



Joensuu Forestry Networking Week • Group work instructions

Topic 2009 • Fighting climate change: adapting forest policy and forest management in Europe

Objective and goals

The objective of the group work is to improve participants' expertise and knowledge on how forest policies, forest management, forest research and forest extension can be developed for better adaptation and mitigation to climate change.

The main goal of the participants will be to write comprehensive reports on how climate change issues such as *impacts and adaptation*, *uncertainties and risks* and *mitigation* should be considered in the formulation of Forest policy, Forest management, Forest research and Forest extension. Individual participants will be expected to work together in four separate groups that represent each of these main areas that are directly impacted by climate change, and to develop their ideas and theories into a 10–15 page report for each of their assigned topics. The group breakdown will be as follows:

- Focus group 1 - Forest policy
- Focus group 2 - Forest management
- Focus group 3 - Forest research
- Focus group 4 - Forest extension

Focus group	Climate change issues to be considered in the group work		
	Impacts & adaptation (day 2)	Uncertainties & risks (day 3)	Mitigation (day 4)
<i>Forest policy</i>	x	x	x
<i>Forest management</i>	x	x	x
<i>Forest research</i>	x	x	x
<i>Forest extension</i>	x	x	x

Furthermore, each group will be expected to consider and develop follow-up actions for post JFNW 2009 that will help move idea sharing into solutions realization and implementation. These follow-up actions are open to a multitude of forms such as project planning, conferences, seminars, regional cooperative efforts and joint publications, etc. It is encouraged that lecturers participate in the group work when available.

All groups are to consider the development and priorities for action at regional, national and European levels, and should consider regional and cultural differences within Europe when necessary. The participants should utilize JFNW 2009 program lectures, field trip information, their own experiences and any additional research or pertinent information when developing the group reports.

The group reports will be finalized and presented on the last day of the JFNW 2009. Written reports will be reviewed by the Scientific Organizing Committee, and the participants will then make any necessary elaborations, changes or corrections post event. Upon the completion of the final drafts, the reports will be submitted for publication in *Joensuu Forestry Networking Week Discussion Paper*.



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Program schedule

Monday 13:30–17:00

- Introduction of the Focus groups' topics
Dr. Anssi Niskanen, University of Joensuu, Finland
- Participants present their professional background and how they relate to the Forest Industry
- Participants will be divided into the four Focus groups
(NOTE: Each participant will be allowed to volunteer for a specific Focus Group during the application process, although JFNW may place certain professionals into Focus groups that need participants with specific backgrounds or qualifications to facilitate productivity)
- Each Focus group will select a chairperson and a secretary for the entire week
- Focus groups will begin their discussions that will guide them in developing the introduction and framework for their reports, which will be based on their specific topic(s) and approach they choose
- Finally, the Focus groups will begin preparing and drafting outlines for their reports based on their objectives and main messages (NOTE: Participants are encouraged to use facts and information provided in the daily lectures, in an effort to make the reports as relevant and comprehensive as possible)

Tuesday 13:30–17:00

- Focus groups will continue to prepare and draft their reports based on their topic(s) and approaches (NOTE: Participants are encouraged to use facts and information provided in the daily lectures, in an effort to make the reports as relevant and comprehensive as possible)

Wednesday 08:00–17:00

- Participants will attend a lecture on “Uncertainties and Risks”, *presented by N.N.*
- Participants will take part in off site field trips designed to provide the Focus groups with additional information about the Forestry Industry and the impact of Climate Change for use in their reports

Thursday 13:30–17:00

- Focus groups will continue to prepare and draft their reports based on their topic(s) and approaches (NOTE: Participants are encouraged to use facts and information provided in the daily lectures and field trips, in an effort to make the reports as relevant and comprehensive as possible)
- Each Focus group will begin to finalize their reports, and begin preparing themselves to present their reports to the other groups within the conference
- Lastly, each Focus group will hold a provisional discussion on their suggested follow-up actions, after the completion of the JFWN 2009





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Friday 08:00–16:30

- Focus groups will complete the finalization of their reports and presentation preparations
- Focus groups will come together and present their individual reports to the other Focus groups, and will open the floor for discussions and question and answer sessions

Workshop – “Ideas for Follow-Up Activities”

Participants will use any information they have covered during the week from lectures, field trips, reports and discussions etc.

The Workshop will be divided into 5 Steps

Step 1 – The individual Focus groups will each create a list of 10 ideas for follow-up activities that would make fighting Climate Change possible

Step 2 – Next, the individual Focus groups would create 2 – 3 more detailed themes for follow up activities, based on the original list of 10 ideas

Step 3 – All 4 Focus groups will then meet together and present each of their small list of themes for follow-up activities

Step 4 – Each participant will then vote for their top themes that they feel would be most effective or necessary as follow-up activities (NOTE: Each person will have 5 votes. The votes can be spread across 5 different themes, or all 5 votes may be given to 1 theme if the participant so desires, and any combination in between these examples may be used as well)

Step 5 – All votes will be calculated, and the top 3 themes will be up for continued discussion by the entire group of participants. During this final discussion, it will be very important for the participants to answer the following questions as a group:

What is the background of this theme, and what makes it so important?

What steps must be taken to truly make fighting Climate Change possible?

What can we do collectively to continue to progress with follow-up activities?

What WILL we do as a group and as individuals?

What are the next steps to be taken following this conference, and when are our deadlines for these steps?

Who will be responsible for coordinating the follow-up work?

