

UNECE/FAO
FORESTRY AND TIMBER SECTION**Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests**

Informal preparatory meeting 23 April 2020, 15:00-18:00 CET
Skype (link will be shared with you in advance)

Interim Chair: Peter Blombäck, Sweden

Provisional Agenda

5 min. **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

30 min. **Item 2. 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.

50 min. **Item 3. 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

10 min. **Coffee break**

15 min. **Item 4. 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

70 min. **Item 5. Identification of thematic areas of work**

- a. Each country will have 7 minutes to answer the following guiding questions:
 - 1. Key challenges facing boreal forests;
 - 2. What is needed (in terms of data, policy recommendations, tools) that could help address some of those challenges?
 - 3. What are some of the activities you would like the ToS to focus on?
- b. Brainstorming on possible common priorities and specific activities the ToS could undertake in the short-, medium-, and long-term.
- c. Identify and agree on next steps

5 min. **Item 6. Date and place of the meeting**

2 min. **Item 7. Closure**