



## INTRODUCTION

Russian-Swedish co-operation on development of education and training courses is performed within the framework of Russian-Swedish Forest Sector Cooperation Program (RSFSCP), 2005–2010.

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and participating Russian education establishments have provided the financial support for the co-operation. The Swedish Forest Agency used to act as the RSFSCP implementing agency.

The RSFSCP co-operation is an integrated approach of 3 blocks, i. e.:

I) extension and dissemination of sustainable forest management principles and experiences,

II) developing forest policies and strategies, and restructuring state forest administration,

III) upgrading higher education and training in selected fields of the forest sector.

Block III proposed development of education and training courses in 5 main subjects, where OPLWSO and AFRFRN are two of five.

RSFSCP initially outlined the OPLWSO and AFRFRN as separate projects. During the projects' preparatory phase, March – May 2008, the Russian and Swedish partners identified a number of significant connection points and synergies among various activities in OPLWSO and AFRFRN. There was a consensus for establishment of a combined OPLWSO & AFRFRN scheme. This approach was approved by the RSFSCP leadership and the close cooperation was initiated in May 2008 and was concluded in August 2009.

The main project activities are outlined in Figure below.

## Project Program May 2008 – Autumn 2009

St-Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy, Start up & Workshop	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Visionary Travel & Workshops	Syktvykar Forest Institute, Accessibility of Forest Resources and Development of Forest Roads Network, seminar	Syktvykar Forest Institute, Evaluation & Planning meeting	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Study Tour on key issues	Syktvykar Forest Institute, Workshop FOPC, Test Course in Road construction, test road, Concluding Seminar	Moscow State Forestry University, Reporting Seminar
10 days	8 days	9 days	8 days	7 days	22 days	3 days
May 2008	September 2008	November 2008	February 2009	May 2009	June-July 2009	November 2009

The main activities and results of the OPLWSO & AFRFRN scheme are presented in the documents:

- Program for advanced education in **Forest Operational Planning and Control System (FOPC)** and **Forest and Road Accessibility Planning and Design System (FRAP)**, November 2009;
- Power point presentations in «Operational Efficiency in the Forest Operation Chain», November 2009; Those power point presentations are available at Syktvykar Forest Institute (SFI) web site: sli.komi.com and web site of Moscow State Forestry University: mgul.ac.ru since September 2010;
- Study book.

The main documents and material within the RSFSCP is available at the Swedish Forest Agency web site:

[www.skogsstyrelsen.se/International/projects/Russian-Swedish Forest Sector Cooperation Programme/](http://www.skogsstyrelsen.se/International/projects/Russian-Swedish%20Forest%20Sector%20Cooperation%20Programme/)

This study book, which is in fact the original results of joint Russian and Swedish participants research in the studied issues.

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