Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests

Inaugural meeting 17 June 2020

Provisional Agenda

10:00-10:10  Item 1. Opening and welcome by representatives of UNECE and FAO

10:10-10:15  Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

10:15-10:45  Item 3. Introductions
   a. Each participant will be asked to answer the following questions in order to break the ice and help the team get to know each other:
      i. Name, country, institution they are representing;
      ii. How long have they been working on boreal forest or forestry issues;
      iii. Share with the group their objectives for participating in this Team of Specialists.

10:45-12:15  Item 4. Background on how this group was developed
   a. Circumboreal Cooperation – what it is, why it is, and progress so far - Florian Kraxner and Guy Robertson
   b. Presentation on the IBFRA Insight Process: Peter Högberg
   c. Q&A

12:15-13:00  Item 5. Terms of Reference
   a. Presentation on mandate and scope of the ToS, roles and responsibilities of team leader and members, and brief outline of other ToS under the Joint Working Party – Leonie Meier
   b. Q&A

15:00-17:00  Item 6. Identification of thematic areas of work
   a. Each participant will be asked to write down their top three challenges related to the boreal biome;
   b. Answers are collected and analysed to find common themes and prioritize further;
   c. Facilitated exchange of views on national approaches, policy options and best practices;
   d. Brainstorming on specific activities the ToS can undertake in the short-, medium-, and long-term.

17:00-17:30  Item 7. Election of Chair and Co-Chair(s)

17:30-17:45  Item 8. Date and place of the meeting

17:45-18:00  Item 9. Closure

NB: English and Russian interpretation will be available during the meeting.
The working session is from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.