

**Integrated programme of work on forests and timber of the
UNECE Timber Committee and
the FAO European Forestry Commission**

**Invitation to member countries and stakeholders to participate in the
Strategic Review of the programme**

Questions to answer

1. What should be the **strategic objective** of the integrated programme of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission, taking account of the needs of the region, inputs from other actors in the area, and the comparative advantages of the two partners?

There is no need to change the mandate. Section 3 of Annex 1 describes the strategies very well. The strategic objective should be to ensure the sustainability of forestry as a producer of timber and non-timber benefits.

2. What **major work areas** should be covered by the integrated programme of work?

The five work areas identified in Annex 2 (market and statistics, forest resource assessment, forest sector outlook studies, technology, management and training and policy and cross-sectoral issues) are complete and do not need to be modified.

3. What should be its main **activities and outputs**, taking account of the strategic objective and availability of resources?

Outputs should be global dialogue on forests through bodies such as the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe and the European Forestry Commission as well as reports and statistics. I suggest a monthly email bulletin that would highlight and summarise reports.

4. What **methods of work** should it employ?

There is no reason to alter the current system.

5. What **resources** should it aim to mobilise, and how?

As currently.

6. Is its **formal structure** (mandates, permanent bodies etc.) adapted to the needs?

Yes.

7. How should its **success be measured and monitoring and self-evaluation be implemented?**

Success is defined by the ability to meet the agreed work programme. This work programme will be time based and costed in terms of resources.

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