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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

#### Seventy-second session

Kazan, 18-21 November 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-second session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

Session to be held in Kazan, Russian Federation, starting on Tuesday 18 November 2014, at 10 a.m.


### I. Provisional agenda

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  - (a) Forest products market discussions.
  - (b) Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.
  - (c) Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy.
  - (d) The Forests for Fashion Initiative.
  
3. **Forest information, reporting and outlook.**
  - (a) Global and regional reporting on forests and sustainable forest management.
  - (b) Contribution to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

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- (c) Study on Forest Ownership in the ECE region.
- (d) Policy issues for the next round of outlook studies

**4. The role of forests in the post-2015 agenda.**

**5. Reporting and implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work and reporting and implementation of related decisions.**

- (a) Report of the ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
- (b) Review of 2014 activities and planned activities for 2015.
- (c) Biennial evaluation report for 2012 – 2013 of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme.
- (d) Implementation of the UNDA and Fire projects.

**6. Rules of procedure for the Committee.**

**7. Election of officers.**

**8. Date and place of the next session.**

**9. Any other business.**

**10. Adoption of the report.**

## **II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda**

Members of the FAO European Forestry Commission are encouraged to attend the seventy-second session of the Committee as items discussed in this session refer to the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of work 2014-17.

For the timing of agenda items, please refer to the schedule on the last page of this document.

### **Opening of the meeting**

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), or his representative, will open the meeting. Representatives of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan will deliver an opening remark. The seventy-second session of the Committee shall be chaired by Mr. Heikki Granholm, Chair of the Committee.

The opening will also feature a keynote speech on a topical issue illustrating the meeting slogan, “Forest Matters: from plan to action” and a message to future generations by the winner of the 11th International Junior Forest Contest.

## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/1

Delegates will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda of the meeting.

## **2. The Forest Sector in a Green Economy**

### **(a) Forest products market discussions**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/3

The market discussions will review the market situation of wood and non-wood forest products in the region. Discussions will be supported by data and information collected and publications issued by the ECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section and by sub-regional and national contributions.

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

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/4 and ECE/TIM/INF.1

The Rovaniemi Action Plan was adopted at “Metsä2013”, the joint session of the Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission held in December 2013 in Rovaniemi, Finland. The secretariat will provide a first assessment of implementation of the Action Plan since its adoption. Delegates will also be presented with examples of implementation in different areas of the forest sector (e.g. timber, fibre, energy, services) by stakeholders such as governments, private companies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.

The Committee is expected to provide guidance on further work to be undertaken for the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan.

### **(c) Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/5

The Committee will review a proposal for the development of an analytical framework to monitor the contribution of the forest sector and its progress towards a green economy. The discussions will be based, *inter alia*, on the conclusions and recommendations of the round table held at “Metsä2013” on the same matter.

### **(d) The Forests for Fashion Initiative**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/6

Delegates will be provided with an overview of the events organized for the International Day of Forests (21 March 2014) under the banner “Forests for Fashion – Fashion for Forests” and an initiative that stemmed out of it. In particular, the Committee will be presented with some recommendations on how to make the forest and fashion sectors mutually supportive and conducive to sustainable production and consumption patterns.

### **3. Forest information, reporting and outlook**

#### **(a) Global and regional reporting on forests and sustainable forest management**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/ INF.2

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is involved in the two processes of data collection on forests and forest management in the ECE region: (i) The Section supported national reporting for the global Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire/Forest Resources Assessment from countries of the pan-European region; (ii) The Section led and coordinated the national reporting according to the Joint FOREST EUROPE/UNECE/FAO Questionnaire on quantitative indicators for SFM, which was complementary to the global reporting. Delegates will be informed about the results of these processes, related developments and plans.

#### **(b) Contribution to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11)**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/INF.3

Following the request by “Metsä2013”, the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section initiated the preparation of a study on progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and on challenges for forests and the forest sector in the ECE region. Delegates will be briefed about the results of the work, including the consultation with national correspondents. The Committee will be invited to take note of the preliminary results of the report and plans for the launching at UNFF11.

#### **(c) Study on Forest Ownership in the ECE region**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/7 and ECE/TIM/2014/INF.4

A multi-source data collection supported the preparation of the second edition of the Study on Forest Ownership in the ECE region. This was carried out by the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in close cooperation with the COST Action FP1201 “Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy”. Delegates will be briefed on the scope of the activity and the results of data collection and invited to provide guidance on the compilation of the final study.

