



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

27 April 2022

The Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on Forests and Human Health convened virtually for the second meeting of the Expert Panel on 5-7 April 2022. Twenty-two participants, including sixteen Expert Panel Members, a Contributing Author, and the GFEP team, attended the meeting. It was moderated by GFEP Coordinator Christoph Wildburger and the Scientific Chair of the assessment, Cecil C. Konijnendijk. A full list of participants is annexed to the minutes.

1) Opening of the meeting

Christoph Wildburger, GFEP Coordinator, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He also informed the participants that the meeting was recorded. New participants who were absent in the first-panel meeting were invited to introduce themselves briefly.

C. Wildburger then outlined the tasks of the three-day meeting, as presented in the agenda. The tasks of Day 1 were to discuss the draft of Chapters 2 and 3, followed by identification and discussion of issues arising.

2) Overview of the state of the assessment by the Expert Panel Chair

Cecil C. Konijnendijk, the Chair of the Expert Panel, gave an overview of the current state of the assessment. C. Konijnendijk firstly thanked the Expert Panel and the authors for the excellent draft of the chapters. He then shared some recommendations for future considerations, including the definition of key terms such as 'health', 'forests', and 'forests and tree-based systems', and cross-cutting issues such as evidence from low-, middle-, and high-income countries. He further stressed the importance of including illustrations in the text and invited the authors to refer to previous GFEP reports.

3) Presentation from chapter teams by CLAs and discussion on draft text and chapter alignment (*Chapter 2*)

The CLA (Coordinating Lead Author) for Chapter 2, Matilda van den Bosch presented the latest update of the chapter. The presentation focused on the summary of the chapter content and thematic approaches, arising issues, alignment with other chapters, and overlaps and gaps

that need to be addressed. The Expert Panel then further discussed the content of the chapter and issues arising.

4) Presentation from chapter teams by CLAs and discussion on draft text and chapter alignment (*Chapter 3*)

The CLAs of Chapter 3, Payam Dadvand and Sjerp de Vries, presented the latest update of the chapter. The presentation focused on the summary of the chapter content and thematic approaches, arising issues, alignment with other chapters, and overlaps and gaps that need to be addressed. The Expert Panel then further discussed the content of the chapter and issues arising.

5) Identification and discussions of issues arising

The meeting participants then discussed overlapping and arising issues based on the previous agenda items. Discussions were focused on the frameworks and approaches to be used for the assessment, the availability of evidence for different topics and geographical regions, and the structure of the chapter as well as the report.

Before closing the meeting for the day, C. Wildburger proposed a meeting date for an in-person third meeting of the Expert Panel in September in Vienna, Austria. The exact date was to be confirmed on the third day of the meeting.

6) Summary of Day 1 by GFEP Coordinator

C. Wildburger briefly reviewed the main action items and discussion points from Day 1 of the meeting.

7) Presentation from Chapter teams by CLAs and discussion on draft text and chapter alignment (*Chapter 5*)

Due to the availability of participants, the order of agenda items 7 and 8 was exchanged.

The CLAs of Chapter 5 Agnes van den Berg and Cecil C. Konijnendijk presented the latest update of the chapter. The presentation focused on the summary of the chapter content and thematic approaches, arising issues, alignment with other chapters, and overlaps and gaps that need to be addressed. The Expert Panel then further discussed the content of the chapter and issues arising.

8) Presentation from Chapter teams by CLAs and discussion on draft text and chapter alignment (*Chapter 4*)

The CLAs of Chapter 4 Liisa Tyrväinen and Cecil C. Konijnendijk, presented the latest update of the chapter. The presentation focused on the summary of the chapter content and thematic approaches, arising issues, alignment with other chapters, and gaps that need to be addressed. The Expert Panel then discussed the content of the chapter and issues arising.

9) Identification and discussions of issues arising

The meeting participants discussed overlapping and arising issues based on the previous agenda items. Discussions focused on existing frameworks and availability of evidence, key terminologies, figures and illustrations, and the structure of the report.

10) Summary of Day 1 by Expert Panel Chair

C. Wildburger briefly welcomed the participants to the third day of the 2nd meeting of the GFEP on Forests and Human Health.

C. Konijnendijk presented a summary of the discussions in the last two days of the meeting and highlighted key action items. The summary focused on the ongoing discussions on the conceptual framework of the assessment and cross-cutting issues, including evidence from different geographical regions, urban and rural populations, etc. He also provided examples of the different types of illustrations and graphs to be included in the assessment. A discussion of the Expert Panel then followed on the framework of the assessment.

11) Break-out groups: Further development of Chapters 2 – 5

The Expert Panel was divided into break-out groups according to the chapters to elaborate further on the content of each chapter based on the previous discussions.

12) Reporting back from break-out groups and discussion of issues arising

The participants convened back in the plenary, and the CLAs reported the outcomes of their discussions in the break-out groups. The CLAs also shared their plans and timelines for further developing their chapters.

The Panel discussed the reports from each break-out group and issues such as frameworks and approaches, overlaps, and cross-cutting topics. Further discussions focused on the structure of the report and editorial guidelines. After a brief discussion on Chapter 1: Introduction, it was agreed that a draft of the chapter would be shared along with the second drafts of the chapter manuscripts.

13) Organization of work and next milestones

C. Wildburger gave an overview of the tentative timeline and upcoming key milestones of the assessment. He also explained the double-blind peer review process to be conducted in July-August and the editing process to be undertaken in December 2022-January 2023.

The Panel agreed on the next milestone as 19 June 2022, when the second draft of the chapters is due. These drafts will undergo peer review. Before the submission of the drafts, the CLAs will convene virtually on 9 May to discuss the progress of the chapters. The third meeting of the GFEP on Forests and Human Health will be held on 26-28 September 2022 in Vienna, Austria. Hybrid options will be available for any Panel member who cannot join the meeting physically.

The revised tentative timetable of the assessment was set as follows:

Scoping Meeting - GFEP Forests and Human Health	25-26 August 2021
Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Expert Panel	Early September 2021
Selecting members of the GFEP Expert Panel	September 2021
1 st meeting of the Expert Panel (virtual)	9-11 November 2021
Detailed chapter outlines	31 December 2021
Meeting of the CLAs	12 January 2022
First draft manuscripts of chapters	27 March 2022
2 nd meeting of the Expert Panel (virtual)	5-7 April 2022
Meeting of the CLAs	9 May 2022
Final draft of chapters for peer review	19 June 2022
Peer review of chapters	June-July 2022
3 rd meeting of the Expert Panel (Vienna, Austria)	26-28 September 2022
Final revision of the chapters	November 2022
Editing of the Assessment Report	December 2022-January 2023
Development and editing of Policy Brief	January 2023
Layout of the Assessment Report and Policy Brief	February 2023
Printing of the Assessment Report and Policy Brief	March 2023
Launch – International Day of Forests	21 March 2023

14) Final summary by the Panel Chair

C. Konijnendijk thanked participants for their efforts in further developing the assessment over the last three days. He invited the Panel Members to refer to previous GFEP assessment reports as they work on the draft manuscripts of their chapters.

15) Closing remarks by GFEP Coordinator

On behalf of IUFRO and the GFEP team, C. Wildburger thanked the participants for their commitment to this assessment and closed the meeting.

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