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Venue and Date:

United Nations, Geneva, Palais des Nations, Salle VIII, 28-29 November 2013

Final Agenda

Forum Day 1 – Thursday 28 November 2013

09:30 Registration

10:00 Statements by hosts, co-sponsors and UN agencies

- UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section (Paola Deda, Dominique Reeb)
- Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) (Johann G. Goldammer)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (Pieter van Lierop)
- Secretariat, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction / UNISDR (Pedro Basabe)
- Secretariat, Euro-Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA), Council of Europe (Francesc Pla)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (t.b.c.)
- UNOCHA Emergency Services Branch, Environmental Emergencies Section / Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit (Wendy Cue)

10:30 Presentation of Forum Papers

- Study on the contemporary and expected future forest fire issues in the UNECE region, with reference to "White Paper on Vegetation Fires and Global Change" (Johann G. Goldammer)
- Preliminary evaluation of the questionnaire (Peter W. Sheldon)
- Proposal of the International Working Group on Cooperation in Wildfire Preparedness and Response (IWG-CWPR): "Building Resilience of Nations and Communities within the UNECE Region to Wildfire Emergencies and Disasters" (Mark Jones)
- Proposal by the International Fire Aviation Working Group (IFAWG): Adoption of "Voluntary Guidelines for Fire Aviation" (Richard Alder)
- Draft "White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region" (Johann G. Goldammer)

11:30 Coffee break

- 12:00 Other statements
- Briefing on the UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) by LRTAP Secretariat (t.b.c.)
- Moderated discussion: Format of work, e.g. by formation of Working Groups for afternoon breakout discussions. Suggested Working Groups (t.b.c.):
- WildFire Support Mechanism (WFSM)
 - Fire Aviation Guidelines
 - Definition of Secretariat / Host of a future WFSM
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 Breakout in Working Groups (Salle VIII and Room S1)
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Breakout in Working Groups (continued)
- 17:30 Plenary
Interim discussion / review of Working Group approaches
- 18:00 Adjourn, followed by Welcome Reception (Restaurant DSR, 8th floor, Building A)

Forum Day 2 – Friday 29 November 2013

- 09:30 Plenary or Working Groups: Finalization of discussion and drafting of recommendations
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Plenary: Finalization of discussion and adoption of recommendations for cross-boundary cooperation in fire management in the UNECE Region
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 International (global) consultation
Statements with brief presentations from Regions
- Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN Secretariat) (Raman Letchumanan)
 - Southern African Development Community (SADC Secretariat) (Moses Chakanga)
 - Sub Sahara Africa (Regional Sub Sahara Wildland Fire Network, Ghana) (David Asare)
 - South America (Regional South America Wildland Fire Network, IBAMA, PREVFOGO, Brazil) (Larah Steil)
 - Central America (Central American Fire Management Strategy, Programa Nacional de Manejo del Fuego SINAC-MINAE, Costa Rica) (Luis Diego Roman Madriz)
 - South Asia (Regional South Asia Wildland Fire Network, Nepal) (Sundar P. Sharma)
 - Central Asia (Central Asia Wildland Fire Network) (Oyunsanaa Byambasuren)
 - North East Asia (Regional NEA Wildland Fire Network / Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network Cluster, Korea Forest Service / Korea Forest Research Institute) (Byung-Doo Lee)
 - Australasia (Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council / National Aerial Firefighting Centre, Australia) (Richard Alder)
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Discussion and draft statement addressing opportunities for inter-regional cooperation (between UNECE Region and other regions)
- 18:00 End of Forum