

## **Networking – Report from Latin America working group**

### **Who are the members of NCs:**

Country correspondent should be one and may identified technical focal point with a clear terms of reference identified. But it country by country could be designated a technical focal point that should be involved during the process. If the NCs is a director it is a must to have a technical point also to guarantee continuity. If the technical person prepares the report it should be cleared by national authority as the results are national statistics.

### **Regional actions:**

The network of NCs should be recognized also by regional forestry commission.

### **Benefits of NCs at regional level correspondents:**

Regional exchange in the region: optimize learning process, sharing experiences, technical aspects, communication.

**Benefits of NCs at global level: incentive to document information.** Realized other needs, activities that are taking place at global level. Learning experiences taking place in other countries, and present the owns.

**Promotion of national reports to be done by NCs (using web-pages).** FAO should promote the distribution of reports through national authorities outside from the forestry sector.

### **Initiatives, models, and national responsibilities and FAO support:**

Regional NCs can be work with other sub-regional initiatives: OTCA can support the development of information for the Amazonian region,( Region Andina, cordon biologico Mesoamerica for example), maybe not for all tables but for those that are needed in the sub-regional initiatives. This is linked with some recommendation coming from the Forest characteristics, to initiate the process to report **in biomes** (remote sensing proposed). Remote sensing component to initiated a process to harmonize legends for mapping (biomes, watersheds....). Taskforce that can be established that may standardize data for the regional needs.

It is a responsibility of FRA to negotiate with other reporting processes to harmonize the processes, and NCs provide the information.

### **Models:**

National reports could be reported and updated on-line, this reduce the information burden. As national information is available NCs each information can be updated. This can work for some countries, Brazil might be difficult. Chile will take the initiative, it will begin as a pilot, to evaluate if is feasible.

NCs of this region we have **now** a regional initiative to monitor the forest, and forest cover change in Central and South America. A first regional proposal has already been distributed and sent to all NCs. Negotiations will continue with countries in this context.

**Plan:**

Meeting: to set methods, products, mapping and establish the process, and expected results, and establish which products can be generated, as some of them may be controversial. OTCA may articulate the negotiation process with the 8 countries of Amazonian Region.

FAO could facilitate process to make NCs meet at least once a year to coordinate initiatives.

Formally then there is a **NCs network of Latin America**, and Carlos Bahamondez will be the coordinator.

The list of NCs will be distributed to all international processes global and regionally.