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UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

(Joint ILO/UNECE/FAO Experts Network)

**ToS Meeting, 27 June 2019,
Sala de Juntas, Edificio de Forestales. Escuela Técnica Superior de
Ingeniería de Montes, Forestal y del Medio Natural. Universidad
Politécnica de Madrid. Madrid, Spain**

Report

Present:

1. Mr. Gigia Aleksidze, Georgia
2. Ms. Carmen Aviles, Spain
3. Ms. Anne-Marie Bastrup-Birk, EEA
4. Mr. Andreas Bernasconi, Switzerland
5. Mr. Fredrik Gunnarsson, Sweden
6. Mr. Josef Herkendell, Germany
7. Mr. Diarmuid McAree, Ireland
8. Mr. Vardan Melikyan, Armenia
9. Mr. Ilpo Poputti, Finland
10. Ms. Alicja Kacprzak, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Agenda was adopted without changes.

Item 2 Welcome and Introduction (all)

Participants thanked Ms. Aviles for hosting the Workshop and the ToS meeting and congratulated her on the excellent organization of both.

Item 3 Meeting agenda and meeting goals (all)

Mr Bernasconi proposed as goal of the meeting: to wrap up and to take decisions on what needs to be done and the consequences for further activities according to the ToS list of activities. The goal was accepted.

Item 4 Information from all participants (all)

Mr. McAree informed participants that they have "green forest jobs" on the curriculum in the university where he works and that he did a presentation to the Minister and that he was delighted. He also participated in a programme called "forest ambassadors" which raises awareness about the benefits of forests and forestry to the general public.

Mr. Poputti informed participants that Finland will have a green government plan. Finland will have the presidency of the EU; its priorities include sustainable Europe and our sustainable future.

Ms Bastup informed participants that in Denmark the new government has made sustainability and climate change a priority.

Ms. Aviles informed participants that there are programmes in the curriculum of her university which include green jobs and social topics.

Mr. Bernasconi informed the colleagues about new OECD publications related to employment. Switzerland started an exchange programme for all forest professionals across institutions. They can get involved with forest enterprises and vice versa.



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- Item 5 Workshop: first impressions (all)**
The variety of high-level presentations and the possibility to learn was a positive aspect.
It is important to learn from different backgrounds.
The ToS thanked Ms. Aviles for the excellent organisation of the workshop.
- Item 6 Foresight working group results (J. Herkendell)**
It is an exercise that draws attention to the complexity of issues but there was not enough time and more information is needed to make it valuable.
It is important to exchange with other ToS and not to duplicate their work, therefore the summary of this exercise will be sent to the ToS on Outlook.
- Item 7 Policy Brief (J. Herkendell)**
A short summary of workshop discussions (if possible 1 page) will be prepared based on the key messages prepared during the workshop.
Team members will prepare a draft and send it to the secretariat.
- Item 8 Visualization project (F. Gunnarsson)**
The initiative by the Swedish government to organize an event in Visby, Sweden on 5-6 September 2019 was much appreciated. Mr. Gunnarsson will contact the ToS on Forest Communication and he will send invitations to FE, UNECE FAO and the ToS members.
Sweden will coordinate the preparation of the event.
The secretariat will provide all the contacts needed.
- Item 9 List of Activities 2019**
The secretariat will add to the list of activities:
- The event in Visby, Sweden,
 - The preparation of the summary of the workshop,
 - Participation in the meeting in Bonn on the IFSA project where possible outcomes and procedures will be discussed.
- Item 10 COFFI/EFC session in Geneva and organization of side-event**
Secretariat informed about the call for applications.
The team expressed an interest to organize a side event during the EFW.
The ToS will contact the IFSA project to suggest a joint event.
- Item 11 Outlook 2020/2021**
Ideas discussed included:
- Visualization of guidelines
 - Infographics
 - Insight on cross cutting jobs between the forest sector and other disciplines (e.g. with IT).
- Mr. McAree informed participants about an intention to organize an international conference on green forest jobs in Ireland in spring 2021.
- Item 12 Any other business (all)**
Mr. Herkendell informed the participants that he will retire in September 2019. He asked for a service contract in Ministry to finalize his work under the mandate.
Mr. McAree informed colleagues that he is assisting Mr Savignol with the Eduforest programme.
Mr. Gunnarsson informed participants that there is a major reform of the employment market in Sweden and this may have an impact on his position, but he hopes to continue to work with the ToS.
- Item 13 Closure of the session**
Mr Bernasconi thanked the participants and welcomed new members to the team: Mr. Aleksidze and Mr. Melikyan.



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The meeting finished at 11:50.