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Proposed revision of the terms of reference for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forests Economics and Statistics (Agenda item 9 b)

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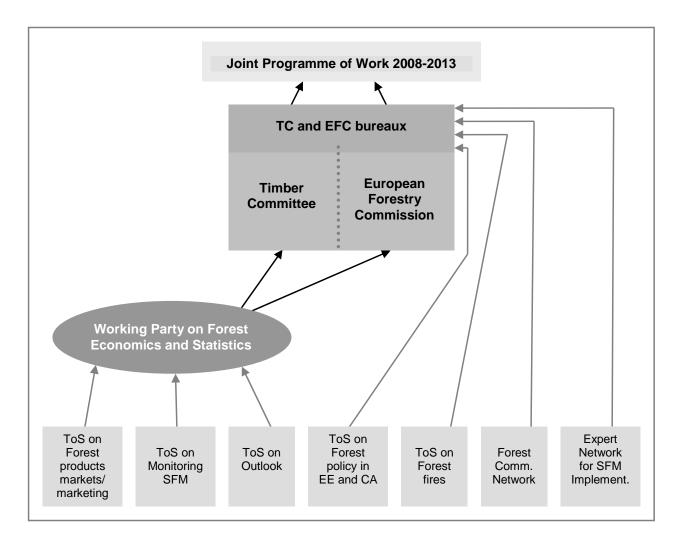
Introduction

- March 2011 Meeting on a possible Working Party to facilitate exchange of expert advice based on ToS work
- Acknowedgement that current architecture for ToS reporting is inadequate and uneven.





Current reporting lines of the Teams of Specialists







Two options considered by WPFES

- New Working Party for ToS matters
- Enlargement of existing WPFES

Assessment included: Current needs, expected functions, resource implications



Extension of existing WPFES emerged as most feasible solution





Inputs provided to secretariat in period March 2011-July 2011

- Doubts about extension of WPFES as current focus might be diluted
 VS.
- Need to revise WPFES ToR to reflect a more general nature of WP.

Proposed Names:

Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on:

- Forests
- SFM
- Forest information and use

VS.

Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on:

- Forest information and statistics on economics and management
- Forest statistics, economics and management





Proposal by the Bureau

- Build on the consensus reached in March 2011
- Enlarge WPFES function, for a trial period of 2 years (until 2013) (parallel to review)
- Then, revise the WP ToR based on outcome
- Suggested name: 'Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management'

Terms of reference: See page 3 of doc ECE/TIM/2011/8 FO:EFC/2011/8





Proposed reporting lines for the Teams of Specialists

