

Why a Team of Specialists on boreal forests?

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gathered Ministers from Canada, Finland, Norway, Russia, USA, Sweden.

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Haparanda Ministerial declaration on circumboreal cooperation on forests

Step to a new level after 5-year circumboreal cooperation on forests.



Cooperation on Boreal Forests at the Joint UNECE/ FAO platform



Why the UN ECE?

- one of five UN Regional Commissions.
- ECE region encompasses a significant portion of the global boreal forest - all the circumboreal countries are the UNECE member-states.
- goal of the UN ECE subprogramme on Forestry and Timber - to strengthen SFM in the ECE region.

Themes of high relevance – bio- and green economy, sustainable production and consumption, markets and policy outlooks.



Why the FAO?

- has the mandate to promote and support all aspects of SFM forest management globally.
- reporting on forests through Forest Resources Assessment. – custodian agency for SDG 15.2.1 & 15.2.2.

Themes of high relevance - climate change, forest fires, forest health, pests and diseases, restoration333.

Being inside the UNECE/FAO ToS system means joint work on the official UN platform.

Scope of ToS work in the UNECE/ FAO system would include:

- issues of SFM in boreals from the perspective of governance, forest policy & outlook, products, human well-being and bioeconomy, natural disturbances,**
- tackling issues of strategic development of boreals, also from perspective of global forest-related agenda,**
- research on boreal forests and practice-and-research nexus (+ IBFRA).**

International work on boreals under UNECE/FAO would upscale by:

- better interlinkages with global forest-related agenda,
- more opportunities of contributing to SDGs and other international commitments, including cross-sectoral.

The other eight ToS will benefit from the work of ToS on boreals by getting more precise and updated official information on

- the state of northern forests,
- the trends in the region.





Possible modes of work of ToS on boreals:

- Knowledge exchange,
- Research activities and pilot projects to jointly explore key issues,
- Science–policy exchange to increase awareness of boreal science among policy makers.

By:

E-work

ToS meetings, workshops, etc.

Contributing to other ToS' work

Contributing to UNECE/FAO events

Contributing to other international boreal-related work

Thank you!

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Спасибо!