Agenda Item 5c
Work Area 3: Communication and Outreach

38th session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

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Major events
UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) – Silva 2015

European Forest Week – November 2015, Engelberg, Switzerland

• Over 25 side events
• Event websites by UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, host country and FAO
• Two press releases, UNECE news release, IISD short article
• UNECE Facebook
• UNECE-FAO Forests Flickr: 130-250 views per picture (Silva2015 – EFW)
Other major events

• UNFF New York – May 2015: launch of publication

**Forests in the ECE Region:**
Trends and Challenges in Achieving the Global Objectives on Forests

**Infographic** video in YouTube – over 500 views

• World Forestry Congress, Durban, South Africa, September 2015, two side events:

**Forest Governance** - together with UNFF, Finland, Switzerland

**Forest Sector Workforce** - together with PEFC and Building and Woodworkers International

• International Day of Forests 2016 in Geneva
International Day of Forests
21 March 2016 – Forests and Water

• Photo exhibition at Palais des Nations 14-24 March 2016 by Jean-Jacques Kissling

• Workshop on Forests and Water (with 85 participants) 21 March 2016

• Press release, UNECE news release, blog by the UNECE Executive Secretary, published also as op-ed in Huffington Post

• UNECE Facebook & Twitter

• UNECE-FAO Forests Flickr

• Visit the event website for details
Forest Information Billboard

• Established 2013

• Four issues were published during 2015, following the schedule of previous years (March, June, September/October and December)

• The number of contributions was 18-31 short articles in each issue in 2015, average of 25

• 95-450 views per issue

• Average of 16 in 2014 and 13 in 2013

• Regular contributors from governments (national forest inventories), NGOs, international organizations and academia
Forest Communicators’ Network

• 26 - 27 February 2015, Engelberg/Switzerland: Forest Communicators Network - Task Force meeting for Silva 2015 preparation

• 31 March – 01 April 2015, Vienna/Austria: Global Forest Communicators coordination meeting

• 20-22 May 2015, Barcelona/Spain: UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators’ Network annual meeting held at the European Forest Institute (EFI) Barcelona Office

• 08 – 09 July 2015, Vienna/Austria: Forest Communicators Network - Task Force meeting
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- Communication advice for the European Forest Week 2015, the World Forestry Congress 2015 and the International Day of Forests 2016

- Best practice examples in forest communication (see Barcelona 2015 Meeting report)

- Advice to FAO for establishing FCNs in other regions - Enhanced co-operation with other regional FCNs

- Input to WFC2015

- Next meetings: FCN taskforce 11-12 April 2016 in Vienna; FCN annual meeting 29 August – 1 September 2016 in Portland, Oregon, US
Thank you

The Working Party is invited to:

a. Comment on activities related to communication, and share views and ideas how to improve the work in the future (social media presence including Facebook, Flickr and Twitter; Forest Information Billboard; news or press releases; presence in major international events).

b. Consider the arrangements for Forestry and Timber publications, with a view to give priority to translation of publications which have a longer term shelf life.