FSEM, Geneva March 2012
Main Conclusions (1)

• **Sustainable Forest Products**: Satisfied with output, mandate and reaching out could be improved, recommend participation of forest industries and NGOs

• **Monitoring SFM**: good assessment of work, structure and team, lack of expertise on socio-economic indicators, little progress on improving capacity of countries with weak reporting, need for additional resources for outreach, decreased involvement in issues relevant to NA → new approach: cooperation with Montreal Process

• **Forest Policy in EE and CA**: identify members involved in forest policy, better planning and monitoring, need for funding
Main Conclusions (2)

- **Forest Fire**: active participation, important and relevant issue, need to address forest fire prevention (review mandate)
- **Forest Communicators Network**: services of FCN sought after, clarify reporting lines, lack of funding
- **Joint Expert Network**: lack of funding, need to be informed about work of other ToSs, enhance collaboration amongst ToSs
- **Outlook**: put more emphasis on globalisation, emerging economies and climate change, more coherence between modelling of scenarios, consider outlook at ECE level
General Conclusions

- Low response rate (passive participation, questionnaire)
- Main motivation: exchange + networking
- Themes relevant
- Some teams with clear mandate significant contribution, others unclear → lack of participation & tangible outputs
- Good country representation, but mostly governments, good level of expertise, problem of funding for participation in SEE, CA and Caucasus, language not an issue
- Reporting back to FTS unclear
- Good support of Secretariat especially for events, guidance average
- No collaboration and exchange between ToSs but also no interest
Recommendations

From the WP FSEM:
• Adjust ToSs mandates to Action Plan for the forest sector in a green economy

From the evaluation
• FUNDING! Work and participation
• Diversification of membership (academic, research, NGO)
• Review mandates for clarity and better support to ECE/FAO
• Improve relationship between ToSs and FTS: guidance and reporting
• More specific recommendations in individual reports (ECE/TIM/2012/6)
Questions and Comments from the Delegates