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**UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists (ToS) on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector – Joint  
ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network**

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**Summary Report**

Present:

Andreas Bernasconi, Switzerland, ToS Deputy Leader  
Christoph Duerr, Switzerland  
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Diarmuid McAree, Ireland, ToS Deputy Leader  
Pat Snowdon, United Kingdom  
Michal Vanco, Forest Europe

**AGENDA ITEM 1 Opening**

Mr Bernasconi welcomed the participants. The agenda was adopted without any changes.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Study on Green Jobs / Discussion**

The team is working on the finalization of the Study on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector. In the meantime, some communication materials about the ToS work were presented. In 2017, the team also organized some meetings to raise awareness about the work of the ToS: in New York, Bratislava, and to EDGE Summer School students in Bratislava. Feedback from the non-forestry community about green jobs and the ToS work was very positive.

Discussion:

- The paper industry should be mentioned in the Study.
- The quality of green jobs is very important: what do they deliver? what are the required skills?
- In the UK, the issue of wellbeing is very important; wellbeing should be a positive outcome of forestry work; decent jobs in rural areas make important contributions to rural development.
- It is important to have empirical data about the different fields of activity in the forest sector.
- Many educated and trained personnel are leaving the sector; decent green forest jobs imply that they should also be attractive.
- If we talk about decent jobs, we also have to think about their safety aspects.
- Examples are important so that third parties may understand possible outcomes and get inspired.
- A forest apprenticeship scheme was developed in the UK. This should be of practical help for future green job creation.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Communication**

How should the report be communicated? Who are the most important contacts and what institutions should be consulted about the future work of the ToS?

Discussion:

- Contact with DG Regio should be considered in order to know about ongoing trends and actual issues being discussed in the context of regional developments.
- On the UNECE website further activities of the ToS should be included.



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- The USA and Canadian connection is very important. It was proposed to explore the possibility of a liaison with New Zealand on green forest jobs.
  - Communication is very crucial; it should be targeted at a regional and local level.
  - How is the collaboration with Forest Europe? In 2017, a workshop on Promoting Green Jobs was organized jointly by Forest Europe, ECE and FAO. The ToS stays in contact with Forest Europe (exchange of information about ongoing activities).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 Conclusions & Action Points**

- The report will be finished and sent for publication by the end of the year.
- In March 2018, the results of the report will be presented to the ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Management, Statistics and Economics.
- The main conclusions and recommendations of the report will be communicated to member States and related bodies.