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DRAFT AGENDA OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE OECD FOREST SEED AND PLANT SCHEME

25-26 April 2023
Bratislava, Slovak Republic

This draft agenda was developed by the Secretariat.

It is circulated to Delegates, National Designated Authorities and Observers participating in the Technical Working Group Meeting of the OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme.

The meeting website contains practical information including logistics, registration and the programme of the field trip: : twg-oecd-ec-frm-meeting

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Timetable:

24 April 2023	*14:00-17:30*	*Bureau Meeting*
25 April 2023	*09:00 – 18:00*	*Technical Working Group Meeting*
26 April 2023	*08:00 – 19:00*	*Joint OECD/EU Field trip*

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Suggested hotel:

The list of hotels is available at twg-oecd-ec-frm-meeting**.**

Language:

English

NB: For practical and budgetary reasons, no paper copies of the documents mentioned below will be made available to participants in the Meeting room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them their own copies

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2023 (09:00 - 12:30)

9:00

Item 1.   Opening statements by Slovak Republic, the OECD Secretariat and the Chair of the Technical Working Group

The representative of Slovak Republic, the OECD Secretariat and the Chair, Ms Amanda Campbell (UK) open the meeting.

9:10

Item 2.   Adoption of the Draft Agenda

TAD/CA/F/A(2023)1

Delegates will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

For approval

9:15

Item 3.   Overview of the Slovak Forest Sector and FRM certification

PowerPoint Presentation

Presentation by Slovak Republic

The representative of the Slovak Republic will be invited to give an overview on the Slovakian forestry sector.

For information and discussion

9:45

Item 4.   Report of the Bureau Meeting

Oral Report

The Secretariat will inform delegates on the outcomes of the Bureau Meeting held on 24th April 2023.

For information

10:00

Item 5.   Guidelines on mixing of seed lots

TAD/CA/F/RD(2022)7

Presentation by the OECD Secretariat

During the work on the amendments to the Rules related to mixing of seed lots, draft guidelines on mixing of FRM was also developed. During the discussions at the 2022 Annual Meeting delegates agreed that the guidelines on mixing of seed lots should be further discussed at the 2023 TWG meeting. Delegates will be invited to discuss the draft guidelines and agree on the follow ups.

For discussion and recommendation

10:30 Coffee break

11:00

Item 6. Draft Guidelines for Emergency Situations

Progress report by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Emergency Situations

TAD/CA/F/RD(2023)1

The 2022 Annual Meeting agreed that it would be useful to have some guidance for FRM certification in emergency situations. The leader of the AHWG will present the draft guidelines for Emergency Situation developed with the AHWG. Delegates will be invited to discuss the guidelines with the view to recommend the document to the Annual Meeting.

For discussion and recommendation

11:30

Item 7. Implementation of the Communication Strategy of the OECD Forest Scheme

TAD/CA/F/RD(2023)2

Presentation by the Secretariat

The Secretariat will inform delegates about the implementation of the communication strategy of the OECD Seed Schemes, particularly the development of an elevator pitch.

For discussion and recommendation

12:00

Item 8. Clarification of the process of issuance of FRM Certificate's reference number

TAD/CA/F/RD(2022)8/REV1

Presentation by the Sub-Working Group

Delegates at the 2022 Annual meeting agreed to further discuss the issue of the process of issuance of FRM Certificate's reference number at the 2023 TWG. The Sub-Working Group will provide an update on the discussions on this topic since the 2022 Annual meeting.

For discussion and recommendation

12:30 -14:00 Lunch break

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2023 (14:00 - 18:00)

14:00

Item 9. Update of the scientific names of species recognised under OECD Forest Scheme

TAD/CA/F/RD(2023)3

Presentation by the Secretariat

Delegates at the 2022 Annual meeting approved the revision of Adjustment coefficients document and asked the Secretariat to work towards the alignment of the amended species names with UPOV's codes in the Genie database. The Secretariat will present the list of amended species names.

For information and discussion

14:20

Item 10. Digitalisation of FRM certification system

Presentation by the Secretariat

As agreed at the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Secretariat will provide a short update about the status of the digitalisation pilot project in the OECD Seed Schemes. Delegates will be invited to have a general discussion on the feasibility to digitalise the OECD's FRM certification system.

For discussion

14:35

Item 11. Digital traceability of the forest and timber supply chain

PowerPoint presentation

Presentation by Latvia

Latvia will inform the meeting about their digital traceability system for the entire forest and timber supply chain.

For information and discussion

15:10

Item 12.   Update on the Joint OECD/EU Forest Database (FOREMATIS)

Oral report

Presentation by the European Commission and the OECD Secretariat

The European Commission and the OECD Secretariat will provide a progress report on the administrative agreement between the two organisations and the status of publication of the OECD forest database on FOREMATIS.

For information and discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00

Item 13. Joint OECD and EUFORGEN projects

Oral presentation

The OECD Secretariat and EUFORGEN will provide an update on their joint communication activities, particularly on the use of the right forest reproductive material in afforestation and reforestation programmes and on the possible cooperation with ISF.

For information and discussion

16:25

Item 14. Presentation on the OptForests project

Oral presentation

Presentation by Mr Heino Konrad, Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Leader of WP6 of OptForests

Mr Heino will give an overwiew on OptForests, a new Horizon Europe Project. One of the main goals of OptForests is to develop methods to expand and diversify nursery production in order to ensure the provision and deployment of adapted, resilient and diversified FRM that will meet future demands, as well as fostering new business and cooperation between nurseries. The basis for this will be an in-depth analysis of the nursery sector in Europe and the modelling of future FRM demand implemented in WP6 of the project. Delegates will be invited to discuss a possible cooperation with WP6

.**For discussion and recommendation**

16:50

Item 15. Brainstorming on new projects in the OECD Forest Scheme

Roundtable discussion

Presentation by the Secretariat

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the status of current projects in the OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme and invite delegates to identify potential working areas and projects for the next two years.

For discussion and recommendation

17:30

Item 16. Other business

Depending on time available.

17:45

Item 17. Confirmation of outcomes

Delegates will be invited to approve the short summary of outcomes of the TWG meeting.

For approval

18:00 End of meeting

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 (8:00 - 19:00)

8:00 -19:00

Item 18. Field trip

There will be a joint OECD/EU technical fieldtrip organised by Slovak Republic. The detailed programme will be circulated separately.