

**UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on
Forest policy in eastern Europe and central Asia**

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**Discussing Team's activities,
methods and results**

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ToS on Forest policy in EE-CA – **Primary objectives**



- **Strengthening** policies and institutions
- **Improving** forest **information** management and communication
- **Identifying emerging issues and facilitating dialogue and discussion** on important policy and cross-sectoral aspects
- **Better integrating** countries of eastern Europe and central Asia in **international networks**
- **Advising** the UNECE/FAO secretariat in the dissemination of its products in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and in the implementation of its strategic plan
- **Monitoring implementation** of the “Strategy for UNECE/FAO Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia,” and UNECE/FAO activities on implementing sustainable forest management

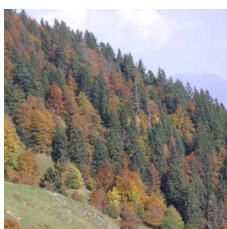


Inaugural meeting - ToS on Forest Policy in eastern Europe and central Asia - 5-6 March 2009



Expected outputs of the Team as per mandate

- **Priority issues and best practices are identified** to improve policies and institutions in the sector
- **UNECE Secretariat receives advice** from the Team
- **Specific outputs,** to be discussed:
 - Guide the development of a **publication on Forest Policies and Institutions** in eastern Europe & central Asia
 - Improve **exchange of information and experiences** on forest sector policies and institutions between member countries
 - **Raise awareness of existing forest policy information and networks**
 - Promote **better integration** of countries into **international policy networks**
 - Improve **public awareness** on forest sector issues and issues of a cross-sectoral dimension in eastern Europe and central Asia
 - Create and maintain the ToS **website**



Discussions in subgroups 14:45 – 16:15

→ Reporting back to plenary 16:30 – 17:30



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Sub-groups discuss **methods, constraints and timing** to achieve the **specific outputs**

→ Each group choose a **leader** and a **rapporteur**

→ Support/Facilitation by the secretariat

→ Proposal: split in English & Russian-speaking groups



■ 16:30 – 17:30

Outcomes are **reported back to the plenary session** by the **rapporteurs**



Discussions in 2 subgroups

Sub-group 1 (*russian-speaking participants*)

Forest policy implementation and analysis – international exchange and collaboration



- **Output 1:** Publication on forest policies and institutions: Who will do it? How to contribute? Review mechanism? Proposing a calendar? (*see proposed outline*)
- **Output 2:** Improve exchange of information and experiences on forest policies and institutions: How?
- **Output 4:** Promote better integration of countries into international policy networks: How? What constraints?
- **Any other output or action?**



Discussions in 2 subgroups

Sub-group 2 (*english-speaking participants*)



Promoting capacities and interest for forest policy at national level



- **Output 3:** Raising awareness of existing forest policy information and networks: which constraints? How to do it?
- **Output 5:** Improve public awareness on forest and cross sectoral sector issues: which constraints? How to achieve it? What to do? When?
- **Output 6:** Maintain the ToS website: which content? Who's responsibility? How to achieve it, which constraints?
- **Output 7:** Review and update of the national forest policy information: How - could team members be focal point? How to liaise with other focal points?
- **Any other output or action?**

