Compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion under agenda item 6

AGENDA ITEM 6

Note by the Secretariat

Summary
This document is a compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion under agenda item 6. The document is provided in order to facilitate preparation and review of issues at the working party. The secretariat prepared the document in response to the self-assessments of the Working Party in 2013 and 2015 (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2013/2; ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2015/2).

Please note that the original documents should still be reviewed and that this compilation does not replace the full “Reports by the Secretariat” for item 6.
6 (a) Work area 1: Data, monitoring and assessment

I. Forest Resources

D. Key questions for guidance and discussion

33. The Working Party is invited to:
   a. Review the processes and preparations for the 2020 global and regional reporting, and provide recommendations related to the organization of the next reporting cycle;
   b. Comment on the results of the pilot application of the method for reporting on SFM, and provide advice on its future;
   c. Review the work of the Team of Specialists and indicate any recommendations for its work under the current mandate.

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II. Forest Products’ production, trade and consumption

E. Key questions on data assessment for guidance and discussion

51. The Working Party is invited to:
   a. Comment on the quality and timeliness of the Forest Products Annual Market Review.
   b. Make suggestions regarding the coverage of forest products markets.
   c. Encourage members to support the revision of the Harmonised System.

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III. Wood Energy

D. Key questions on data assessment for guidance and discussion;

60. Delegates are invited to:
   a. Comment on the JWEE and issues that arise in completing the questionnaire.
   b. Review the work of the Team of Specialists and provide suggestions for improvements.

6 (b) Work area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

I. Forest Policy

D. Key questions for guidance and discussion

31. 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.

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III. Forest Sector Outlook

C. Key questions for guidance and discussion

39. The Working Party is invited to:

   a. Inform the secretariat about current or planned activities in member States regarding outlook studies;
   b. Consider supporting the next Outlook Study through in-kind and financial contributions.
   c. Provide recommendations to the secretariat how to best use synergies with other relevant partners and groups (e.g. Standing Forestry Committee of the European Commission).

6 (c) Work area 3: Communication and outreach

I. Key questions for guidance and discussion

22. The Working Party is invited to:

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

6 (d) Work area 4: Capacity-building

E. Key questions for guidance and discussion

17. The Working Party is invited to:

   a. Suggest topics for possible future capacity-building workshops.
   b. Comment on the work and make proposals for future capacity-building work on wood energy and forest sector outlook studies.
   c. Comment on the UNECE/FAO-UNDA capacity-building project focusing on the Caucasus and Central Asia.
   d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector.

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