



Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management

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The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Experts Network newsletter



1. More to do in the next 50 years than in the past 50 years



> The Joint Experts Network :
A unique institution for SFM policy implementation.

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The Experts Network for Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management is an international structure which acts as an interface between forest practitioners, researchers and policy makers, and as a link for SFM policy implementation in Europe and North America, as that was done during 50 years when it was called Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.

The Experts Network contributes effectively and efficiently to the achievement of the integrated work programme of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission, as well as to the MCPFE programme of work. As appropriate, it liaises and cooperates with other countries and organisations.

A hub of exchange and cooperation for forestry professionals :

The Experts Network organises international seminars and workshops mostly intended for specialists and practitioners and commissions teams of specialists, and surveys on priority topics identified by foresters in the member countries. The Network also produces codes of practice and guidelines, and may participate in EU programmes.

A forum for foresters and those interested in forestry :

Participants in the Experts Network activities come from national Forest Services, private forests, forest industry, research institutes and universities, training centres, forestry authorities, trade unions and others forestry sectors. However, anyone with an interest in forestry from any part of the world is welcome to participate.

2. The Experts Network : A new beginning



The Experts Network was previously named Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee which has been serving forestry in the countries of Europe and North America since 1954.

The lack of resources for the continuation of the activities of the Joint Committee required its transformation into a lighter system at a lower cost (some resources from now on are provided by the partner organizations) : A Network of voluntary practitioners linked to FAO, UNECE, ILO and not a new independent body.

3. The Experts Network : New structure / New methods



New network structure, with a second secretariat close to the chairman at a lower cost, and a permanent link to the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission, and the ILO.

New ways of communication to reach specific target groups, while overcoming language difficulties for optimal dissemination of results (wide utilization of new information technologies).

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