



FSC® General Assembly 2014
Seville, Spain, 7-14 September

To: All FSC Members
From: FSC Secretariat
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Action: For Information - Update #2 on GA 2014 preparations

The 7th FSC General Assembly will be conducted from September 7th to 14th, 2014, in Seville, Spain.

A dedicated website for the FSC GA will be launched next week, with all relevant information for registration, program, logistics, hotels, etc.

Update #1 on GA 2014 preparations dated 20 Dec 2013 provided you with relevant information about motion submission and also invited you to send us your proposals or recommendations for side meetings at the FSC GA 2014.

This update #2 on GA 2014 preparations provides more information about motion templates and upcoming deadlines.

1. Motions

All motions proposed for consideration by the General Assembly shall first be submitted to the Motions Committee at motions2014@fsc.org

There are two types of Motions:

1. **Statutory Motions**: are proposed motions to amend the Statutes or Principles & Criteria. The proposed amendment shall first set forth the current language from the applicable document, and then set forth the proposed new language; additions or deletions must clearly identify the specific title, section and paragraph to be amended. Statutory Motions approved by the General Assembly will become valid and legally binding at the close of the General Assembly, subject to legal confirmation.
2. **Policy Motions**: are proposed motions to change FSC policies or operational procedures, including those related to achieving its mission and purpose. Policy Motions approved by the General Assembly have the status of "initiatives" (FSC Statutes, Title Two Members, Clause Thirteenth, Paragraph 3); meaning that they are recommendations or advice to the FSC Board of Directors. The FSC Board of Directors will inform members about the next steps to respond to these initiatives.

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Please use the Statutory Motion template or the Policy Motion template attached to submit your motions accordingly.

Each proposed motion must contain the name and affiliation of the person proposing the motion (the proposer) and the name of two persons seconding the motion. Only individual members or the designated representative of an organizational member (with no outstanding membership fees) can propose or second a motion. Please consider that having seconders from different chambers and sub-chambers is generally helpful to demonstrate cross-chamber support.

In order to aid the General Assembly when considering a policy motion, the member making the motion, in addition to the actual language of the proposed motion, should include:

- Specifications for implementation (details on how to implement this request)
- Overall purpose of the motion / intent of the initiative
- Background information / rationale of the motion
- Timeline for implementation (estimated)
- Cost to FSC (an estimate of the costs of implementing the motion).

2. Upcoming deadlines

Upcoming deadlines (do not miss them!)	
28 February 2014	Submission of side meeting proposals or recommendations for GA Program ga2014@fsc.org
7 March 2014	Submission of motions for consideration by the 7th FSC General Assembly to the Motions Committee motions2014@fsc.org

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