95th Executive Committee Meeting
Ms. Marta Gaworska, Chairperson
Overview: Forests in the ECE region

The UNECE region covers…
• **43% of world’s forests**
• about 60% of total wood provision

…and 30% of land in Europe is covered by forests
Our focus on the SDGs
Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work on Forests (2018-2021)

Four areas of work

- WA1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment
- WA2: Policy advice and dialogue
- WA3: Communications and outreach
- WA4: Capacity-building

Adapting our work to support 2030 Agenda
Forest Products Markets

- Forest Products Annual Market Review
  - 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
  - Up-to-date and comprehensive analysis of markets for forest products in the UNECE region
  - Covers a range of products from forest to end-user
  - Includes statistical, policy, trade barrier and market analysis
Forest Resources

- Creation of world’s most complete and comprehensive database and repository about the status and trends in forests and forest management in countries of the UNECE region
  - State of Europe’s Forests 2020
  - State of Forests in the Caucasus and Central Asia (English and Russian)
  - Various studies on forests in UNECE (e.g. forest ownership, forests and water)
Joint Wood Energy Enquiry: the only source of up-to-date information on the use of wood energy in the region

- Helps policymakers to assess and evaluate the real role of wood as a renewable source of energy
Policy Dialogue and Advice

- Forest Outlook Studies
  - provide decision makers and stakeholders with different future scenarios for the forest sector

- Green Economy
  - Guidelines on how to transform the forest sector in a greener and more efficient way
Identification and promotion of green jobs in the forest sector and **guidelines** for member states on how to save jobs in this declining sector and develop new curricula.
Communication and Outreach

- Annual organization of **awareness raising** campaigns on the importance of forests (e.g. the International Day of Forests, national events)
- Educational videos, press releases, social media engagement, platform for exchange among countries and engagement with wider general audience
Countries in CCA will have developed and implemented a **national criteria and indicator set** for sustainable forest monitoring.

Commitment by member states to **restore deforested and degraded lands** in support of the international Bonn Challenge and the achievement of SDGs 13 and 15.

**Manual** for the development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.
Thank you!

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