

## **ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Policy**

### **Reference to Integrated Work Programme:**

### **Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”**

#### **A. Objectives**

1. To contribute to the development of tools and capacity-building to support sound policy making for the Forest Sector in the ECE Region in particular in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.
2. To advise the secretariat on implementation of Work Areas 2 and 4 of the Integrated Programme of Work.

#### **B. Activities**

1. Advise and support the secretariat on:
  - a. The collection, review, analysis and dissemination of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the ECE region;
  - b. The organization of policy dialogues at the regional and national level (including National Forest Policy Dialogues).
2. Contribute to:
  - a. The development of policy tools such as guidelines and recommendations and strengthen policy-related components of ECE and FAO studies (State of Europe’s Forests, Forest Products Annual Market Review Outlook studies, etc.);
  - b. Capacity-building activities (work area 4) that are related to forest policy development, institutions and green economy measures. While all countries of the ECE region should benefit from capacity-building activities, special attention will be paid to the needs of the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.
3. Provide advice and support to the follow-up on the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.
4. Development of guidance for policy makers to foster sustainable wildlife management in the framework of sustainable forest management, also in view of avoiding conflict over different types of land use and/or damage caused by wildlife.

#### **C. Expected major outputs**

1. Contribution to a framework for collecting and analysing information on forest policies, institutions and instruments (to be developed in close cooperation with the ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management) with a view to:
  - a. Producing a publication (an overview and analysis of existing forest policy and institution models and main trends);
  - b. Contributing to the forest policy part of the FAO country profiles for the ECE region;
2. Support to the organization of regional policy dialogues (themes, speakers...) and provide recommendations on further development of the national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods...);

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3. Support to the drafting and review of the policy outputs in the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work in order to tailor their messages to country needs and/or target groups;
  4. Dissemination of policy related work of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section at national and sub-national levels;
  5. Provision of national experts and case studies, trainers and content for capacity building activities;
  6. Policy brief on the interface and possible synergies between forest and wildlife management.

#### **D. Background**

<b>Established/Approved by:</b>	The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, December 2013
<b>Duration:</b>	The mandate of the team was renewed for the term 2016-2017.
<b>Methods of work:</b>	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.
<b>Reporting:</b>	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
<b>Team leader:</b>	To be elected at first Team meeting.