The Value of FSC to Europe’s Public Forests

Friday 11 October 2019
Venue: NH Collection Prague, U Mrázovky 1566,. 15000, Prague, Czech Republic

Registrations: Please register for the event by 15 September 2019 by filling out the registration form here.

We invite all participants to join us for a welcome dinner the evening before at NH Collection Prague starting at 7pm. Please indicate in the registration form whether you are interested in attending this dinner.

Draft agenda

Objectives
The objective of this meeting is to inform and listen to views on the added value that FSC can provide to public forest administrators structured around the following three themes:

- Economic Competitiveness: How FSC can support the economic competitiveness of a country’s forest industry
- Enabling Environmental Policy: How FSC can add value to a country’s climate/environmental agenda
- Societal Trust: How FSC can support governments build trust with their own societies about how forests are managed within their countries

08:30 – 09:30 | Registration
Please remember to pre-register for the event

09:30 – 10:00 | Welcome and opening
Speakers:
- Facilitator opens the day
- Kim Carstensen, Director General, FSC International
- Olof Johansson, FSC Member and Director of Environmental Affairs, Sveaskog
10:00 – 11:15 | Economic Competitiveness
This session will provide perspectives on FSC’s role in supporting economic competitiveness of the forest industry across Europe.

Speakers:
- Ulf Johansson, Global Wood Supply & Forestry Manager, IKEA of Sweden
- Jacobo Aboal, Deputy Director of Forest Resources, Regional Goverment of Galicia, Spain
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprise perspective on FSC (speaker TBC)

Facilitated Q&A session

11:15 – 11:30 | Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 | Enabling Environmental Policy
This session will provide perspectives on the way that FSC can be used to support a country’s climate/environmental agenda.

Speakers:
- Researcher/Policy Advisor’s perspective on the role of sustainable forest management in mitigating climate change (speaker TBC)
- The impact of climate change on Czech forests (speaker TBC)
- Alison von Ketteler, Ecosystem Services Manager, FSC International
- Stefano Pellizzon, President, AFP-Associazione Forestale di Pianura (FSC Ecosystem Services case study from Italy)

Facilitated Q&A session

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 | Building Societal Trust
This session will provide perspectives on how FSC can support public administrations to communicate and build trust with stakeholders about the way forests are managed within their countries.

Speakers
- Christine Farcy, Senior Research Fellow, University of Louvain
- Dirk Riestenpatt, FSC Member and Managing Director of Forest Operations, Berliner Forsten
- Alexander Dountchev, Senior Expert on Protected Areas and Old-growth Forests, Southwest State Forestry, Bulgaria
- Anand Punja, Regional Director, Europe, FSC International

Facilitated Q&A session
16:00 – 16:30 | Wrap-up

Speakers:
- Kim Carstensen, Director General, FSC International
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16:30 – 18:30 | Drinks reception

We welcome all participants to join us for a drinks reception to celebrate 25 years of FSC