

FSC Risk Assessment Consultations



1. Overview

- This guidance provides an overview of FSC's Risk Assessment consultations and how to stay engaged and participate. FSC's consultations are open to all interested stakeholders.
- All ongoing and planned FSC Risk Assessment development and revision processes in the upcoming years are listed in the FSC Country Requirements Schedule. The schedule is updated frequently and includes relevant stakeholder information, such as upcoming consultations. Learn how to navigate the dashboard by reading the [user guide here](#).
- Stay informed on upcoming consultations of FSC Risk Assessments by [registering through the form](#).

2. FSC Risk Assessment Framework

FSC-PRO-60-006b FSC Risk Assessment Framework provides a comprehensive tool for companies to assess and mitigate the risks of sourcing forest materials.

With 64 indicators for assessing risks connected to relevant social and environmental aspects, FSC's Risk Assessment Framework is aligned with EUDR regulatory requirements to ensure responsible sourcing. The next generation of FSC's existing risk assessments for controlled wood sourcing will be based on this updated framework and will be valid for both **Regulatory Module users** and Controlled Wood users. Understand the background and how risk assessments work in the FSC system by reading the **Demystifying Risk Assessments document**.

3. Consultations for FSC Risk Assessment development and revision

Following FSC's Risk Assessment Framework, all FSC Risk Assessments developed centrally will have a focused consultation.

A focused consultation is one in which ALL stakeholders can self-identify as interested in a particular normative revision/ development. Once a stakeholder self-identifies, they will be actively contacted to participate in the consultation.

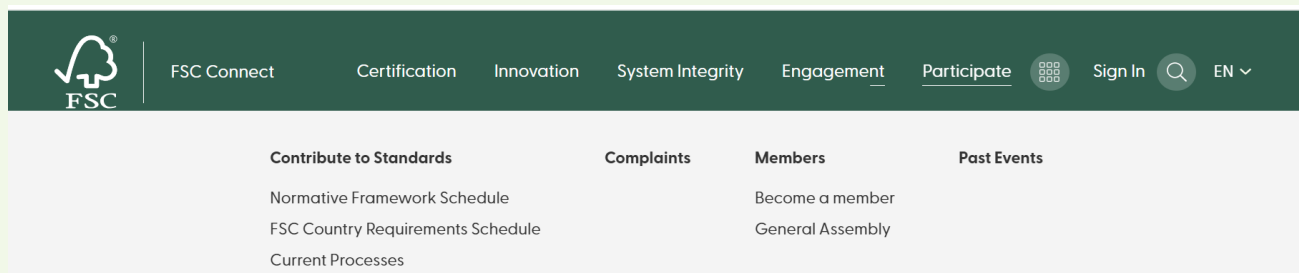
The rationale for differentiating between public and focused consultations was to streamline FSC processes, wherein only interested stakeholders are invited to participate. This is also expected to reduce stakeholder fatigue with all the ongoing FSC consultations.

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4. How can I participate in consultations for FSC Risk Assessments?

To facilitate stakeholders' self-identification, we have created a [simple form](#) published on the FSC [Country Requirements Schedule page](#) on FSC Connect. When the consultations for indicated FSC Risk Assessments are open, you will be emailed with a link to participate.



In addition, links to open consultations are posted on this page.

5. Using FSC's Consultation Platform

All country requirements consultations are posted to the FSC Consultation Platform. Standard developers can also build their platforms if they better suit the needs of their constituency. As such, country requirements consultations are not visible when opening the [FSC Consultation Platform page](#), as they are not defined as “public” in our normative requirements. We are working on an updated Consultation Platform to differentiate this better and allow for better user orientation.

To participate, please [Register](#) for FSC's Consultation Platform or [Log In](#) if you already have a profile.



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6. Engagement for FSC Risk Assessment development and revisions

Our standard developers are responsible for using various mechanisms for their outreach in their respective geographies for requirements (regional or national). Additional stakeholders are typically identified through:

1. The stakeholder list provided by FSC Network Partners
2. Self-generated stakeholder list by standard developers
3. Using standard developers' own IT platforms and sign-up tools (where available)
4. Stakeholder meeting with interested stakeholders (if planned)

7. Resources

There are two webpages to draw visibility to and an explanation of FSC Risk Assessments and how to get involved:

FSC Risk Assessments: Here, FSC Risk Assessments are explained, and a link to the FSC Country Requirements Schedule is prominent towards the beginning.

FSC Risk Assessment Development

FSC is publishing the development and consultations of FSC Risk Assessments on the FSC Country Requirements Schedule [page](#). Stakeholders can also [sign up to be informed](#) on upcoming FSC Risk Assessment consultations. Links to the consultation of FSC Risk Assessments are also updated there when available for stakeholders to access and participate.

[FSC Country Requirements Schedule](#)

FSC Country Requirements Schedule: We are publishing updates to developments in FSC Risk Assessments, including the ongoing consultations.

Open Consultations

Access the open consultations for country requirements:

- [FSC Risk Assessment for Austria](#) - open until 31 January 2025
- [Interim Forest Stewardship Standard for South Korea](#) - open until 20 January 2025

Sign up for updates on upcoming consultations when they are available through [this form](#).