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### Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

#### Special session

Geneva, 17-18 June 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## **Annotated provisional agenda for the special session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry<sup>1</sup> with the European Forestry Commission<sup>2</sup>**

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Monday, 17 June 2013, starting at 10 a.m.

### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Information on the ECE review and other processes that might have a bearing on the joint work of ECE and FAO.
3. Draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.
4. Recommendations of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management relevant to the Joint Programme of Work.
5. Draft Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission.
6. Any other business.
7. Adoption of the report.

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<sup>1</sup> Documents and more information, including the registration form are available at: <http://www.unece.org/forests/extraordinarytc-efcmeeting.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Item discussed in this session are of relevance to both ECE and FAO, as focusing on their joint work, therefore the session is open to delegates of the European Forestry Commission as well.

## **II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda**

### **Opening of the meeting**

1. Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), or his representative, will open the special session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry with the European Forestry Commission.

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/S/2013/1

2. The adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

### **2. Information on the ECE review and other processes that might have a bearing on the joint work of ECE and FAO**

3. The meeting will be informed about the results of the ECE review and its implications on the joint ECE-FAO Forestry and Timber work. The meeting will also be informed of other on-going processes, should they have a bearing on the discussion on future joint work of ECE and FAO.

### **3. Draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/S/2013/3 and ECE/TIM/S/2013/Inf.1

4. The draft Action Plan on the Forest Sector in a Green Economy is the outcome of extensive consultations with all stakeholders in the forest sector. The Timber Committee at its 70<sup>th</sup> session in October 2012 revised the Plan, and requested the Secretariat to organize a consultation process to further develop it. The Committee further decided to organize a special session of the Committee open to the European Forestry Commission to be held in late spring 2013 in order to finalize the Action Plan as well as the Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission (see agenda item 3).

5. Delegates to the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission are invited to review the Action Plan, now containing input gathered through the consultation process, and submit it for approval to Metsä2013, the joint meeting of the COFFI and the EFC, to take place in Rovaniemi, Finland, from 9 to 13 December 2013.

### **4. Recommendations of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management relevant to the Joint Programme of Work**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2013/2

6. The meeting will be informed about the results of the 35th Session of the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (23-25 April 2013) and in particular, on recommendations that are

relevant and should be taken into consideration for the development of the Joint Programme of Work 2014-17.

7. Delegates to the meeting are invited to discuss the recommendations and reflect those that are relevant in the Draft Joint Programme of Work (see agenda item 4).

## **5. Draft Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/S/2013/4

8. As mentioned above, the Committee in October 2012 agreed to consider the revised version of the Draft Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission at the extraordinary session in June 2013.

9. Delegates are requested to discuss the Draft Joint Programme of Work, now containing all the comments and inputs received at the last session of the Timber Committee in October 2012, and submit it to Metsä2013, the joint meeting of the COFFI and the EFC, to take place in Rovaniemi, Finland, from 9 to 13 December 2013, for its approval.

## **6. Any other business**

10. At the time of writing, no points had been proposed under this item.

## **7. Adoption of the report**

11. The Committee will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### **III. Tentative timetable**

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#### **Monday, 17 June 2013**

- 10:00            Opening of session and welcome remarks
- Item 1: Adoption of the agenda
- 10:15-13:00    Item 2: Information on the ECE review and other processes that might have a bearing on the joint work of ECE and FAO
- Item 3: Draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
- 15:00-18:00    Item 4: Recommendations of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management relevant to the Joint Programme of Work
- Item 5: Draft Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission

#### **Tuesday, 18 June 2012**

- 10:00-13:00    Item 3: Draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (continued)
- 15:00-18:30    Item 5: Draft Joint Programme of Work 2014-17 for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission (continued)
- Item 6: Any other business
- Item 7: Adoption of the report
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