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**Draft Integrated Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission****Provisional list of activities for 2014****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

This document will facilitate discussion under agenda item 5 on the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work for 2014-2017. The note contains information on planned activities of the Programme planned for 2014. For each activity, expected outputs are also listed. Activities and outputs are subject to availability of funds. The Committee is invited to review and advise on activities and outputs, taking into account its decisions regarding the new Programme of Work (see document ECE/TIM/S/2013/4).

**I. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring and assessment****A. Forest resources****(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, sustainable forest management and contribution of the forest sector in a green economy**

- Development of a concept for the establishment of an electronic repository, enhancing the efficiency of data collection, management and dissemination
- Collection of data on pan-European indicators - through international data providers

- Update of the database on pan-European indicators for reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in 2015.
- Collection of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the UNECE region
- Collection and analysis of data on the forest sector workforce in the UNECE region

**(b) Analysis and assessment of state of forests and sustainability of forest management; and monitoring the role of the forest sector in the green economy**

- Preparation for reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in 2015: output tables, draft report (quantitative indicators)
- Pilot reporting on sustainability of forest management
- Global Forest Resources Assessment and Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): provision of the regional contribution to the final report
- Preparation of background paper and a concept note on assessing the role of the forest sector in a green economy: set of indicators
- Drafting of a concept note for a report on forests ownership
- Organisation of a workshop for national correspondents and authors of the Sustainable Forest Management report for 2015 (quantitative part)

**(c) Cooperation and support to international processes in sustainable forest management, including regional Criteria and Indicators processes**

- Contribution to the work of international processes (e.g. Forest Europe, Montréal Process, etc.), including by attending international meetings
- Support to forest information related work in countries, including by attending national meetings
- [Meetings of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management]<sup>1</sup>

## **B. Forest products and markets**

**(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products**

- Preparation of data on forest products, species trade, prices
- Improvement of the existing database
- Development of procedure for estimating wood balance including conversion factors

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<sup>1</sup> Meetings of the Teams of Specialists are indicated in square brackets as they are subject to their confirmation or establishment by Metsä2013, joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission.

**(b) Analysis of markets for forest products, notably policy relevant aspects, including Forest Products Annual Market Review and annual Market Discussions**

- Publication of the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR)
- Preparation of data and statistical annex for the FPAMR
- Preparation of tables and graphs for Market Forecasts
- Preparation of the Market Discussion and the Market Statement
- Publication of a Topical Market Analysis

**(c) Support of international processes in forest products**

- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group for Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings
- Review international classifications
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products]

## **C. Wood energy**

**(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy**

- Dissemination of the 2011 Joint Wood Energy Enquiry data
- Preparation and issuance of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2013
- Development and maintenance of an online database

**(b) Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand and supply for wood energy**

- Preparation of a study on conversion factors
- Publication of a wood energy report, explaining the data collection process, analysing trends in supply of and demand for wood energy, including national case studies on wood energy data collection as appropriate

**(c) Support of international processes in wood energy**

- Participation in international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, etc.)
- [Organization of the meetings of Team of Specialists on Wood Energy]

## **II. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice**

**(a) Development of tools for Policy Making**

- Preparation of a framework for the collection, review and analysis of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments
- Preparation of a framework for the collection, review and analysis of information for the assessment of the role of the forest sector in a green economy

- Publication of a report on financing for and investment in the forest sector: analysing needs and enabling condition for investment in forest industry companies (harvesting companies, sawmills, pulp, paper, paperboard and panel factories)
- Preparation work for outlook studies: mapping of policy needs and available resources, roadmap for the next round of outlook studies
- Valuation and identification of methodologies for wildlife management
- Contribution to the policy-related components of studies produced under work area 1, 3 and 4

**(b) Organization of, and contribution to policy dialogues on forests and the forest industry**

- Contribution to the regional dialogue: meeting to promote international cooperation and experience sharing on the development of specific adaptive management regimes in the context of climate change, thematic seminar/workshop
- Contribution to the national dialogues: organization of National Forest Policy Dialogues

**(c) Follow-up to the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**

- Organization of a Conference on the forest sector in a green economy to engage governments and other stakeholders for the implementation of the proposed actions
- Publication, dissemination and presentation of the Action Plan at relevant meetings

**(d) Support of international processes relevant for policy making for the forest sector**

- Participation in international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. Forest Europe, European Forest Institute 'ThinkForest', etc.)
- Contribution to the global dialogue: participation in, and organisation of side event at COFO22 and other relevant global meetings
- [Organization of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Forest Policy]
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Outlook]
- [Organization of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Wildlife]
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists for Green Jobs in the forest sector]

**(e) Contribution to Safeguarding Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region through International Cooperation in Fire Management**

- Publication of the final report of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Fires]

### III. Work Area 3: Communications and outreach

**(a) Organization of events and campaigns in support of sustainable forest management and forest products and services**

- International Day of Forests : 21 March 2014
- Other relevant events

**(b) Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information released**

- Preparation of a fact sheet or leaflet with key messages on the role of forests, forest products and their role in a green economy
- Regular update of the Media/Public Relation contact list
- Maintenance of the website and improvement of its design
- Increased use of social media/networks and videos
- Preparation and dissemination of press briefs/releases on relevant topics developed in 2014

**(c) Outreach activities beyond the forest sector disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building, etc.)**

- Development of a concept and fund raising for a survey on public perception of forests and the sector in Europe
- Participation in meetings of industry federations for the promotion of forest products
- Preparation and dissemination of press releases on forest products markets
- Drafting of a set of recommendations for the promotion of forest education and pedagogics
- [Organization of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Forest Communication]

### IV. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

**(a) Provision of policy advice and promotion of dialogues**

- National Forest Policy Dialogues (see Contribution to national dialogues)
- Development of a concept note for a forest policy short course designed for middle level policy officers

**(b) Organization of capacity-building workshops on:**

- Forest products marketing (Eastern Europe)
- National Forest Sector Statistics (possibly in the Russian Federation)
- Improving Wood Energy data for better policy making
- Emerging issues

**(c) Implementation of the UNDA<sup>2</sup> project: Sustainable forest management for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia**

- Development of training guidelines
- Organization of capacity building workshops
- Development of national action plans for the forest sector in a green economy
- Establishment of a web-based hub for knowledge management

**V. Monitoring and management of the Programme of Work**

**(a) Intergovernmental Meetings**

- Organization of the meeting of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry
- Organization of the meeting of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

**(b) Bureaux Meetings**

- Organization of at least 2 meetings coordinated with other forest-related relevant meetings

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<sup>2</sup> UNDA : United Nations Development Account