
UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS (ToS) ON GENDER AND FORESTRY

CONTEXT

In order to raise visibility of women and women's involvement in the forestry sector as well as to understand more about the gender structures throughout the sector, a Team of Specialists on Gender and Forestry was established by the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.

The Team of Specialists completed their mandate in June 2006 with the launching of their final report - "Time for Action – Changing the Gender Situation in Forestry". This publication provides an overview of the gender structures throughout the forestry sector in Europe and North America. The report reviews gender structures in forestry organizations, gender structures in forest ownership and gender and the perceptions of forests and forestry. It also explores probable means and actions for improving gender balance in the forestry sector and advances the argument for criteria and indicators to be developed to measure and monitor changes in gender structures in the forestry sector.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To review
 - Gender structure in forestry organisations
 - Gender structures in forest ownership
 - Gender and the perceptions of forests and forestry
- ❖ Disseminate information about national experiences, in particular success measures and good practices.
- ❖ Promote national networks of women in forestry.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Policy makers from national, regional and local governments, forest industry representatives, international and non-governmental organizations, forest owners associations, women in forestry networks.

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Policy brief on

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Chair: **Sophie Grouwels**
Forestry Officer, Forest Policy Service

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| 14:30 – 14:35 | Welcome and introduction
Yianna Lambrou
Senior Officer, Gender, Equity and Rural
Employment Division, FAO |
| 14:35 – 14:55 | Gender structures in forestry organizations
Wieslawa Nowacka
Adjunct Professor, Warsaw Agricultural University |
| 14:55 – 15:15 | Gender structures in forest ownership
Gun Lidestav
Associate Professor, Swedish University of
Agricultural Sciences |
| 15:15 – 15:35 | Gender and perceptions
Renate Spaeth
Forest Officer, Ministry for Environment-Nordrhein-
Westfalen |
| 15:35 – 15:45 | Conclusions and recommendations |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Discussion – the way ahead |