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Forty-fifth session

Geneva, 22–24 May 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

**Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of
the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and
Management**

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday,
22 May 2024.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/1

Delegations will adopt the agenda of the meeting.

2. Matters arising since the last session

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2023/2–FAO:EFC/2023/2

The secretariat will present developments at the United Nations, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the November 2023 joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, having an impact on the work of the Joint Working Party.

3. Thematic focus: Climate change and forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/3

To contribute to the climate discussion and raising the profile of Northern Forests globally, delegations are invited to present climate change impacts on their national forests, including events held, ongoing research and expected future effects. This might also focus on the possible impacts on their forests' services and products in the short-, medium- and long-term and determine resource availability and related consumption needs. A detailed programme of this session will be available at <https://unece.org/info/Forests/events/386476>.

The outcome of the discussion will be used by the secretariat to prepare a substantive document that member States may consider using as reference in their preparations for the 29th and 30th Convention of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

4. Reporting on implemented and ongoing work

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2023/2–FAO:EFC/2023/2

ECE/TIM/2023/6–FAO:EFC/2023/6

ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/4

ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/5

ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/6

Delegates are invited to review the activities since the forty-fourth session of the Working Party (see ECE/TIM/2023/6–FAO:EFC/2023/6). The secretariat will present recent activities and implemented work. The leaders or a designated member of the Teams of Specialists, together with the Team's secretary, will report on current and future work. The secretariat will also report on its work undertaken under a project on Forest Information Systems as well as on the status of the 2024 publications.

Delegations are invited to comment on the Team of Specialists' work plans for 2024 to provide guidance to the Teams of Specialists and the secretariat. Points for discussion are included in the reports of the Teams of Specialists (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/4).

5. Update: Review of the Integrated Programme of Work

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2023/2–FAO:EFC/2023/2

ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/7

As agreed (see ECE/TIM/2023/2 FAO:EFC/2023/2, para 70) at the eighty-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the forty-first session of the Food and Agriculture Organization European Forestry Commission (EFC), delegations decided to initiate the mid-term review of the Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW) via informal online and email consultations with stakeholders as well as the Joint Bureaux of COFFI and EFC in spring of 2024. This led to the development of a zero draft of the 2026-2029 IPoW (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2024/7), which includes the feedback received as well as the secretariat's experiences with implementing the current IPoW.

On 22 May 2024, the secretariat will organize consultations with member States and stakeholders (English only in hybrid format) on the zero draft, the proposed structure and scope of the Joint Working Party and the Teams of Specialists. Delegations to the Joint Working Party are strongly encouraged to attend the consultations on 22 May 2024 in person and actively contribute to the discussion.

The secretariat will summarize the main outcomes of the 22 May 2024 hybrid consultations on the IPoW 2026-2029. Delegations are invited to review the main outcomes, comment and advise on the next steps consisting of the secretariat, in cooperation with the Joint Bureau of COFFI and EFC, preparing a draft of the new IPoW 2026-2029 as well as further deliberations at the 2025 Joint Working Party and the adoption of the 2026-2029 IPoW at the November 2025 Joint session of the COFFI and EFC.

6. Overview of forest and forest sector related work by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that are not covered by the Integrated Programme of Work

According to the mandate given by the Joint session of the seventy-fifth session of the ECE COFFI and the thirty-ninth session of the FAO EFC in 2017 (ECE/TIM/2017/2-FO:EFC/2017/2 Annex I, paragraph 4), the secretariat will invite ECE and FAO to present to the Joint Working Party an overview of forest and forest products related activities in the ECE region in 2024 that were implemented by these two organization outside the IPoW.

The Joint Working Party is invited to take note of these forest and forest products' related activities in the ECE region which are not covered by the Integrated Programme of Work and advise on any overlap in activities.

7. Election of officers

At its forty-fourth session, the Joint Working Party elected Mr. Michal Synek (Czech Republic) as Chair, Ms. Magdalena Wolicka-Posiadała (Poland) and Mr. Talha Sadiq (Canada) as Vice-Chairs to hold office until the end of the forty-fifth session.

Pursuant to the decision (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2023/2, para. 16) taken at its forty-fourth session, and the applicable Rules of Procedure of its parent body, the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, the Joint Working Party is expected to elect a Chair and three Vice-Chairs to hold office until the end of the forty-sixth session.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The secretariat will inform member States about the date and place of the forty-sixth session.

9. Any other business

None at the time of writing.

10. Adoption of the report

The Joint Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

ANNEX I.**Tentative schedule****Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics (in person only – English only)***Monday, 20 May 2024*

15:00 – 18:00	Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics
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Tuesday 21 May 2024

10:00 – 18:00	Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics
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Consultations on the Integrated Programme of Work (hybrid – English only)*Wednesday, 22 May 2024*

10:00 – 18:00	Official consultations with member States and stakeholders on the zero draft of the Integrated Programme of Work 2026-2029
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Forty-fifth session of the Joint Working Party (in person only, interpretation into English, French and Russian)*Thursday, 23 May 2024*

10:00 – 13:00	Item 1 – Item 3
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15:00 – 18:00	Item 3 (cont.) – Item 5
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Friday, 24 May 2024

9:30 – 12:30	Item 6 – Item 10
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