Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM

1. Name:

Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector
Team website: [http://www.unece.org/forests/sc/methodsandprocesses/fao/ece/ilo.html](http://www.unece.org/forests/sc/methodsandprocesses/fao/ece/ilo.html)

2. Period covered:

April 2016 – March 2017

3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:

Leader: Christian Salvignol (France)
Deputies: Diarmuid McAree (Ireland), Andreas Bernasconi (Switzerland)
Secretary: Alicja Kacprzak

4. Members: (Number only)

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5. Countries: (List separated by comma)

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Uzbekistan (20)

6. Meetings held:

**Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector - Steering Committee**
18 May 2016; Geneva, Switzerland

**Fourth meeting of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**
14 September 2016; Geneva, Switzerland

**Team of Specialists on Green Jobs - Steering Committee**
20 December 2016; Geneva, Switzerland
7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

1. Further research on Future Green Forest Jobs carried out.
2. Adaptation of the thematic areas (new: 7 areas) and 19 action fields.
3. Compilation of case studies (9 cases presented, see: open book of green forest jobs).
4. Inquiry among representatives of training schools.
6. Revision of the report on Green Forest Jobs
7. Coordination with Forest Europe, European Commission, EFIMED & other international bodies

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

1. Finalisation of the report on Green Forest Jobs (March/April)
2. Compilation of at least 6 more case studies and their presentation on the internet
3. Several Presentations of the results (e.g. international conferences, related bodies)
4. Continuous collaboration and coordination work with Forest Europe
5. Organisation of a workshop exploring chosen fields of activity and their potentials
6. Elaboration of recommendations to the joint COFFI/EFC session 2017 in Poland
7. Presentation and Side-Event during the joint COFFI/EFC session 2017 in Poland
8. Further extend the number of relevant national experts in the Team of Specialists
9. to broaden the knowledge base for the ongoing work of the group

9. Issues for the attention of the Working Party: (if significant issues, how do we stimulate WP discussion)

The Team of Specialists aims to present recommendations to the Member States during European Forest Week 2017 in Poland. As a basis for these recommendations and in order to strengthen ongoing programmes such as e.g. the Rovaniemi Action Plan the Team of Specialists proposes to intensify coordinated collaboration with different institutions and related bodies. The major outputs and findings of the studies of the team will be presented to the Working Party and later on in Poland to the interested member states. The request for funding of specific activities is presented.

10. Activities proposed for the IPoW 2017-2021 (to be presented and discussed under Item 7)

1. Detect and describe forest workforce-related trends and developments (trend monitoring) and analyse the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with the sustainability of this workforce.
2. Review forest sector workforce issues at policy, management and operational level.
3. Improve the monitoring and analysis of the forest sector workforce including those involved with new green forest jobs while taking into account occupational health and safety.
4. Provide recommendations for the consideration of member states and parent bodies to develop preventive and remedial actions in order to ensure the sustainability of the forest workforce including ways to attract young people to work in the forest
sector.
5. Advise and support the secretariat on the organisation of meetings and workshops related to forest workforce issues in the context of a green economy.
6. Identify present and future skill requirements for forestry professionals, map and describe forest jobs and related education curricula in collaboration with other related international organisations.
7. Disseminate information on the network’s activities and outcomes.

11. Other comments: (collaboration with other ToS)

As the main focus of the work done by the ToS is very much linked to other UNECE-internal activities and activities and programmes of other related bodies, contact and collaboration with other organisations is of high importance. Within our plan of work the ToS foresees a number of communication opportunities with other UNECE-ToS (e.g. Forest Policy, Forest Sector Outlook and Forest Communication) and with external institutions such as European Commission, EFI and EFIMED, Forest Europe, ILO and WHO.

A green forest job complies with the principles of Sustainable Forest Management, contributes to the green economy and is involved in the value chain of forest products and/or in the performance of forest services. Based on workshops, literature reviews and field research the Team of Specialists on Green Forest Jobs has elaborated a model of green forest jobs that shows 19 main fields of activity in 7 thematic areas.

Green jobs are central to sustainable development and they complement the global challenges of environmental protection, economic development and social inclusion. The forest sector can play an important role in the provision of these jobs to boost the green economy. Decisive challenges for the near future with crucial impacts on Green Forest Jobs will be:

a) The impact of climate change and consequential adaptation strategies;
b) How society and the forest industry adjust to a changing world (e.g. health aspects, recreation, ecotherapy and other non-timber benefits (NTBs) and

c) Forest energy production e.g woody biomass, bioethanol from forest residues, fossil fuel alternatives, decarbonisation, sustainable consumption, phytoremediation and mycoforestry.

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