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Joint Committee/Commission matters**Review of 2013 activities and planned activities for 2014***Summary*

This document describes how the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2008-2013 was implemented in 2013 and provides a tentative list of activities for 2014 within the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 (ECE/TIM/2013/13-FO:EFC/2013/13), including those that derive from the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (ECE/TIM/2013/12-FO:EFC/2013/12).

I. Review of 2013 activities**A. Work area 1: Markets and Statistics****(a) Meeting of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry**

- Market Discussion to be held at Metsä2013, the joint Committee/Commission meeting to take place from 9 to 13 December 2013, in Rovaniemi, Finland.
- Market Statement prepared and issued.

(b) Publications

- Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) 2012-2013.

(c) Statistics

- Forest products statistics for 2008-2012 collected, validated and distributed.
- FPAMR supporting tables of statistics for 2008-2012 available.

- Committee forecasts for 2013-2014 collected, validated and distributed.
- Supporting graphs for the Committee Market Discussions produced.
- Forest products price information collected and distributed on on-going basis.
- Industrial wood balance developed and sent to member states

(d) Wood Energy

- Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2011 (JWEE2011) data validated and analysed and published online.
- Meetings, such as the 5th InterEnerStat Conference (, to disseminate information on ECE wood energy work.

(e) Participation in other relevant meetings

- Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics in Rome on 14 and 15 February 2013.
- International conference on European Timber Market, Helsinki 26-27 September 2013.

B. Work Area 2: Forest Resources Assessment

(a) Outputs

- Final enquiries for the global and regional reporting for the Forest Resources Assessment 2015 (FRA).
- Electronic interface for the pan-European reporting.
- Set of national reports within the framework of the global 2015 reporting.

(b) Other activities:

- Participation in the work of the collaborative process for the global and regional reporting 2015 (data collection phase).

(c) Participation in /organization of meetings (FRA global module):

- Global Workshop for National Correspondents on "Forests Resources Assessments 2015", Thailand, 6-10 May 2013.
- Sub-regional workshops for national correspondents from Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to be organised in Geneva on 16-18 October 2013 (with core involvement of ECE/FAO).

(d) Participation in /organization of meetings (FRA regional module):

- 6th meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, 21-22 February 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 7th meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, 18 October 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Participation in other technical meetings and consultations, on *ad hoc* basis.

(e) Meetings (other):

- Participation in and contribution to three regional and the final workshop within the framework of the EFI Project on C&I SFM implementation

C. Work Area 3: Outlook

- Preparatory work for an enquiry to be sent to the “Friends of the Outlook” in order to identify partnerships for the next round of the Forest Sector Outlook Studies (follow-up of the meeting held on 16 October 2012).

D. Work Area 4: Social and Cultural Issues

- Workshop on the Impact of Climate Change on Forestry Work, 11 November 2013, followed by a field trip in Switzerland, organized by the joint ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network to implement Sustainable Forest Management.

E. Work Area 5: Policy and Cross Sectoral Issues

(a) Publications

- Final draft of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, official document to be adopted at Metsä2013.
- Updated version of the future ECE/FAO Programme of Work, to be adopted at Metsä2013.
- Communication strategy for the organization of a second European Forest Week.
- Discussion Paper on forest-related Payment for Ecosystem Services and preparatory work to set up a virtual network on forest-related Payment for Ecosystem Services.

(b) Meetings

- Task Force on communication and outreach activities for the European Forest Week 2013, 19 February 2013 in Geneva.
- National Forest Policy Dialogue in Stockholm, Sweden, from 26 February to 1 March 2013, through a series of bilateral meetings with the government, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders.
- Side-event on Forests and Economic Development at the 10th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on 9 April 2013, Istanbul Turkey.
- Seminar on Innovation in the Forest-Based Sector, 22 April 2013, co-organized with Innovawood in Geneva.
- Meeting of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, in Geneva from 23 to 25 April 2013.
- Annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network, in Tallinn, Estonia, from 21 to 23 May 2013.
- Forest Products and Technologies for the Future, from 22 to 24 May 2013, co-organized with the Russian Federal Forest Agency and the St. Petersburg Forestry Research Institute in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.

- Special session of the Committee with the Commission on the draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and the new Programme of Work, Geneva, 17 and 18 June 2013.
- Joint ECE/FAO Bureaux meeting on 19 June 2013 in Geneva.
- Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management, coorganized with the Global Fire Management Centre, on 28 and 29 November 2013 in Geneva.
- Metsä 2013: joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 9-13 December 2013.

(c) **Other**

- Implementation of the project “Sustainable Forest Management for Green Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia”, funded under the United Nations Development Account 8th tranche.

II. Tentative list of activities for 2014

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring and assessment

1. Forest resources

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, sustainable forest management and contribution of the forest sector to a green economy

- Set of national reports within the framework of the pan-European 2015 reporting.
- Development of a concept for the establishment of an electronic repository, enhancing the efficiency of data collection, management and dissemination.
- Collection of data on pan-European indicators - through international data providers.
- Update of the database on pan-European indicators for reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in 2015.
- Collection of data on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the UNECE region.
- Collection and analysis of data on the forest sector workforce in the UNECE region.

(b) Analysis and assessment of the state of forests and sustainability of forest management; and monitoring the role of the forest sector in the green economy

- Publication based on the pilot application of European Forest Types (under preparation).
- Preparation for reporting on Sustainable Forest Management in 2015: output tables, draft report (quantitative indicators).
- Pilot reporting on sustainability of forest management.

