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Forestry Technical Network Note

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Andrey Kushlin, Deputy Director Forest Policy and Resources Division (FOA), succeeded Tiina Vahanen as the coordinator of the Forestry Technical Network (FTN). The Forestry Department wishes to thank Tiina for her past stewardship of the FTN. Luigi Baldassari (FODI) will continue to support FTN coordination efforts at HQ. Building upon the earlier achievements of the FTN and latest progress of other technical networks, Andrey wishes to advance the utility of the FTN as a knowledge marketplace for all FAO practitioners worldwide who develop and deliver just-in-time, effective, and scalable solutions to FAO's clients in forestry and in a broader matrix of related landscapes and livelihoods.

On March 2, FOA Team Leaders reviewed the feedback received from the initial online FTN brainstorming with HQ and field-based staff. Based on this discussion, Andrey will develop a draft 2017 FTN work plan and circulate it for everyone's further feedback. Emphasis will be made on a combination of immediately implementable next steps, such as webinars and regular TL meetings with regional focus and video participation by relevant field staff, and a longer-term strategic vision including collaborative work on the new FAO Forest Strategy.

The first webinar in 2017 is scheduled for March 13 featuring a guest speaker from NASA. It will be a joint event by Forestry and Land technical networks.

Staff movements

Departures

From December 2016 to January 2017, several Forestry Department officers left FAO headquarters:

Bom Kwon Chun (Republic of Korea), completed his secondment with The Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism in January and returned to the Korea Forest Service to take up the position of Director-General, Forest Policy and Forest Resources Management.

Lauren Flejzor (USA), Programme Coordinator, Programme Coordination Unit, resigned from FAO at the end of January to take up an assignment at the United Nations in New York.

Magnus Grylle (Sweden), Information Technology Officer, Programme Coordination Unit, transferred to the Regional Office for Africa, Accra, Ghana, as Senior Forestry Officer in December.

Ulrika Haggmark (Sweden), Office Assistant, Forest and Farm Facility, retired from the Organization in December.

David Morales (Costa Rica), Forestry Officer, National Forest Monitoring Team, transferred to the Sub-regional Office for Central America, Panama, as Forestry Officer in December.

Cesar Sabogal (Peru), Forestry Officer, Forest Resources Management Team, retired from the Organization in December.

Staff in the Forestry and other departments would like to thank the former HQ colleagues for their many years of service and contributions to FAO's work while based in Rome, and wish them well in their new professional assignments or personal projects.

Arrivals

Climate Change and Resilience Team

The Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism

Song Hee Nam (Republic of Korea), has joined the Mechanism as Senior Forestry Officer and will be supporting the Mechanism in developing capacity for reforestation activities in Asia through its Korea-supported trust fund.

Maria Nuutinen (Finland) has been selected for a short-term position of Forestry Officer and will be assisting the Mechanism in strengthening knowledge sharing and online capacity development to support implementation and monitoring of landscape restoration.

***Silva Mediterranea* Secretariat**

Alessandro Schioppa (Italy) has joined the Secretariat as volunteer and will be working on the assessment of forest policies in the Mediterranean area for the 2018 State of Mediterranean Forests and for *Silva Mediterranea*.

Forest Resources Management Team

Kristina Rodina (Russian Federation) has been selected for the post of Forestry Officer (Wildlife and Protected Area Management). Kristina will be leading FAO's work in sustainable wildlife management and conservation and protected area management, as well as supporting cross-sectoral work through an integrated wildlife management approach.

Global Forest Resources Assessment

Adolfo Kindgard (Argentina) has been selected for the position of Remote Sensing Officer, and will contribute to the development of the FRA 2020 Remote Sensing Survey and related capacity development. He will also work closely with the REDD+ Programme, including on SEPAL and Open Foris.

Erica Lupi (Italy) has joined FO as an intern and will mainly support the team in updating the FRA country profiles, supporting FRA 2020 remote sensing activities, backing the Expert Consultation of the FRA 2020 Programme and assisting with general matters.

National Forest Monitoring Team

Julian Fox (Australia) has been designated Officer-in-Charge of the team until further notice, taking over from Anssi Pekkarinen.

Social Forestry Team

Jean-Claude Nguingiri (Congo) has been transferred from the Sub-regional Office for Central Africa to join the team as Participatory Forestry Officer. Jean-Claude will be responsible for the Department's ongoing normative and field work on community-based forestry.

Taylor Tondelli (USA) Taylor, Gender Consultant, has recently transferred to the team, where she will assist in implementing the 2017 Forestry gender work plan and mainstreaming gender efforts in FO, while also supporting the EU FLEGT Programme.

Forest and Farm Facility

Tatiana Lebedeva (Russian Federation) has transferred to the Facility from the REDD+ Programme as Office Assistant.