

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

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

A. Objectives

1. To advise and support work on the sustainable development of forest products markets and related policies in the ECE region through a network that provides expertise and advice, including on priorities.
2. To carry the message that sustainable forest products can play an important role in greening economies and in providing sustainable products and livelihoods.

B. Activities

1. Provide guidance and referral to the best available experts and/or sources of information for the organization of:
 - Market Discussions during the meeting of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry;
 - Workshop(s) on all topics related to forest products including the role of forest products in a green economy, the use of wood for “green buildings”, innovative wood products and other topics, in line with the work programme.
2. Provide expertise and outreach to experts for drafting market-related publications and products, including the technical reviews contained in and the production of the Forest Products Annual Market Review.
3. Propose and assist in conducting capacity building workshops in order to further the development of sustainable forest product manufacturing and use.
4. Guide the secretariat in the organization of meetings related to the sustainable use of forest products.
5. Advise the secretariat on strategies to carry out the Programme of Work in the forest products marketing work area.

C. Expected major outputs

1. Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry market discussions (one each in 2014 and 2015) which cover forest product market topics that are current and relevant to the region.
2. Yearly meeting to discuss a list of recommendations on how to improve the content, structure and focus of the forest products marketing work area in general and the Forest Products Annual Market Review in particular. (typically during the team meeting that is held at the time of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry meeting).
3. Two capacity-building workshops for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (one each in 2014 and 2015).

D. Background

Established/Approved by: The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the 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 leader¹:	Leader: Eoin O’Driscoll (Ireland). Deputy Leaders: Jeremy Wall (European Commission), Branko Glavonjic (Serbia)
Communication:	The Team Leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Teams of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and Wood Energy.

¹ Eoin O’Driscoll, Team Leader, and Jeremy Wall and Branko Glavonjic, Deputy Team Leaders were recently elected at the last meeting of the Team in October 2012.