

FSC™ Forest Management Expert Course

Online Course – LIVE SESSIONS August 10, 12, 14, 20



Learn to read the mind of your FSC auditor - or become one yourself! Our intensive FSC Expert trainings will equip you with the mindset and knowledge of an FSC auditor. Join our ASI accredited FSC FM online course to fulfill formal FSC Forest Management auditor training requirements whilst gaining useful insight into the FSC FM system!

This FSC FM course consists of an **online content @NEPCon Training Hub**, followed by **a 4-day intensive live sessions training**, covering the **FSC standards** and **systems** for **Forest Management certification**.

This FSC FM course is conducted in **English**. Please ensure that your language skills will allow you to fully engage in presentations, group exercises, discussions and examinations.

FSC requirements for remote auditor training

Based on the derogation FSC-DER-2020-04 published on 23 April 2020 FSC currently allows to replace in-person auditor trainings with remote courses.

NEPCon's online FSC FM course is a customized auditor training to meet the training demand during COVID-19 pandemic, considering the travel and safety restrictions, without reducing the quality of our regular in-person auditor trainings held worldwide. The content and duration of the training will meet all the standard FSC requirements for auditor trainings and at the same time be adjusted to be presented and acquired via different virtual tools and training methods. To enable everybody to participate actively in the live sessions and group work, the maximum number of places is 12.

Obtaining an FSC Auditor Training Certificate

Conditions for successful completion of the course are following*:

- Completion of online modules at NEPCon Training Hub
- Completion of self-study webinars at NEPCon Training Hub
- Active attendance at live training sessions
- Successful completion of exam

Students must be present in 95% of live training sessions, actively engaged throughout the whole course and have participated in individual and group exercises.

**For the participants who are not looking to acquire the auditor qualification the exam and online modules' completion is voluntary. Regardless, we would highly recommend to complete the online part of the course beforehand as it will aid to a better understanding of content and overall learning experience at the live sessions.*

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Trainers



KARA WIRES

Technical Manager, US

Kara oversees all forestry work in the US and Canada for NEPCon. She has a MSc in Forestry and 22 years of professional forestry experience, including almost 20 years working with FSC Forest Management certification. In addition to being a lead auditor, Kara also provides technical support to US staff, auditors and clients, which includes training, quality monitoring, and systems improvements. Kara has also been instructor for multiple FSC FM auditor trainings and has completed ISO 14001 EMS Lead Auditor training.



GABE BOLTON

Forestry Manager, US

Gabe provides technical and quality oversight for NEPCon's Forest Management services. It includes the maintenance of related NEPCon held accreditations, audit management, auditing, and monitoring of NEPCon's global Forest Management portfolio to ensure consistent implementation of policies and procedures, and a timely follow through on stakeholder comments and complaints. He also provides technical support to regional FM staff and auditors, conducts FM audits, delivers FSC FM auditor training and serves as the point of contact for accreditation enquiries related to FM services.

Co-presenters



MATEO CARIÑO FRAISSE

Land Use Programme Manager,
Spain



YVES BOUTHILLIER

Forestry Associate,
Canada



MYLÈNE RAIMBAULT

Forest Management Specialist,
Canada

Why should you take this course?

- **Online modules for self-study** that you can complete at a time of your preference before or during the training days
- **4 live training sessions** (GMT-4) with our Expert trainers and fellow participants
- Spread out over 2 consecutive weeks to offer more **flexibility**
- **Live group work** and presentation sessions
- **Online exam** you can take from home
- Electronic training materials for easy use
- A **certificate of completion or attendance** to prove your participation

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All times displayed in the US Richmond, Vermont timezone (GMT-4)

