

**UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2014  
– FOREST POLICY –**

<b>Items for regular reporting to the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management</b>	
<b>1. Name :</b>	
	Team of Specialists on Forest Policy
<b>2. Period covered:</b>	
	March 2013-June 2014
<b>3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:</b>	
	Leader: To be elected Deputies: To be elected Secretary: Arnaud Brizay
<b>4. Members:</b>	
	38
<b>5. Countries:</b>	
	Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan (20)
<b>6. Meetings held:</b>	
	No meeting held since 2010 due to lack of funding and capacity
<b>7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:</b>	
	None

**8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:**

A Team meeting is expected to be held in September 2014 to:

- Provide recommendations on further development of the national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods...).
- Assess the needs and provide guidance on the use and implementation by countries of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.
- Dissemination of policy related work of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section at national and sub-national levels.

**9. Issues for the attention of the Secretariat and the Working Party:**

The main objective of the Team is to contribute to the development of tools and capacity-building to support sound policy making for the Forest Sector in the ECE Region in particular in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). In the past and due to lack of funds, Delegates from the EECCA region could not attend the Team meetings. The Secretariat is encouraged to raise funds to support their participation and Member States who wish to contribute to this activity are invited to contact the Secretariat.

**10. Comments, lessons learned:**

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