



Update on the Forest Sector Outlook Study

Item 5



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Implemented activities in 2019/20

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- Feb 2019: ToS Meeting in Koli, Finland to discuss modelling results
- After JWP 2019: Preparation of the study outline by the Secretariat
- Sept 2019: Lead authors meeting in Zvolen, Slovakia
 - Back-to-back with 3rd FORMASAM meeting
- Beginning of drafting of the FSOS
- Nov 2019: ToS Meeting to present outline/first drafts of individual chapters
- March 2020: Side meeting with contributing authors in Potsdam, Berlin
 - During 4th FORMASAM meeting
- COVID-19 slowed drafting process down

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- Continuation of drafting in 2020

Chapter	Topic	Authors
1	Introduction	Secretariat
2	Global Trends	Secretariat
3	Structural changes	US modelling team
4	Climate change	Authors team through the FORMASAN project and led by Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
5	Cross-cutting issues	Secretariat and Kit Prins
6	Conclusion	Kit Prins

- Sept 2020: ToS online event for an extensive review of the first FSOS draft
 - Written feedback and comments by many ToS members prior to the event
- Subsequently, incorporation of feedback by the authors
- Jan 2021: Beginning of the editing and final review process organized by the Secretariat

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Capacity building 2020 – Collaboration with the Russian Federal Forestry Agency

- Training event on forest sector outlook modelling and its use of results in practice
- 2-day online event, 17-18 November 2020, with simultaneous translation
- 15 speakers from different UNECE member States
- Wide range of participants from different institutions of the Russian Federation
- <https://unece.org/forests/events/capacity-building-forest-sector-outlook-modelling-and-its-practical-use>

Current Status

FSOS close to printing

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- Chapter 1-4 edited, 5 and 6 remaining
- Final review by authors, UNECE and FAO currently under way
- Submission to printing department foreseen in April/May
- Printing department generally needs minimum 2 months

Dissemination ideas

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- Sending of printed versions to key government stakeholders
- Publication on UNECE webpage, together with methodology report and country level data
- Official launch event this summer
 - Most likely online, will allow for a wide range of participants
 - Accompanied with official press release, maybe short and simple video if resources allow
- Conference presentations in Europe, North America (ISFRE 2021)
- Publicly directed newsletter (UNECE Billboard)
- Dissemination through member States and ToS members
 - Social media – Twitter, FB, Instagram
 - News releases, other media
- Potentially including data in INForest (forest-data.unece.org/)
- Possibly engaging the Forest Communicators Network ToS

Other planned activities for 2021

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- ToS meeting to discuss dissemination through ToS members
- Capacity building on forest sector outlook modelling at request of member States and depending on financial and human resources of the Secretariat

Key questions for guidance and discussion

For delegates

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The Working Party is invited to:

- Inform the Joint Section about current or planned activities in member States regarding forest sector outlook studies;
- Consider actively supporting the dissemination of the FSOS;
- Reflect how forest sector outlook related work can continue in the upcoming years.



Thank you!



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