

FSC™ Forest Management Expert Course



Online Course – LIVE SESSIONS October 27 & 29 / November 3 & 5

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 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 @Zoom**, 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 customised 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

YVES BOUTHILLIER

Forestry Associate, Canada



Yves is a biologist and Associate Forestry for NEPCon, FSC lead auditor for forest management, chain-of-custody, controlled wood and a SAS CoC lead auditor. Based in Canada, Yves has completed since January 2014 more than 75 FSC forest management and chain-of-custody audits. Prior to his master in forest ecology at the Research Centre on Water, Earth, and the Environment of the INRS University, Yves completed a baccalaureate in biology, with a concentration in conservation and environment at Laval University.

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 Senior Program 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 worldwide

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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Day 1 Tuesday, October 27

8.15 – 8.30 AM	Check-in	
8.30 – 9.00AM	Introduction to Course & Exam	Group
9.00 – 9.30 AM	Exercise I: Personal introductions	Individual
09.30 – 10.30 AM	Online Modules Review	Q&A
10.30 – 10.45 AM	Break	
10.45 – 11.00 AM	Exercise II: Teamwork	Group
11.00 – 11.45 AM	Q&A and discussion session	Q&A
11.45 – 12.15 PM	Exercise III: Interview Preparation	Group
12.15 – 1.00 PM	Lunch	
1.00 – 2.15 PM	Exercise IV: Follow the Audit Trail	Group
2.15 – 2.45 PM	Exercise V: FSC Principles & Criteria	Group
2.45 – 3.15 PM	Exercise VI: Stakeholder Consultation	Group
3.15 – 3.45 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	Q&A and evening discussion	Q&A
Total duration	375 min/ 6.25 hours	

Self-study for Day 1

Auditor Qualification and Behaviour	49 min
Forest Management Evaluation and Decision Process	35 min
Evaluation of Conformance	36 min
Report Writing and NCRs	30 min
Stakeholder Consultation	30 min
Total duration	180 min/ 3 hours

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

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Day 2 Thursday, October 29

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 – 10.15 AM	Exercise VII: Gender Equality	Group
10.15 – 10.30 AM Coffee/Tea Break		
10.30 – 11.30 AM	Exercise VIII: FPIC	Group
11.30 – 12.00 PM	Exercise IX: Facts and implications	Group
12.00 – 1.00 PM Lunch		
1.00 – 2.15 PM	Exercise X: HCV	Group
2.15 – 3.30 PM	Part 1 – Exercise XI: Forest Management Plan review (to be continued as homework and at Day 3)	Individual/ Group
3.30 – 4.00 PM <i>+ 15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session	Q&A
Homework		
45 mins	Exercise XV: Ecosystem Services	Group
25 mins	Exercise VI: Living Wages	Group
Total duration	445 min/ 7.4 hours	

<i>Self-study for Day 2</i>		
Health and Safety in Forestry Work		22 min
Living Wages		17 min
Gender Equality		31 min
FPIC		34 min
HCVF		27 min
Ecosystem Services		31 min
Total duration		162 min/ 2.7 hours

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Day 3 Tuesday, November 3

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 – 10.30 AM	Exercise XI: Forest Management Plan review (continued)	Group
10.30– 10.45 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	
10.45 – 11.45 AM	Exercise XII: Auditing Planning and Preparation	Group
11.45 – 1.00 PM	Exercise XIII: Opening meeting, Forest Manager interviews	Group
1.00 –1.45 PM	Lunch	
1.45 – 3.45 PM	Exercise XIV: Interviewing Stakeholders (part a and b)	Group
3.45 – 4.30PM <i>+ 15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session	Q&A
Total duration	420 min/ 7 hours	

<i>Self-study for Day 3</i>	
Auditing Community Aspects	33 min
Auditing Technology, Tips & Tools	18 min
Pesticides	28 min
Total duration	79 min/ 1.3 hours
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Day 4 Thursday, November 5

8.30 – 8.45 AM	Daily Agenda Review	Group
8.45 – 9.15 AM	Day 3 Recap & Day 4 Prep – Q&A	Q&A
9.15 – 10.30 AM	Exercise XV: Virtual Field Visit	Group
10.30 – 10.45 AM	Break	
10.45 – 12.15 PM <i>+ 15 mins flexibility</i>	Exercise XVIII: Closing Meeting	Group
12.30 – 1.30 PM	Lunch	
1.30 – 3.00 PM <i>+ 15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session Exam recap, Closing	Q&A
Total duration	240 min/ 4 hours	

<i>Self-study for Day 4</i>	
Exam preparation & individual Q&A	165 min
Total duration	2.75 hours
<i>All self-study sessions can be completed individually on our Training Hub</i>	



Exam

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

150 min

*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.

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Further information & sign-up form

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