

**THEMES 2 - 7**

**Introduction to group work**

FAO/METLA/UNECE

**General issues to discuss**

- Evaluation of the FRA 2005 variables related to the theme. Can we live with them as they are or are changes needed? How relevant are they?
- Suggested changes / improvements for FRA 2010, considering
  - user community needs
  - information availability
- Ideas on thematic studies
- How to go further – need for a taskforce to further work on the content and the detailed design of the reporting tables related to the theme?

FAO/METLA/UNECE

**Themes 2 - 7**

- Biological diversity
- Forest health and vitality
- Protective functions of forest resources
- Productive functions of forest resources
- Socioeconomic functions
- Legal, policy and institutional framework

FAO/METLA/UNECE

**THEME 2**

**Biological diversity**

- How can FRA support the information requirements from CBD?
- How can FRA address biodiversity at genetic level
- Potential links to the remote sensing assessment (fragmentation, intact forest landscapes, etc)

FAO/METLA/UNECE

**THEME 3**

**Forest health and vitality**

- How do we best report on forest fires? What to measure, and how?
- Coordination / collaboration with other actors monitoring forest fires?
- How do we define disturbance?
- How do we capture the impact of the disturbance, and in what terms (production, economy,...)?

FAO/METLA/UNECE

**THEME 4**

**Productive functions of forest resources**

- Should FRA aim at estimating sustainable yield? What information is needed?
- Harmonization between FRA and JFSQ on reporting on removals
- How to improve information on NWFP removals,
- How to address the high degree of informality in removals of fuelwood and NWFP

FAO/METLA/UNECE

## THEME 5

### Protective functions of forest resources

- Currently few FRA variables are directly related to this theme. What potential new variables related to this theme could be feasible to introduce? Links to the remote sensing assessment?

FAO/METLA/UNECE

## THEME 6

### Socio-economic functions

- What should the concept “social services” include?
- Other good and viable economic indicators (e.g. forest sector contribution to GDP, expenditure for services)? Issue of delimitation of the FRA scope
- Employment – adopt the ISIC categories?
- Could FRA get information from other reporting processes?

FAO/METLA/UNECE

## THEME 7

### Legal, policy and institutional framework

- New theme to FRA, except for “ownership”
- Improvement of the table on ownership
  - ownership of land and/or the forest resource?
  - management and user rights?
- New variable(s) on legal and policy framework
- New variable(s) on forest institutions
- New variable(s) on funding SFM

FAO/METLA/UNECE