#### **(d) Policy issues for the next round of outlook studies**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/INF.5

Delegates will be briefed on the results of the consultations conducted by the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook on possible policy issues for the next round of Outlook studies. They will also be informed of the different options regarding the geographical scope of the next studies.

### **4. The role of forests in the post-2015 agenda**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/8

Delegates will be presented with the results of two UNECE/FAO workshops held in Geneva on “Forests and Sustainable Development Goals: a regional view”. The first meeting was organized on 22 and 23 January 2014 at the request of “Metsä2013”

and followed by a second workshop on 16 June 2014. The results of the first meeting were shared at the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in February 2014 in New York. The outcome of the second was endorsed by the thirty-sixth session of the joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and presented at the twenty-second session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in Rome. Delegates will also be briefed on progress made at a global level towards the definition of Sustainable Development Goals.

## **5. Reporting and implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work and reporting and implementation of related decisions**

Any recommendation formulated by the Committee at its seventy-second session, which could have a bearing on the Integrated Programme of Work, will be considered by Silva 2015, the joint session of the Committee and the European Forestry Commission from 2 to 6 November 2015.

### **(a) Report of the ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2014/2 (WP report, symbol to be checked)

The Committee will be presented with the outcome of the meeting of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management held on 17 and 18 June 2014. This will include information on the first meetings and the work plans of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists established for the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017.

### **(b) Review of 2014 activities and planned activities for 2015**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/9

Delegates will be informed of and discuss activities implemented in 2014 and activities planned for 2015.

### **(c) Biennial evaluation report for 2012 – 2013 of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/10

Delegates will consider the biennial evaluation report prepared according to the evaluation plan that was adopted at “Metsä2013”.

### **(d) Implementation of the UNDA and Fire projects**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/11 and ECE/TIM/2014/INF.6

Delegates will be informed on the progress achieved in the implementation of the project funded by the eight tranche of the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) “Sustainable forest management for greener economies in Central Asia and the Caucasus” and the Fire project “Safeguarding Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region through International Cooperation in Fire Management” and the impact that they have on the ground.

## **6. Rules of procedure for the Committee**

*Documentation:* ECE/TIM/2014/12

In line with the review of the 2005 ECE reform, delegates will consider draft rules of procedures proposed for the Committee by its Bureau. In order to further strengthen cooperation between the Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission; those draft rules are fully compatible with the existing rules of procedures of the Commission.

#### **7. Election of officers**

The Committee is expected to elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the seventy-third session. At the seventy-first session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the seventy-second session: Mr. Heikki Granholm (Finland) as Chair and Ms. Anna Zornaczuk-Luba (Poland), Mr. Christoph Dürr (Switzerland) and Mr. Guy Robertson (United States) as Vice-Chairs.

#### **8. Date and place of the next session**

At “Metsä2013”, it was agreed that the next session of the Committee be organised jointly with the FAO European Forestry Commission in 2015 and hosted by Switzerland in conjunction with the third European Forest Week. Those events are scheduled to take place as “Silva2015” in Engelberg in the Swiss alpine mountains during the week from 2 to 6 November 2015.

#### **9. Any other business**

At the time of writing, no points had been proposed under this item.

#### **10. Adoption of the report**

The Committee will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### III. Tentative timetable

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**Tuesday, 18 November 2014**

- 10:00-10:30 Opening of the session and welcome remarks
- 10:30-13:00 Item 1 – Agenda  
 Item 2d – The Forests for Fashion Initiative  
 Item 4 – The role of forests in the post-2015 agenda
- 15:00-18:00 Item 2a – Market discussions

**Wednesday, 19 November 2014**

- 10:00-13:00 Item 2b – Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
- 15:00-18:00 Item 2c – Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy

**Thursday, 20 November 2014**

- 10:00-13:00 Item 3 – Forest information, reporting and outlook  
 Item 6 – Rules of procedure for the Committee  
 Item 5a – Report of the ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management  
 Item 5b – Review of 2014 activities and planned activities for 2015  
 Item 5c – Biennial evaluation report  
 Item 5d – Implementation of the UNDA and Fire projects
- 15:00-18:00 Item 7 – Election of officers  
 Item 8 – Date and place of the next session  
 Item 9 – Any other business  
 Item 10 – Adoption of the report  
 Closing of the session

**Friday, 21 November 2014**

- Field trip (tbc)
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