

Review of 2016 activities, and activities planned for 2017



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WA1.1. Forest resources

(2016 activities)

- The third edition of the interactive database Pan-European 2015 reporting
- Dataset of reporting on forest ownership in the region
- Pilot study on the System for the Evaluation of the Management of Forests
- Review of the process and results of the 2015 cycle of reporting on forests and SFM (FOREST EUROPE and FAO Global FRA)
- cooperation with, and support to, international processes in SFM, (inter-agency SFM/SDG indicators process, FOREST EUROPE, the Montréal Process, DIABOLO, Eurostat, COST Action FACESMAP)



WA 1.1. Forest resources

(planned for 2017)

- organization of 2020 cycle of the FOREST EUROPE/ECE/FAO reporting on forests and SFM in the region – design of questionnaires
- establishment and organization of the regional contribution to the Global FRA and CFRQ 2020 reporting cycle
- ECE/FAO/FACESMAP study on forest ownership



WA1.2. Forest products and markets

(2016 activities)

- Regular reporting on forest products, species trade, and prices
- Publication of an advanced draft of the Forest Product Annual Market Review in mid-August 2016, with hard copy in October
- Hosted the meeting of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics
- Review of international classifications and the provision of input to relevant international organizations, such as the World Customs Organization and the UN Statistics Division



WA1.2. Forest products and markets

(planned for 2017)

- Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products
- Preparation and publication of the FPAMR
- Support of international processes in forest products



WA1.3. Wood energy

(2016 activities)

- Publication of Joint Wood Energy Enquiry (JWEE) 2013 data analysis and online database
- Preparation of JWEE 2015 reporting process
- Presentation of the wood energy work at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency)

(planned for 2017)

- JWEE 2015 data collection, validation, analysis and dissemination
- Finalization of the publication of a wood energy



WA2: Policy dialogue and advice



(2016 activities)

- Background paper and the workshop on “Measuring the value of forests in a green economy”, on 21 October 2016
- RAP side events at the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, June 2016, in Batumi, Georgia ad EU T2gE Conference, September 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Contribution to, side events organized alongside the 23rd session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO), 18-22 July 2016, Rome, Italy
- National Forest Policy Dialogue, September 2016, Kiev, Ukraine
- Cooperation with FOREST EUROPE, including a series of consultations and participation in the FOREST EUROPE Expert Level Meeting, 11-12 May 2016, in Bratislava, Slovakia, on the organization of cooperation for the implementation of the Forest Europe Work Programme
- Discussion Paper on “Social aspects of the forest sector workforce: a review of research”



WA2: Policy dialogue and advice

(planned for 2017)

- Follow-up to the RAP for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
- workshop on “Streamlining the next round of Forest Sector Outlook studies”, in December 2016, in Moscow, Russian Federation
- Development of a concept note for the future European Forest Sector Outlook Study
- Finalization of the publications on the forest sector workforce and future green jobs
- Organization of a workshop on potential new jobs in the forest sector (jointly with FOREST EUROPE)
- Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector
- Finalization and publication of a study “Forests and Water: Valuation and Payments for Forest Ecosystem Services”



WA 3: Communications and outreach

(2016 activities)

- International Day of Forests 2016 - “Forests and Water” - workshop on 21 March 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland (with ECE Water Convention, Ramsar Convention, UNDP)
- Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and the Forest Information Billboard
- Affordable and clean energy: the launch of the film “More heat with less wood”
- Workshop of the ToS on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators’ Network), on 29 August-1 September 2016, in Portland, Oregon, United States



WA 3: Communications and outreach



(Planned for 2017)

- International Day of Forests: 21 March 2017, with the theme “Forests and Energy”
- Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, the Forest Information Billboard
- Communication material and events to celebrate the 70th anniversary of:
 - FAO and UNECE cooperation;
 - UNECE and the Committee



WA 4: Capacity-building

(2016 activities)

- Forest Products Markets and Forest Sector Workforce in the Balkans, in December 2015 in Podgorica, Montenegro
- United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project “SFM for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2013-2015)”



WA 4: Capacity-building

(planned for 2017)

- Wood Energy Information (related to the JWEE), Budapest, Hungary, December 2016
- UNDA project: Initiation of “Accountability systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2016-2019)”
 - inception workshop, 15-18 November 2016, Yerevan, Armenia
 - organization of advisory missions and capacity-building workshops



Monitoring and management of the Integrated Programme of Work

(2016 activities)

- Meeting of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, on 23-24 March 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland
- Bureaux meetings: 22 March 2016, Geneva, Switzerland; 21 June 2016 (COFFI Bureau), Geneva, Switzerland; 18 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland
- ECE evaluation on the assessment of the relevance of the 2014-2017 IPoW: assessment report
- Strategic Review (SR) of the IPoW: survey launched in July 2016



Monitoring and management of the Integrated Programme of Work

(planned for 2017)

a) Intergovernmental meetings

- Organization of the meeting of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (2-5 May 2017) and the fourth European Forest Week
- Organization of the joint sessions of the COFFI and the FAO European Forestry Commission (October 2017)
- Organization of Bureaux meetings
- Conclusion of the Strategic Review process, including organization of the stakeholders' workshop on 22 November 2016, with the proposal for the 2018-2021 IPoW



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