

# Self-evaluations' outcomes from the 35<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> sessions and their implementation

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

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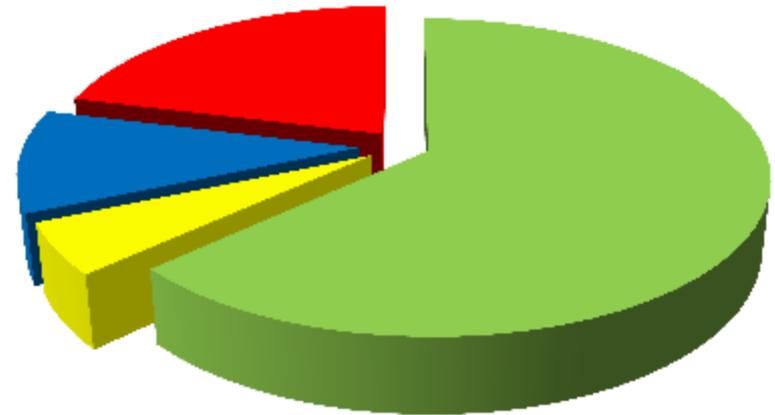
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## 2015 self evaluation

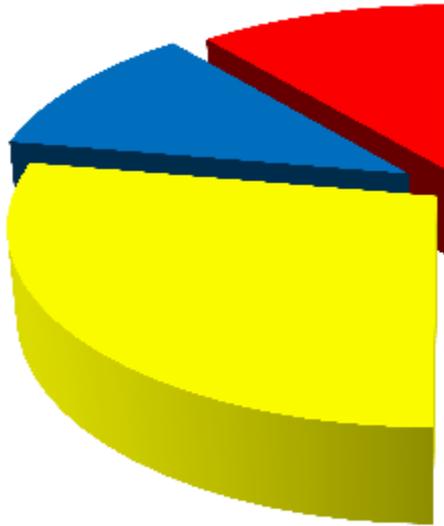


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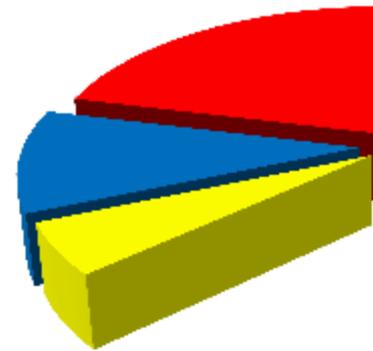


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## 2013 self evaluation



## 2015 – partial implementation

- Organize a meeting of each ToS once a year with teams carrying out more practical activities between annual meetings (e.g. circulate draft questionnaire, organize a workshop, review a publication);
- Issue all documents and presentations on line three weeks prior to the Working Party, as it makes it easier for delegates to prepare comments and contact domestic stakeholders;
- Make sure that the areas of competence of Working Party members respond to the scope of the Working Party;



## 2015 – partial implementation (cont.)

- Improve links with forest industries / services sector;
- Organize joint meetings of different ToS to foster cooperation and address intersectoral issues (e.g. Forest products and Wood energy);
- Increase exchange of information with COST actions and disseminate results of finished COST actions with the theme closest to work areas of the Working Party.



## 2015 – pending implementation

- Focus on solutions to concrete problems, have a pragmatic approach and do not be distracted by “artificial” obstacles (e.g. copyright);
- Follow up on work and recommendations of Working Party over the long term.



## **2015 – not possible due to time constraints**

- Have more breaks during sessions, to allow more opportunities for informal discussions;
- Organize a more participatory and interactive session, in order to allow wider involvement and participation in the discussions;



# 2013

## [Mandate]

## Organizational

## Work with other organizations and bodies

## Statistics

## Outlook



## 2013 – partial implementation

- While preparing the Agenda provide the possibility for participants to include emerging issues or questions of interest for discussion.

## 2013 – pending

- Encourage Outlook studies to adopt a simple set of scenarios that can be modelled quickly and put funds towards that end so that studies are completed quickly.
- Integrate analysis and structural changes in EFSOS studies.



## 2013 – not implemented

- Ask member State delegates for better preparation, better coordination (between specialists and between the technical and policy levels), and for better communication at the national level both before and after WP meetings.
- Develop more initiatives like the “Friends of the Outlook”, i.e. which assemble experts that work on a particular topic at the ECE level in order to work on issues of common interest.
- Establish a web-based platform accessible to delegates before WP meetings to provide on-line inputs or decisions.
- To that effect, prepare a list of professionals for each country with their well-defined areas of speciality at the ECE level.



# Conclusion

- The secretariat highly appreciated the guidance received during the self-evaluation as a valuable tool providing guidance on how to further improve the work of the joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section;
- The secretariat would highly appreciate if the Working Party could consider conducting similar exercises in the future;



# Thank you



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## 2015 – full implementation

- The agenda of the meeting issued early enough to allow consultations with eight teams of specialists and seek their feedback;
- Questions in the documents should be clearer and more specific to the topic addressed;
- Invite Eurostat/EFI/EU DGs to participate actively in the Working Party;
- The Secretariat, in cooperation with the Working Party, to reach out to countries and organizations that are not attending to the meetings to understand better their concerns and needs and try to address them;



## 2015 – full implementation (cont.)

- Invite countries to send more participants to the Working Party, covering a wider range of topics;
- Issue a note listing key issues to be addressed at the Working Party and expected outcomes/goals;
- Start meetings of the Working Party earlier than 10:00 a.m.;
- Prepare a schedule showing the timeline for data collection over the next 3-5 years;



## 2013 - full implementation

- Enhance coordination and the comparison of data with other statistical databases.
- Continue working together with other international organizations to avoid duplication, in particular continue working on an equal footing with FAO, Eurostat and ITTO and agree all terms, definitions and methodologies for statistical data.
- Encourage and facilitate roundtables during WP meetings to stimulate more in-depth discussions on key issues (these can be identified by ToSs).



## 2013 - full implementation cont.

- Encourage countries to nominate and send specialists in forest economics.
- Encourage specialization of national correspondents and the participation of more than one participant from each country.
- Enhance communication with other sectors; for example, for the broad dissemination of the action plan, through open workshops and at the next WP.
- Highlight on the Agenda the main questions to be answered during the WP for a better preparation of the participants.



## 2013 - full implementation cont.

- Improve communication through electronic means (e.g. through “live meeting” software, webinars, video telecommunications), and look into how to involve people in other ways.
- Make a comprehensive list of abbreviations related to the WP work, with their full names and a brief description, and keep it updated.
- Make meeting documents, preferably shorter, and available at least three to four weeks prior to the WP meeting in order to allow participants to consult with their colleagues.



## 2013 - full implementation cont.

- Strengthen coordination with other government bodies of participating countries responsible for forest statistics.
- Undertake regular self-evaluations of the WP, once every two years, to adjust its mandate whenever needed.

