



NORTH AMERICAN FOREST COMMISSION

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

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REPORT OF THE CLIMATE, ATMOSPHERIC CHANGE, AND FOREST WORKING GROUP

PERIOD: 2016-2017

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
Enrique Serrano Gálvez	Mexico	Comisión Nacional Forestal
Member Names	Country	Organization
Dan McKenney	Canada	Natural Resources Canada
David Paré	Canada	Natural Resources Canada
Sylvie Gauthier	Canada	Natural Resources Canada
Juan Carlos Leyva	Mexico	Comisión Nacional Forestal
Leopoldo Galicia Sarmiento	Mexico	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Rodrigo Vargas	Mexico/USA	University of Delaware
New members to be confirmed	USA	n/a

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2. (A) LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (done/ongoing)
Periodic teleconferences of the Working Group or subgroups by activity	Not applicable	September 2016 (most recent)	Ongoing
Update of the Working Group's Strategic Plan, which included a new mandate and a change in the Group's name.	Not applicable	October 2016	Done
Incorporation of the project "Integrated Modelling and Assessment of Mitigation Options in the North American Forestry Sector", implemented under the framework of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.	Not applicable	June 2017	Ongoing

2. (B) PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Review Group membership	Not applicable		New
Face-to-face Working Group meeting	Mexico	October 2017	New
Draft a new group agenda to include themes and projects aligned with both the new mandate and the new strategic plan	Mexico	October 2017	New

3. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period: 2016-2017

Activity	Amount US\$ (cash)	Amount US\$ (in-kind)
North American forest biomass map version 1 published	No available information	No available information

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

Funding for a face-to-face Working Group meeting, in order to reactivate communication and construct a new work plan with activities and projects aligned to its new mandate and strategic plan.

5. CLOSING REMARKS

The activities of the Working Group have been very sporadic for at least the past four years, which is why it is necessary to renew group membership and reactivate continuous communication between group members. It is believed that a face-to-face meeting with new members can facilitate the Working Group's relaunch.