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**List of activities to implement the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work
Activities and publications planned for 2019**

AGENDA ITEM 5

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

The joint seventy-fifth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the thirty-ninth session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) agreed on the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2017/2–FO:EFC/2017/2). To facilitate its implementation, the Committee and the Commission requested a specific list of activities, which should be approved on an annual basis by the Working Party and the Committee and the Commission (Annex I, para 4). *The final list of activities prepared every year should help member States and regional economic integration organizations to further prioritize the work of the secretariat. A related budget will be prepared and shared with the Joint Bureaux, member States and regional economic integration organizations after the approval of the list to understand the feasibility of activities and identify funding needs*“

This document provides a tentative list of UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber section activities and publications for 2019 that contribute to the implementation of the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. The implementation of the activities is subject to the availability of funds. The joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management is invited to suggest revisions, take note of and approve the tentative list of proposed activities, with the understanding it will be refined closer to the end of 2018 and presented to COFFI 2018 for its consideration.

I. Tentative list of activities for 2019

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

1. Forest resources

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy**
- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the finalization of the national data collection and review;
 - Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat):
 - Finalization of national data collection and review;
 - Production of the interactive database.
- (b) **Analysis and assessment of the state of forests and the sustainability of forest management; and the monitoring of the role of the forest sector in a green economy**
- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global FRA and CFRQ: support to FAO FRA secretariat to analyze the global data;
 - Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat):
 - Analysis of data and preparation of draft chapters of the State of Europe's Forest (SoEF) 2020;
 - Joint conference for the National Correspondents, Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM and authors to discuss the first draft of the report SoEF 2020;
 - Compilation and design of the report;
 - Language review and proofreading.
- (c) **Cooperation with, and support to, international processes in SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes**
- Support to the UNFF Secretariat on reporting the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the related Communication Strategy;
 - Cooperation with, and support to countries, organizations and international processes (e.g. Forest Europe, Montréal Process) in the region on forest information;
 - Contribution to capacity building on C&Is under the UNDA project (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan);

- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Monitoring SFM.

2. Forest products and markets

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products

- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
- Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade;
- Improvement of the existing database;
- Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites;

(b) Analysis of markets for forest products, notably relevant policy aspects, including the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) and annual Market Discussions

- Publication of the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2019-2020;
- Preparation of the Market Discussion 2019 and the Market Statement 2019;
- Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
- Publication of a topical market analysis.

(c) Support of international processes in forest products

- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
- Review of international classifications, support to the Harmonized System 2022 revision.
- Organization of the meetings of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products.

3. Wood energy

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy

- Issuance of a new database on wood energy with 2017 data;
- Analysis of results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2017;
- Dissemination of the 2017 JWEE data at relevant international meetings.

- (b) **Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**
 - Preparation of a study on wood energy in the ECE region and dissemination of the outcomes of previous study at relevant international meetings;
 - Provide input to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews on forests.
- (c) **Support of international processes in wood energy**
 - Presentation of the wood energy work at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, Wood Energy Days etc.);
 - Organization of meeting of the ToS on Wood Energy.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

- (a) **Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan (RAP) for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**
 - Monitoring of the implementation of RAP;
 - Implementation of the RAP priority actions as agreed by the Working Party in 2018.
- (b) **Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**
 - No activity planned at the time of writing.
- (c) **Forest Sector Outlook**
 - Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook;
 - Organization of a workshop to discuss first results of scenario modelling for the next outlook study;
 - Lead the development of the next outlook study.
- (d) **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**
 - Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;
 - Organization of a workshop on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;
 - Promotion and dissemination of the study on the Forest Sector Workforce.
- (e) **Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector**
 - Organization of the meeting(s) of the Forest Policy Network;

(f) Tools for policymaking - studies and publications

- Guidelines on the development of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia;
- Publication of the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

(a) Organization of events and campaigns in support of SFM and forest products and services

- International Day of Forests (IDF) on Forests and Education, 21 March 2019, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Side event at the fourteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF14), May 2019, New York;
- 5th European Forest Week during the joint session of COFFI and the EFC session in collaboration with the host country in 2019;
- Other side events during the joint session of COFFI and the EFC.
- Organization of the annual meeting of the ToS on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network.

(b) Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information is released

(c) Press releases will be published to present the outcomes of workshops, events and publications. Outreach activities beyond the forest sector, disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building, etc.)

- International Day of Forests 2019;
- Events organized in the margins of main forest related as well as cross-sectional meetings.

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

(a) Organization of capacity-building workshops on:

- Final Regional Forest Reporting Workshop under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia” will take place in the second half of 2019, in Kyrgyzstan (tbc).
- JFSQ correspondents meeting on improving knowledge about and responses to Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire.

- (b) **Regional capacity-building workshop (jointly with FAO and Forest Europe) in support of the global and regional reporting on forests and SFM**
 - No activity planned at the time of writing.

E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

- (a) **Intergovernmental Meetings**
 - Organization of the meeting of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2019;
 - Organization of the joint session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission in 2019.
- (b) **Bureaux Meetings**
 - Organization of the Bureaux meetings upon request of the Chairs of COFFI and EFC. .

II. List of publications for 2019

Title	English	French	Russian
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2018-2019	E-600	F-50	R-50
Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2019)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2019)	E-400	F-50	R-50
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	E-400		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	E-500		