

FAO/UNECE Team of Specialists on
Support and Contribution of the Forest Sector
to Sustainable Development of South East Europe and the CIS

Mandate

*Reference to Integrated Work Program:
Work Area 5, Program element 5.3; and
Work Area 1: Program element 1.3*

A. OBJECTIVES

Enhance effectiveness of international activities intended to support and contribute to sustainable development of the forest sector in South East Europe and in CIS, notably through:

- Improvement of forest land use management in all forms of ownership
- Implementation of efficient policies and institutional frameworks
- Development of communication and monitoring processes

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

The team will identify priority issues in South East Europe and CIS and will promote a transparent regional discussion of priorities and best practice in reforming policies and institutions in the sector. It will be consulted on the formulation of a strategy for FAO activities for the forest sector of countries in transition. It will advise the UNECE/FAO Secretariat, on the implementation of their programs within the framework of the integrated program of work. Major expected outputs are:

- Assistance in the formulation of appropriate activities;
- Feedback on the effectiveness of the various initiatives;
- Assistance in resource mobilization in support of the various activities;
- Contributions to the sharing of knowledge and information.

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	Joint Session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, October 2004
DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and recommendations to the secretariats, • Intensive communication among the members • Partnerships will be established with relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations, notably MCPFE.
REPORTING	Once a year: to the Joint Bureaux Meeting of UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission
TEAM LEADER	Through next meeting: Team Leader: Ms. Gulusa Vildanova, Uzbekistan Vice-Leader: Mr. Bert-Åke Näslund, Sweden

<p>TEAM MEMBERS</p>	<p><u>Country representatives</u> Mr. Ivan Paligorov (Bulgaria, nominated) Mr. Vit Obrdlik (Czech Republic, invited by secretariat) Mr. Jan Ilavsky (Finland, nominated) Mr. Paata Torchinava (Georgia, invited by secretariat) Mr. Jobst-Michael Schroeder (Germany, nominated) Mr. Tamás Lapos (Hungary, nominated) Mr. Oystein Aasaaren (Norway, nominated) Mr. Vlatko Andonovski (Macedonia, invited by secretariat) Mr. Adam Kaliszewski (Poland, nominated) Mr. Aleksander Radosavljevic (Serbia and Montenegro, nominated) Mr. Bert-Åke Näslund (Sweden, nominated) Ms. Lyubov Polyakova (Ukraine, nominated) Ms. Gulusa Vildanova (Uzbekistan, nominated)</p> <p><u>International organizations / NGO's</u> Mr. Viktor Badin (Association of non state forest owners) Mr. Gerben Janse (EFI) Mr. Sten Nilsson (IIASA) Mr. Tamas Marghescu (IUCN) Mr. Alexander V. Korotkov (UNECE/FAO Timber Branch)</p>
<p>RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER</p>	<p>Volker Sasse, FAO/SEUR, Budapest</p>

Original Terms of References and Mandate (Before the 1st ToS meeting)

<p>UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOREST SECTOR IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND IN THE CIS</p> <p><i>Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 5, Program element 5.3; and Work Area 1: Program element 1.3</i></p>	
A. OBJECTIVES	
<p>Enhance effectiveness of international activities intended to support and contribute to sustainable development of the forest sector in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and in CIS, notably through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a viable and efficient private sector, specifically addressing the needs of forest owners and small scale forest industry enterprises • Enhancing the capacity of public sector institutions especially to provide an effective policy and institutional framework; • Strengthening integration of forestry with other sectors taking into account the cross-sectoral issues; • Improving the sharing and exchange of data, information and knowledge; and • Identifying emerging issues and facilitating dialogue and discussion. 	
<p>EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:</p> <p>The team will identify priority issues in CEE countries and CIS and promote a transparent regional discussion of priorities and best practice in reforming policies and institutions in the sector. It will be consulted on the formulation of a strategy for FAO activities for the forest sector of countries in transition. It will advise the UNECE/FAO Secretariat, on the implementation of their programs within the framework of the integrated program of work. It will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the formulation of appropriate activities; • Provide feed back on the effectiveness of the various initiatives; • Assist in resource mobilization in support of the various activities; • Contribute to the sharing of knowledge and information. 	
B. BACKGROUND	
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DURATION	<i>From 2005 to 2008</i>
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and recommendations to the secretariats, • Intensive communication among the members <p><i>Modalities of work (schedule of meetings, communications, possible subgroups or special projects) will be determined by the team at its first meeting. Partnerships will be established with relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations, notably MCPFE.</i></p>
REPORTING	Once a year: to the Joint Bureaux Meeting of UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission
TEAM LEADER	To be chosen at inaugural meeting.
TEAM MEMBERS	Nominations will be invited from Governments and other stakeholders. The team should be balanced between stakeholders and regions.
RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER	Volker Sasse, SEUR, Budapest.