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Item 9d: Review of activities and the programme of work for 2011

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Forest monitoring, assessment and policy scenario



State of Europe Forests



European Forest Sector Outlook Study





Forest Products Annual Market Review





Networks of experts and background information













- Meetings with relevant ToS

 example: Two Annual Meetings of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists
 Forest Communicators Network
 (Sweden 2010, Hungary 2011)
- Guidance to the process

 example: Guidance/Background
 documents on reporting on
 quantitative indicators for use by
 national respondents
- Discussion papers

 example: Discussion paper on "The
 Forest Sector in the Green Economy"





Communications and outreach



- Seminars
- Press Conferences
- Articles/brochures
- Market discussions





Reinforced "policy" setting aspects



- Orman 2011
- Action Plan on Green Economy
- Participation in and contribution to Forest Europe work
- Legally Binding Agreement (LBA)
- Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)
- Wood Energy





Capacity Builder



- Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Improving Forest Products marketing (in Southern Europe)
- Policy options for wood energy in CIS countries





Indicative activities for 2011-2012

A. Forest resources

Publications and Research:

- Contribution to the strategy of FAO Global Resource Assessment (GFRA)
- Contribution to the draft enquiry for GFRA 2015
- Contribution to the electronic format of the FRA report
- Web-Based information Platform for SoEF 2011, jointly with Forest Europe (planned for 2011)
- Educational material for students based on State of Europe's Forests 2011 report
- Discussion paper on European Forests Types
- Brochure on European Forests Types (planned, autumn 2011)
- Design (with Forest Europe and EFI) of the process on the review of the pan-European Criteria and Indicators on SFM (tentative, depending on future decisions)





- Development of the concept of the pan-European reporting 2015 (tentative, depending on future decisions)
- Process of refinement of SFM advancement (together with the European Forest Institute and Forest Europe); including the development of a method for assessment of Sustainable Forest Management advancement
- Contribution to the EFI project on SFM application on a national level (participation in organization of the series of sub-regional workshops)
- Contribution to the global initiative on Criteria and Indicator refinement (together with Forest Europe and the Montreal Process)

Meetings and Events:

- Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management
- Last meeting of the Advisory Group on SoEF 2011 reporting





B. Forest policies and institutions

Meetings and events:

- Preparing and servicing the meetings of the intergovernmental negotiating Committee (INC) to prepare a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe (LBA), including organization and servicing of INC bureau meetings (together with other partners)
- Meeting(s) to further define the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.





C. Markets and statistics

Publications and Research:

- Publication of 2009 data on wood energy scheduled end of 2011 or early 2012
- Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-12
- TC Market Statement 2012
- Improve wood pellets production and trade statistics
- Collection and validation of 2010-2011 data on the trade, consumption, production of forest products (for UNECE and other databases, e.g. FAOSTAT)
- Publication of forest products data 2007-2011, including secondary products
- Timber Committee market forecasts for 2012-2013 tables
- Timber Committee market forecasts for 2012-2013 market discussion graphs
- Maintenance of price statistics on-line.





Meetings and events:

- FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (WPFES)
 2012
- Annual session of the UNECE Timber Committee 2012
- Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Marketing
- Meeting of Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics
- Initiation of 2011 data collection on wood energy sources and uses in the UNECE region (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry)





D. Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas

Meetings and events:

- Workshop on mobilizing "green" resources the sustainable approach in Romania (planned for end of 2011)
- UNECE/FAO Workshop on: "Improving wood energy data in international statistics – based on the experiences from the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry"
- Workshop on the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists for Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (to be planned in 2012)





E. Outlook studies and cross-sectoral component

1. Meetings and events:

- Workshop on the impact of climate change on forestry work, organized by the ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network on implementing sustainable forest management
- Conference on forest fires
- Meetings of: UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook; Core Group of Experts on Forest Sector Outlook; Forest Communicators Network; Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management; Team of Specialists on Forest Fire
- Participation in and organization of various events for dissemination of SoEF
 2011 and EFSOS II results



