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CLIMATE, ATMOSPHERIC CHANGE AND FORESTS WORKING GROUP REPORT

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PERIOD: September 2019 – July 2021

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

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Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

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2. LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Meetings	Location	Date
Sub-group meeting AGU ²	<i>San Francisco</i>	<i>12 December 2019</i>

ACTIVITIES

- Forest Sector Trilateral Synthesis Paper

- As part of the collaborative efforts to utilize a common modelling framework to analyze mitigation scenarios in the forest sector, collaborative research has occurred over several years resulting in individual scientific papers and now a tri-national synthesis, which can be found at the sub-groups' Research Gate or online.

<https://www.researchgate.net/project/Integrated-Modeling-and-Assessment-of-Climate-Change-Mitigation-Options-in-the-North-American-Forest-Sector>

There you will find a link to the synthesis paper or here directly:

<https://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications?id=40190>

² American Geophysical Union

3. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Virtual meeting	<i>n/a</i>	<i>November 2021</i>	<i>New</i>
Link climate change information sites - each country has to provide broader coverage and translate some materials into Spanish	<i>n/a</i>	<i>January. 2022- December 2022</i>	<i>New</i>
Search for new funding to continue the forest sector mitigation work.	<i>n/a</i>	<i>October 2021- January 2022</i>	<i>New</i>
Forest sector mitigation research, including economic impacts of actions.	<i>n/a</i>	<i>March 2022- July 2023</i>	<i>New</i>

4. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Members of the working group collaborate through other North American initiatives such as the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and through various unilateral funding sources from each country and utilize the NAFC as a framework under which the coordination is done among the member countries.

5. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

Funding (estimated at USD20,000) to support an in-person Working Group Meeting in Mexico in February-March of 2023 would be advantageous to review work to date and plan further collaborations.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

None