## ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

**Reference to Integrated Work Programme:**
**Work Area 1, "Data, monitoring and assessment" and Work Area 2, "Policy dialogue and advice"**

### A. Objectives

1. Advise and support the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the methodology, implementation and follow-up of outlook studies.

### B. Activities

1. Review lessons learned from the EFSOS (European Forest Sector Outlook Study), NAFSOS (North American Forest Sector Outlook Study) and RFFSOS (Russian Federation Forest Sector Outlook Study) processes and explore the feasibility and scope of forthcoming joint studies.

2. Improve the methodology for outlook studies in collaboration/harmonisation with other stakeholders e.g. COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Actions.

3. Improve involvement of national experts throughout the process, from scenario elaboration to analysis of projections.

4. Disseminate information on the forest sector outlook studies.

### C. Expected major outputs

1. Guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.

2. Identification of scenarios based on: structural developments in the forest sector; long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services; as well as policy impacts and implications.

3. Timeline for new outlook studies and identification of contributors and donors.

4. Research in support of forest sector outlook studies and other relevant support to policy making.

### D. Background

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| **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. Other methods to be determined by the Team. |
| **Reporting**: | Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management. |
| **Team leader**: | To be elected at first team meeting. |


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