- Global Forest Resources Assessment and Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): provision of the regional contribution to the final report.
- Preparation of a background paper and a concept note on assessing the role of the forest sector in a green economy: set of indicators.
- Drafting of a concept note for a report on forests ownership.
- Organisation of a workshop for national correspondents and authors of the Sustainable Forest Management report for 2015 (quantitative part).

(c) Cooperation and support to international processes in sustainable forest management, including regional Criteria and Indicators processes

- Contribution to the work of international processes (e.g. Forest Europe, Montréal Process, etc.), including by attending international meetings.
- Support to forest information related work in countries, including by attending national meetings.
- [Meetings of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management]¹.

2. Forest products and markets

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products

- Preparation of data on forest products, species trade, prices.
- Improvement of the existing database.
- Development of procedures for estimating wood balance including conversion factors.

(b) Analysis of markets for forest products, notably policy relevant aspects, including Forest Products Annual Market Review and annual Market Discussions

- Publication of the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR).
- Preparation of data and statistical annex for the FPAMR.
- Preparation of tables and graphs for Market Forecasts.
- Preparation of the Market Discussion and the Market Statement.
- Publication of a Topical Market Analysis.
- Publication of a discussion paper on national industrial roundwood balances.

(c) Support of international processes in forest products

- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group for Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings.

¹ Meetings of the Teams of Specialists are indicated in square brackets as they are subject to their confirmation or establishment by Metsä2013, joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission.

- Review international classifications.
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products].

3. Wood energy

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy

- Dissemination of the 2011 Joint Wood Energy Enquiry data.
- Preparation for the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2013.
- Development and maintenance of an online database.

(b) Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand and supply for wood energy

- Preparation of a study on conversion factors.
- Publication of a wood energy report, explaining the data collection process, analysing trends in supply of and demand for wood energy, including national case studies on wood energy data collection as appropriate.

(c) Support of international processes in wood energy

- Participation in international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, etc.).
- [Organization of the meetings of Team of Specialists on Wood Energy].

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

(a) Development of tools for policy making

- Review and analysis of qualitative information on forest policies, institutions and instruments.
- Publication of a report on financing for and investment in the forest sector: analysing needs and enabling condition for investment in forest industry companies (harvesting companies, sawmills, pulp, paper, paperboard and panel factories).
- Publication of a study on policies and incentives to promote wood in construction.
- Preparation work for outlook studies: mapping of policy needs and available resources, roadmap for the next round of outlook studies.

(b) Contribution to the policy-related components of studies produced under work area 1, 3 and 4. Organization of, and contribution to policy dialogues on forests and the forest industry

- Contribution to the regional dialogue: meeting to promote international cooperation and experience sharing on the development of specific adaptive management regimes in the context of climate change, thematic seminar/workshop.

- Contribution to the national dialogues: organization of one or two National Forest Policy Dialogues.

(c) Follow-up to the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

- Organization of a Conference on the forest sector in a green economy to engage governments and other stakeholders for the implementation of the proposed activities.
- Publication, dissemination and presentation of the Action Plan at relevant meetings.

(d) Support of international processes relevant for policy making for the forest sector

- Participation in international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. Forest Europe, European Forest Institute ‘ThinkForest’, etc.).
- Contribution to the global dialogue: participation in, and organisation of side event at COFO22 and other relevant global meetings.
- [Organization of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Forest Policy].
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Outlook].
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists for Green Jobs in the forest sector].

(e) Contribution to Safeguarding Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region through International Cooperation in Fire Management

- Publication of the final report of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management.
- [Organization of the meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Fires].

C. Work Area 3: Communications and outreach

(a) Organization of events and campaigns in support of sustainable forest management and forest products and services

- International Day of Forests: 21 March 2014.
- Other relevant events.

(b) Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information released

- Preparation of a fact sheet or leaflet with key messages on the role of forests, forest products and their role in a green economy.
- Regular update of the Media/Public Relation contact list.
- Maintenance of the website and improvement of its design.
- Increased use of social media/networks and videos.
- Preparation and dissemination of press briefs/releases on relevant topics developed in 2014.

(c) **Outreach activities beyond the forest sector disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building, etc.)**

- Development of a concept and fund raising for a survey on public perception of forests and the sector in Europe.
- Participation in meetings of industry federations for the promotion of forest products.
- Preparation and dissemination of press releases on forest products markets.
- Drafting of a set of recommendations for the promotion of forest education and pedagogics.
- [Organization of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Forest Communication].

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

(a) **Provision of policy advice and promotion of dialogues**

- National Forest Policy Dialogues (see Contribution to national dialogues).
- Development of a concept note for a forest policy short course designed for middle level policy officers.

(b) **Organization of capacity-building workshops on:**

- Forest products marketing (Eastern Europe).
- National Forest Sector Statistics (possibly in the Russian Federation).
- Improving Wood Energy data for better policy making.
- Emerging issues.

(c) **Implementation of the UNDA² project: Sustainable forest management for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia**

- Development of training guidelines.
- Organization of capacity-building workshops.
- Development of national action plans for the forest sector in a green economy.
- Establishment of a web-based hub for knowledge management.

E. Monitoring and management of the Programme of Work

(a) **Intergovernmental Meetings**

- Organization of the meeting of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry.

² UNDA : United Nations Development Account

- Organization of the meeting of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

(b) Bureaux Meetings

- Organization of Bureaux meetings as appropriate.

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