ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Reference to Integrated Work Programme:
Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring and assessment”

A. Objectives
1. Advise and support work on forest products statistics, including data coverage and collection, validation and classifications used in the ECE region;
2. Suggest and support proposals for increasing the reliability and visibility of forest products statistics;
3. Advise on implementation of activities in Work Area 1 relating to forest products statistics.

B. Activities
1. Review materials such as questionnaires and procedures circulated by the secretariat and Team members;
2. Contact national data users for input;
3. Raise issues of concern related to forest products statistics;
4. Disseminate information on forest products statistics further through the ToS network.
5. Coordinate issues with other members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.

C. Expected major outputs
1. Recommendations for revisions to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and Timber Forecast Questionnaire;
2. Proposed improvements for national and international practices in data validation and, if required, a working paper describing best practices;
3. A recommended procedure for estimating wood balance, including the desirable level of detail to include and conversion factors to use.

D. Background
Established/Approved by: The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
Duration: The mandate of the team was renewed for the term 2016-2017.
Methods of work: Annual meeting. Further methods to be determined by the Team.
Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.
Communication: The Team Leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Teams of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products and the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy.