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Agenda
26th Meeting of Intersecretariat Working Group
on Forest Sector Statistics

(as of 13 February 2013)

FAO Headquarters, Rome, India Room (A-327), 14-15 February 2013

Starting at 09:30 hrs on Thursday 14 February 2013

1) Adoption of agenda

2) Review of issues from last year's meeting

Review/update the checklist from the minutes of 25th IWG meeting.

3) Review of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire activities in 2012

- a) Number and quality of replies
- b) Successes/problems
 - i) *Use of alternative sources (incl. official)*
- c) Data dissemination
- d) Data validation - discrepancies identified:
 - i) Negative apparent consumption
 - ii) Annual changes
 - iii) Unit price
 - iv) No changes
- e) Data exchanges among partner organizations:
 - Eurostat no longer able to send unreported data, but to continue to send EU estimates; the need to adapt the UNECE database (and FAOSTAT) to this new situation
 - The problems with downloading from FAOSTAT because of redundant codes, changing codes between production and exports and country codes that are not the same as for UNECE. Eurostat will present a document with the details of the problems found.
- f) Ancillary statistical activities by individual organizations
 - Eurostat plans to regularly publish statistics on EU imports of tropical wood products of HS-Chapter 44 from FLEGT and non-FLEGT countries

4) The JFSQ cycle in 2013

- a) 2012 JFSQ revision/improvements:
 - i) Alignment with HS 2012 (wood pellets, briquettes, definitions, cross-references, etc.). *Adrian Whiteman and Florian Steierer, FAO will join discussions.*
 - *JQ1 structure*
 - *JQ2 structure*
 - *JQ3 structure*
 - *Cross-references JQ2/3 to HS2012/07, SITC (JQ1 to CPC?)*
 - ii) Adoption of revised Spanish version of definitions
 - iii) Other changes:
 - *Change Eurostat logo*
 - *Adding IRW-NC-Tropical to JQ1? (proposal by ITTO in 2012)*
 - Recovered paper in French (Papier du recuperation?)
 - Definition of exports/imports - how to treat sales to/from free economic zones? (*e.g. pulpwood, woodpulp in Uruguay*)
 - Definition of chips, wood residues
- b) Country handling (Croatia, new ITTO members, etc)

c) Deadlines and data exchanges

- Confidential data
- Estimations
- Status codes (flags)

5) **HS2017 round**

- a) Update on current status and future meetings. *Ms Valentina Ramaschiello from FAO Statistics Division will join.*
- b) Pending issues:
- i) Tropical species list
 - ii) Prefabricated wooden buildings

6) **Other Business**

- a) Organizational and staff changes
- b) National correspondents
- c) Rotation in hosting IWG meetings
- d) Place and date of 27th IWG meeting (2014)
- e) Membership of IWG and role of observer organizations

7) **Meetings of Interest to IWG**

- a) Eurostat Working Group "Forestry Statistics", November 2012
- b) Workshop on Forest Products Statistics in Central America, Oct 2012 (ITTO/FAO)
- c) Future meetings:
 - i) FAO/ITTO National Workshop on Forest Products Statistics in China, March 2013
 - ii) 35th FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, 23-25 April 2013)
 - iii) Other meetings