

Conceptual consultation of the revision process “Revision of Requirements for Development and Maintenance of Locally Adapted FSC Requirements (FSS and CWRAs)”

The revision of the requirements for the development and maintenance of locally adapted FSC requirements, also referred to as the "revision of the country requirements", is underway. The Country Requirements are the Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS) and the Controlled Wood Risk Assessments (CWRAs).

The revision process officially started last September with a registered technical working group. The process is now adapting to the new requirements in the fourth version of the Procedure for the Development and Revision of FSC® Requirements ([FSC-PRO-01-001 V4-0](#)). The process now includes the conceptual phase.

The revision process is ongoing conceptual phase. This phase is key to the process because it is the time when the key concepts are developed, and the foundational aspects of the revision are shaped. This phase helps to set a clear path for the development of the technical details of the requirements in the draft that will follow.

During the conceptual phase, we conduct a conceptual consultation for FSC members and other stakeholders to contribute to this key "shaping the revision" phase. The conceptual consultation is not about clauses, requirements or drafts of normative documents. It is also not about the review report that led to this revision process and that has already been consulted in 2021. This consultation is about key concepts and fundamental aspects of the revision. It is the main opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the revision process.

A little background on the revision process:

- It is a regular process with an already registered Technical Working Group of four members and a process lead.
- It has a 2-year timeline, with a goal of completion by the end of next year. See its timelines [here](#).
- It involves a joint revision of five normative documents containing process requirements for FSS and CWRAs and content requirements for FSS. See the link below for the codes of these normative documents.
- The revision has three overarching objectives:
 - 1) improve the quality of the locally adapted FSC requirements, their relevance, understandability, completeness, simplicity, user-friendliness and consistency with other applicable requirements within the FSC normative framework;
 - 2) incorporate outcome orientation (including monitoring and evaluation as well as data requirement) into the locally adapted FSC requirements process; and
 - 3) increase the efficiency, quality, and reliability of the processes for the development and maintenance of the locally adapted FSC requirements.

More details about the process can be found on the process page [here](#).