An overview of the ToS on Sustainable forest products

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Team members

• 78 members

• New members, who have an interest in the markets for forest products are most welcome to join our Team of Specialists. Please email eoin@drima.com to discuss same
Team meetings

• 3 November 2015, Engelberg, Switzerland.
  – This meeting was well attended by 20 delegates. There was good interaction among those attending.

• 22 March 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.
Workshop in SE Europe

• Strategic planning for a programme of work to develop the forest-based sector in SE Europe. Building on the existing Bled Declaration, this framework approach will help form the basis of its implementation and updating, including through a series focused, regional events on key issues affecting the region. The first in this series was:
  – A Capacity Building Workshop held in Podgorica, Montenegro, December 2015.

• This workshop brought together 30 experts from the S.E. Europe and Central Asia and Caucasus (UNECE/FAO UNDA project on Sustainable Forest Management for Greener Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia).
Ongoing work

Forest Products Annual Market Review

• Provided editorial support for the production of FPAMR 2014-2015

• It is expected that this work will continue in 2016

• A review of the usefulness of the FPAMR is currently being undertaken by the ToS
New Workshops
A twin track approach: SE Europe + Awareness rising

• Further development of the strategic planning of the work programme for the development of the forest-based sector in S.E. Europe

• Ongoing capacity building in the S.E. Europe. Possible links with the Croatian Wood Cluster and the Bulgarian wood-processing sector.

• Development of an awareness raising programme for forest products. This is aimed at promoting the use of forest products to a non-forest audience. It is intended that this programme would be industry supported and would be organised on a multi-annual basis. We are in talks with forest products trade associations regarding same.
Industry attendance

Improve attendance by the forest products sector

• Work with the Secretariat to get the forest products industry across the UNECE region to re-engage with the Timber Committee week
  – The re-introduction of a full day’s industry day is crucial
  – This work is ongoing
Thank you

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