Day 1 Monday, August 10

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| 8.15 – 8.30 AM | | Check-In | |
| 8.30 – 8.45 AM | | Introduction to Course & Exam | Group |
| 8.45 – 9.00 AM | | Exercise I: Presentations | Individual |
| 9.45 – 10.15 AM | | Online Modules Review | Q&A |
| 10.15 – 10.30 AM | | Exercise II: Teamwork | Group |
| 10.15 – 10.30 AM | | Break | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 AM | | Q&A and discussion session | Q&A |
| 11.00 – 11.30 AM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | | Exercise III: Auditor Qualifications & Behaviour | Group |
| 11.45 – 12.45 PM | | Lunch | |
| 12.45 – 2.00 PM | | Exercise IV: Follow the Audit Trail | Group |
| 2.00 – 2.30 PM | | Exercise V: Stakeholder Consultation | Group |
| 2.30 – 3.00 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | | < Evening > Q&A and discussion session | Q&A |
| Total duration | 5.5 hours | | |

Self-study for Day 1

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| Auditor Qualification and Behaviour | 45 min |
| Forest Management Evaluation and Decision Process | 60 min |
| Evaluation of Conformance | 45 min |
| Report Writing and NCRs | 60 min |
| Total duration | 3.5 hours |

All self-study sessions can be completed individually on our [Training Hub](#)

Day 2

Wednesday, August 12

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| 8.30 – 8.45 AM | Daily Agenda Review | Group |
| 8.45 – 9.15 AM | Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Prep – Q&A | Q&A |
| 9.15 – 9.45 AM | Exercise VI: Gender Equality | Group |
| 9.45 – 10.45 AM | Exercise VII: FPIC | Group |
| 10.45 – 11.00 AM Break | | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 AM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | Exercise VIII: Ecosystem Services | Group |
| 12.00 – 1.00 PM Lunch | | |
| 1.00 – 2.05 PM | Exercise IX: HCVF | Group |
| 2.05 – 3.05 PM | Part 1 – Exercise X: Forest Management Plan review (to be continued as homework) | Individual/ Group |
| 3.05 – 4.05 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | < Evening > Q&A and discussion session | Q&A |
| Total duration | 5.5 hours | |

Self-study for Day 2

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| Safety and Health in Forestry Work | 45 min |
| Living Wages | 20 min |
| Stakeholder Consultation | 60 min |
| Gender Equality | 45 min |
| FPIC | 30 min |
| HCVF | 40 min |
| Ecosystem Services | 30 min |
| Total duration | 4.5 hours |

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Day 3

Friday, August 14

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| 8.30 – 8.45 AM | Daily Agenda Review | Group |
| 8.45 – 9.30 AM | Day 2 Recap & Day 3 Prep – Q&A | Q&A |
| 9.30 – 12.15 AM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | Exercise XII: Interviewing stakeholders (Part 1 & 2) | Group |
| 12.30 – 1.30 PM | Lunch | |
| 1.30 – 2.30 PM | Exercise XIII: Audit Planning and Preparation | Group |
| 2.30 – 4.00 PM | Exercise XIV: Opening meeting, Forest Manager interviews | Group |
| 4.00 – 4.30PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | < Evening > Q&A and discussion session | Q&A |

Total duration 6.5 hours

Self-study for Day 3

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| Auditing Community Aspects | 45 min |
| Auditing Technology, Tips & Tools | 30 min |
| Pesticides | 30 min |
| Total duration | 1.75 hours |

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Day 4 Thursday, August 20

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| 8.30 – 8.45 AM | Daily Agenda Review | Group |
| 8.45 – 9.30 AM | Day 3 Recap & Day 4 Prep – Q&A | Q&A |
| 9.30 – 10.30 AM | Exercise XV: Virtual Field Visit | Group |

10.30 – 10.45 AM Break

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| 10.45 – 12.15 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | Exercise XVI: Closing Meeting | Group |
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12.30 – 1.30 PM Lunch

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| 1.30 – 2.00 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i> | < Evening > Q&A and discussion session Exam recap, Closing | Q&A |
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Total duration 4 hours

Self-study for Day 4

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| Exam preparation & Q&A General | 165 min |
| Total duration | 2.75 hours |

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Exam

150 min

Please note that participants must complete this individual exam online. Exam takers will be monitored throughout the entire exam.

*The agenda is subject to change. Trainers might adjust the topics and timeslots to better meet the needs of attendees and/or due to technical necessities. All modifications will be agreed upon jointly.

Thank you for joining us!

Further information & sign-up form

<https://www.nepcon.org/events/fsc-forest-management-expert-course-online-august-2020>