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# Matters arising from the sixty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

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**Las2017 - Joint Session of the ECE Committee on Forests and  
the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission**  
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### EC 67 adopted 5 decisions:

- A(67) Adoption of the High-level statement
- **B(67) Establishment of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**
- C(67) Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information
- D867) Road Safety Fund
- E (67) Decision 1 of the Ministerial Resolution adopted at the seventhly-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee



## **B(67) Establishment of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

The Commission decided to establish the **Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**, which, while retaining its intergovernmental character, would serve as a regional mechanism to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to convene it annually in Geneva in the years 2018 and 2019, in close cooperation with the entities of the regional United Nations system.



## Functions of the Forum

- Peer learning and the exchange of policy experiences and good practices in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals;
- Overview of progress and challenges in implementation;
- Enhancing regional and subregional cooperation and addressing transboundary issues;
- Providing a platform for the participation and contributions of all relevant stakeholders.



## Next Forum: 1-2 March 2018

- Review of SDG7, 12 and 15 of relevance to the regional work on forests;
- Currently UNECE is developing the programme and contributions;
- ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is participating in the exercise. We will keep member States informed.