

Please join us for the 2017 Workshop for the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy, May 17-19, 2017. The meeting will be held in Durham, North Carolina, USA.

To attend the meeting, you will need to Register at UNCDB Online Registration
<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Fqj0U8>

The website of the meeting with the agenda and other documents is available at
<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=44988#/>

Dates: May 17-19, 2017

Location: Durham, NC, USA

Hotel: Aloft Hotels, Downtown Durham

Meeting location:

USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Forestry Sciences Lab
3041 Cornwallis Rd
Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709

Field Tour: May 17, 2017. Visit to Enviva-Faison Pellet Mill and to biomass logging and plantation operations.

Travel details:

Air travel: The local airport is Raleigh Durham International (RDU), which has nonstop international flights from Paris and London, and connections to all major US airports. The Aloft Hotel is 20 minutes by car or taxi from the RDU airport.

Connecting to Durham from other US airports (if you are traveling elsewhere in the US): the easiest method is by plane, but it is possible to travel to/from New York or Washington DC via train (Amtrak) or MegaBus. The train and bus stations in Durham are a 10 minute walk from the hotel.

Hotel: We have set aside rooms at the Aloft Hotel. Reservations for this group must be made prior to April 1, 2017. Note: there are cheaper hotels in outlying areas, but be sure to check transportation and food choices. There are also hotels closer to our meeting location, but these do not have access to restaurants, so you would need a car. Reservations at the Aloft Hotel can be made using this link:

[UNECE Wood Energy Specialists \(OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser\)](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/unecewoods specialists)
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Meeting: The meeting will be held at the Forestry Sciences Lab at 3041 Cornwallis Rd, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. We will meet 9am-5pm on Thursday May 18 and 9am-1pm on Friday. Lunch will be provided (\$7 usd) at the Lab and will be a cookout with the other employees of the Lab. Typically, we cook hot dogs and hamburgers, so let me know if you have dietary restrictions/needs (e.g., vegetarian or vegan or allergies).

Local transportation: Uber. Regular taxi. Bus. Rental Car. Walking is not recommended between the meeting location and the hotel—the distances are great and sidewalks not always present.

Uber/Lyft: about \$20 and 25 minutes from RDU to the hotel; and about \$15 and 10 minutes from the hotel to the meeting location.

Regular taxi: Same times, but slightly higher fares than above.

Triangle Transportation Authority (TTA) bus—the buses run infrequently, but you can get from RDU to the hotel in 45 minutes (for \$2.25) and from the hotel to the meeting location in an hour and 10 minutes (\$2.25).

Rental Car—the hotel is 20 minutes from the airport, and 10 minutes to the meeting location. There is a \$10/day charge for parking at the hotel, but parking at the Lab is free.

Weather: The weather in mid-May is typically warm and humid. Thunderstorms are common. The hotels, cars, restaurants and meeting locations will be air-conditioned, but our field trip, cook out, and baseball game, will be outside.

Other information:

Because this is graduation time for the three local universities (Duke, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University), I would suggest that everyone take advantage of the 'free cancellation' and reserve hotel rooms and rental cars as soon as possible. The Aloft Hotel will not charge you if cancel by 3pm Eastern US time the day before your arrival. Be sure to check with your car rental company regarding cancellation.

We have tentatively planned a group dinner for Tuesday evening, and a trip to see a Durham Bulls baseball game on Thursday evening. You will be responsible for paying for all of your own meals and recreation, however, as we do not have authority to pay for any of these expenses. Bus transportation for the field tour will be provided courtesy of International Programs, USFS.

Details of the agenda will be sent closer to the meeting date.

Please contact me if you have any questions,
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