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Compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion under agenda item 4

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Note by the Secretariat

Summary

This document is a compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion under agenda item 4. 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 4.

4 (a) Work area 1: Data, monitoring and assessment

I. Forest Resources

Key questions for guidance and discussion

The Working Party is invited to:

- a. *Take note on the processes and preparations for the 2020 global and regional reporting, and made recommendations on the organization of the 2020 data collection;*
- b. *Review the work of the Team of Specialists and made recommendations for its work under the new mandate.*

II. Forest Products' production, trade and consumption

Key questions on data assessment for guidance and discussion

The Working Party is invited to:

- a. *Encourage replies to the JFSQ 2017 in time for the use of data in the FPAMR;*
- b. *Indicate its views on the proposed changes for HS 2022 and if these should be supported by national administrations;*
- c. *Comment on the content, quality and timeliness of the Forest Products Annual Market Review;*
- d. *Provide feedback on topics, both present and future, to include in the special chapter of the Review;*
- e. *Provide guidance on how to further develop the work on the cascading use of wood.*
- f. *Provide input to the agenda of COFFI 2018.*

III. Wood Energy

Key questions on data assessment for guidance and discussion;

Delegates are invited to:

- a. *How to further improve the update of JWEE data in energy and forestry statistics and reporting (Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire/FAO statistics, Forest Resources Assessment, State of Europe's Forests, Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Environmental Performance Reviews, etc.);*
- b. *Provide guidance on any other aspects or the Joint Section's work on wood energy.*

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

I. Forest Policy

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 on the creation of a European forest partnership on a voluntary basis to improve coordination and cooperation between international organisations in Europe (RAP E.1.3);*

- c. *Provide guidance and advice on how the secretariat could support national implementation of the 2030 Agenda within the scope of WIPoW, and contribute to the implementation of the UNFF Strategic Plan.*

II. Forest Sector Outlook

Key questions for guidance and discussion

The Working Party is invited to:

- a. *Inform the secretariat about current or planned activities in member States regarding outlook studies;*
 - b. *Provide guidance regarding priorities for policy issues and questions to be covered by the next FSOS;*
 - c. *Provide recommendations to the secretariat on how best cooperate with other relevant organizations and stakeholders;*
 - d. *Consider supporting the next Outlook Study through in-kind and financial contributions.*
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4 (c) Work area 3: Communication and outreach

Key questions for guidance and discussion

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, campaigns, etc.);*
 - b. *Provide guidance to the secretariat on how to improve the website for the needs of delegates and national correspondents;*
 - c. *Provide guidance to the secretariat, which meetings should be attended and which organizations the communication should be improved with.*
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4 (d) Work area 4: Capacity-building

Key questions for guidance and discussion

The Working Party is invited to:

- a. *Comment on the work and make proposals for future capacity-building work on the use of wood fibre and forest balance tools;*
 - b. *Suggest topics for possible future capacity-building workshops;*
 - c. *Comment on the UNECE/FAO, UNDA capacity-building project focusing on South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, 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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