



Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)



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Cooperation between the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire and Regional Organizations and Treaties

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Introductory Note

The UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire has initiated the establishment of the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) in 1998, and the creation of the Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN) in 2001. With the increasing global scope of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire the formation of 14 Regional Wildland Fire Networks have intensified the relationships with other regions globally.

African Union

The Regional Subsahara Wildland Fire Network ("Afrifirenet") is a contribution to the NEPAD environmental programme. NEPAD is a technical body of the African Union.

http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/Africa/Afrifirenet_0.html

Afrifirenet participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

The ASEAN Secretariat is serving as Secretariat of the *ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution*, and represents the region in the GWFN:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SouthEastAsia/ASEAN-FireNet.html>

ASEAN Secretariat participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

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Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)

The Regional Eurasia Wildland Fire Network

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/BalticRegion/BalticRegion.html>

is active in Eastern Europe and the BSEC region through the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC):

<http://nubip.edu.ua/en/reefmc>

which currently conducts a Black Sea fire management project entitled "Streams-2-Suppress-Fires":

<http://suppressfires.eu/index.php>

The REEFMC participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

The Regional Caribbean Wildland Fire Network supports the CARICOM community:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/Caribbean/Caribbean.html>

After the lead by Cuba in the first phase of the regional network and outreach activities, the network is currently chaired by República Dominicana.

Central European Initiative (CEI)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address CEI. However, see explicit commitments under Council of Europe and OSCE.

Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address CSTO. However, see explicit cooperation with CSTO member states in the OSCE region.

Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address the member countries. However, the GFMC and GWFN have successfully arranged the exchange of fire management experts between Portuguese-speaking countries Brazil (<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SouthAmerica/SouthAmerica.html>) and Mozambique (http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/Africa/Afrifirenet_0.html), see http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SouthAmerica/SouthAmerica_4.html

The Regional South America Wildland Fire Network and the Regional Subsahara Wildland Fire Network and participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)
<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

Council of Europe (CoE)

The CoE through its European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) is a key partner of the UNECE ToS. The GFMC is serving in the "Network of Specialised Euro-Mediterranean Centres":

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/majorhazards/centres/default_en.asp

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/majorhazards/centres/presentation/GFMC_en.asp

CoE has financed the establishment of the Regional Fire Monitoring Centers in Southeast Europe / Caucasus: <http://www.rfmc.mk/>

and the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center: <http://nubip.edu.ua/en/reefmc>

and has supported the consultations and development addressing fire management on terrain on contaminated by radioactivity

http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SEEurope/SEEurope_1_radio.html

The European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) was cosponsor of and participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

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Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address ECO. However, see explicit cooperation with ECO in the Regional Central Asia and Regional SE Europe Wildland Fire Networks: <http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/CentralAsia/CentralAsia.html>

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SEEurope/SEEurope.html>

Both networks participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address EurAsEC. However, the Regional Eurasia Wildland Fire Network is the core region of activities of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire and serving the EurAsEC member states:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/BalticRegion/BalticRegion.html>

The network participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

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Latin American and Caribbean Economic System / Sistema Económico Latinoamericano y del Caribe (SELA)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address SELA. However, the Regional Wildland Fire Networks of South America, Mesoamerica and the Caribbean are serving SELA member states:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SouthAmerica/SouthAmerica.html>

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/MesoAmerica/MesoAmerica.html>

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/Caribbean/Caribbean.html>

The South America and the Mesoamerica networks participated in the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address SELA. However, the member states are served by the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center:

<http://nubip.edu.ua/en/reefmc>

and the OSCE/ENVSEC-funded fire management programme in the South Caucasus:

http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SEEurope/SEEurope_8.html

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

The OSCE is a prime supporter of the outreach work of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire in its member states and particularly in the South Caucasus:

http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/SEEurope/SEEurope_8.html

The OSCE was a cosponsor of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Transboundary Fire Management (Geneva, November 2013)

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/team.html>

The OSCE will support the upcoming "Regional Central Asia Fire Management Resource Center" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/CentralAsia/CentralAsia.html>

Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address PIF. However, the Regional Australasia Wildland Fire Network is serving PIF member states:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/Australasia/Australasia.html>

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

There are no specific cooperative activities devoted to address SCO. However, the Regional Central Asia Wildland Fire Network is serving the member states, supported by the incoming "Regional Central Asia Fire Management Resource Center" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia:

<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/CentralAsia/CentralAsia.html>