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Exchange of Experiences in Forest Sector Outlook Studies and Related Work

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Preliminary Concept Note and Agenda

I. Background

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section analyses structural developments in the forest sector and produces studies on the long-term outlook for supply and demand for wood as well as other forest goods and services. These studies support policy and decision makers and analysts in Government, the civil society and the private sector. The key publications in this field of work are the Forest Sector Outlook Studies (FSOS), a series that started in 1952 with the European Timber Trend Studies. More recent publications are the European Forest Sector Outlook Study II, 2010-2030 (EFSOS II, published in 2011) and the North American Forest Sector Outlook Study (published in 2012). All these studies map out possible or likely future developments, based on past trends. A reference scenario and different policy scenarios provide a contribution to evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making.

II. Objectives

At present, the next round of the FSOS is getting closer to the final publication. After a series of meetings in 2018, modelling of FSOS scenarios is well under way. The meeting in Koli, Finland, will allow a wider audience to learn about the modelling results and provide their feedback. In addition, the event will serve as an exchange of current knowledge and experiences by other actors in forest sector outlook related work. Participants will learn about national modelling efforts as well as international research. In addition, participants will discuss future needs and possibilities for capacity building.

III. Participants

- Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook
- Forest resource experts
- Academia and research
- ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
- Relevant international and non-governmental organizations
- Other forestry and forest products' experts

IV. Expected results

- a. Feedback by participants on the scenario modelling results for the next FSOS
- b. Increased knowledge of participants on modelling work undertaken by various countries as well as research conducted by international organizations and academic institutions
- c. Ideas for future activities for capacity building

V. Draft Agenda

Thursday, 14.02.2019	
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and UNECE/FAO
Session 1: National outlook modelling	
9:15 – 9:40	Case Study Country I (Norway tbc) + Q&A
9:40 – 10:05	Case Study Country II (Switzerland tbc) + Q&A
10:05 – 10:30	Case Study Country III (tbc) + Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
Session 2: International research	
11:00 – 11:20	International Research I (IIASA tbc)
11:20 – 11:40	International Research II (EFI tbc)
11:40 – 12:00	International Research III (EEA tbc)
12:00 – 12:20	Joint Q&A and discussion
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch Break
13:20 – 13:40	International Research IV (JRC tbc)
13:40 – 14:00	International Research V (tbc) (<i>alternatively further country case study</i>)
14:00 – 14:15	Joint Q&A and discussion
14:15 – 14:35	Coffee Break
Session 3: Scenario modelling for the next FSOS followed by discussion	
14:35 – 14:45	Background presentation FSOS (UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section)
14:45 – 15:15	Scenario modelling for the next FSOS (Dr. Prakash Nepal)
15:15 – 17:00	Feedback Session and discussion (including future needs and activities for capacity building)