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Policy dialogue and advice
The secretariat will continue monitoring developments of global and regional policy developments relevant to forests and will provide information about them to member States.

Regional study on “Forests and Water: Valuation and Payments for Forest Ecosystem Services”
- The study is supported by UNECE, FAO, the European Environment Agency, the Western University (Canada), and the University of Padua (Italy)
- Expected end of 2017
Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan

- The Joint Section will continue supporting the implementation of the RAP for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and dissemination of information about it.
- RAP mid-term review under the guidance of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy to be concluded by the next WP meeting
- Depending on the availability of resources, the Joint Section will organize a regional workshop to continue discussing the forestry sector’s contribution to a green economy in the UNECE region through the RAP
Team of Specialists on Forest Policy

Characteristics of ToS

- 38 members + Secretariat
- Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan (20)
- CEPF, EUSTAFOR, EFI, FSC, EU/EC, PEFC
- Leader: Ms. Marta Gaworska (Poland), Deputy (2): Mr Tomas Krejzar (Czech Republic), Mr Stefan Karlsson (Sweden), Ms. Leire Salaberria, (Spain) - resigned
- Secretary: Ekrem Yazici

3 annual meetings:
- 1st ToS meeting, Krakov, Poland, 2014
- 2nd ToS meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, 2015
- 3rd ToS meeting, Geneva 28 of March, 2017
Outputs and impacts achieved

- support to the implementation of the Rovaniemi action Plan for Forest sector in a green economy
- updated on the most recent global and regional forest policy processes:
  - the follow-up of UNFF11
  - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs
- FOREST EUROPE – seeking synergies in implementing the working programmes
- need to support capacity building process for EECCA
- National Forest Policy Dialog in Ukraine
- cooperation among relevant ToSs, in particularly with ToS on Forest Sector Outlook and ToS on SFM
- discussion on a new oR for ToS on Forest Policy
Expected outputs and contributions

ToS Members expressed the interest in being regularly updated on the outcome of the global and regional developments (UNFF, SDGs) in order to support their translation to the regional level as well as implementation at the national level.

- the UN Strategic Plan for Forests, QPoW, intersessional activities
- the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development


- guidance and contribution to the mid-term review of RAP
- case studies from e.g. Czech Republic, Turkey, Poland, Russian Federation

Enhanced cooperation with the Team Leader of UNECE/FAO ToS on Forest Sector Outlook and ToS on SFM monitoring

Support capacity building activities for EECCA
Key questions for guidance and discussion

The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Provide guidance and advice to the ToS on Forest Policy on the priorities of its proposed work.
- b. Provide guidance and advice to the ToS on Forest Policy and to the secretariat on the mid-term review and future implementation of the RAP.
- c. Provide guidance and advice on how the secretariat could support national implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and the development of forest-related SDG indicators, and contribute to the implementation of the UNFF Strategic Plan.
Thank you!