

**UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
GENDER AND FORESTRY
Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 4
Programme element 4.1**

A. OBJECTIVES

Raise awareness of gender structures in forestry and use this information to promote good and equal opportunities for men and women in the sector.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Gender equality guidelines
2. Final report on gender and forestry, possibly submitted to the fifth MCPFE

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	The joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004 endorsed the proposal of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training's Steering Committee (16 th session, October 2003 in Slovakia, Ref. Doc: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2003/2)
DURATION	From May 2004 and lasting 24 months to May 2006
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch case studies into specific aspects of gender and forestry, including family-owned forests • Review relevant data • Disseminate information about national experiences, in particular success measures and good practices • Develop criteria and indicators to reflect gender aspects in sustainable forest management • Organise follow-up meeting to the seminar in Portugal focusing on gender in forestry. It should be used as an opportunity to monitor change in gender balance and equal opportunities • Promote national networks of women in forestry.
REPORTING	Intermediate reporting to UNECE/FAO; to Bureaux; and to both the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission when work is completed.
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