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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the joint session of the
Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the
European Forestry Commission**

to be held in Rovaniemi, Finland, starting on 9 December 2013 at 16:00

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- (a) Overview of the development of FAO tools for sustainable forest management:
 - Development of the Sustainable Forest Management Toolbox, including educational materials, voluntary guidelines and communication platforms
 - Preparation of the voluntary guidelines on national forest monitoring
 - Preparation of a guidance tool for managing wildfire-related risks at the landscape level

- (b) Overview of the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of national food security
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

For the timing of agenda items, please refer to the schedule on the last page of this document.

Opening

In accordance with past practice, the bureaux of the Committee and Commission have suggested that the chairs of the two bodies co-chair the joint session.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/1; FO: EFC/2013/1

In accordance with both bodies' rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

2. Green economy dialogues

(a) Market Discussions

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/3; FO: EFC/2013/3

The market discussions will look at the market situation of wood and non-wood forest products in the region. In particular, they will focus on the sector's progress towards a green economy and more sustainable production and consumption patterns. This will include examples of: efforts to make production processes more environmentally sound; sustainable forest products; and green building. As part of the transition towards a green economy, the issue of wood energy and payments for ecosystem services will be discussed.

Discussions will be supported by data and information collected and publications issued by the ECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section, such as the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2012-13¹, the results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2011², the joint ECE-FAO-UNEP publication on payments for ecosystem services and other relevant documents.

(b) Engaging the Private Sector (in conjunction with Item 7d)

Metsä2013 offers a unique opportunity to gather all forest stakeholders in the same place and discuss issues of common interest. In particular, the event will offer an opportunity for Governments and the private sector to meet and exchange experiences and opinions on priorities and challenges for the sector.

To this end, a panel will be dedicated to hearing from the private sector, learning about their current concerns and the impact of the crisis on the forest sector, but also success stories in the transition towards a green economy and the role of innovation in strengthening the economic impact of the sector. This panel will also discuss how the private sector can engage in the implementation of the draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy and how the work of the Committee and the Commission could support the sector and will develop recommendations on these two points.

¹ <http://www.unece.org/fpamr2013.html>.

² <http://www.unece.org/forests/jwee.html>.

(c) **Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy (*parallel session, in English only*)**

Under this segment delegates will discuss the contribution of forests to a green economy and how this contribution could be acknowledged and communicated. To support this, a panel of experts, including researchers from other sectors, will discuss different experiences in measuring the transition towards a green economy, including existing indicators and assessments.

The panel will explore if indicators exist or could be developed to highlight the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy, and make recommendations in this regard, taking into account the monitoring activities under the draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

3. FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters

(a) **Follow-up to the decisions of the thirty-sixth session**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/4; FO: EFC/2013/4

Delegates will be informed about how the decisions taken by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session have been implemented.

(b) **Overview of recent activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia**

Delegates will be briefed on recent forestry activities implemented by the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (FAO-REU), including by the subregional Office for Central Asia (FAO-SEC).

(c) **Overview of recent activities of the FAO Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions *Silva Mediterranea***

Delegates will be briefed on the activities conducted under the auspices of *Silva Mediterranea*, including the State of Mediterranean Forests, the Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests and the 3rd Mediterranean Forest Week.

(d) **Review of the mandate and modus operandi of the EFC Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/5; FO: EFC/2013/5

At its meeting in July 2012, the Steering Committee of the Working Party endorsed the report on the review of the mandate and modus operandi. The Steering Committee also provided recommendations for a new structure and mandate. At its last meeting, which took place from 3 to 5 September 2013 in Montgenèvre, France, the Working Party discussed its future work plan. The Commission is expected to discuss and adopt a new mandate and to consider the proposed work plan.

(e) **Overview of the FAO Strategic Framework, the FAO Strategic Evaluation, and implementation of recommendations**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/6; FO: EFC/2013/6 (FAO Strategic Framework)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/7; FO: EFC/2013/7 (Strategic Evaluation)

The Committee and the Commission will be briefed on implementation of the new FAO Strategic Framework and the Management Response to the recommendations of the Strategic Evaluation.

(f) Recommendations to be drawn to the attention of the twenty-ninth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-second session of the FAO Committee on Forestry

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/8; FO: EFC/2013/8

The Commission will be requested to recommend topics to be considered at the twenty-ninth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and the twenty-second session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in June 2014.

(g) Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure and established practice, the Commission is expected to elect a Chair and three vice-chairs, who will hold office until the end of the thirty-seventh session. At the thirty-sixth session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the thirty-seventh session: Mr. Andrey Filipchuk (Russian Federation) Chair, Mr. Rob Busink (Netherlands), Mr. Peter Blombäck (Sweden), Mr. Bekir Kayacan (Turkey), as Vice-Chairs.

(h) Date and place of next session

The next session of the European Forestry Commission is scheduled to take place in 2015. It is proposed that, to enhance synergies with the Committee and in the light of the need to review the integrated programme of work, the next session of the European Forest Commission be organised jointly with the ECE Committee on Forest and Forestry in October 2015.

4. ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry matters

(a) Matters arising from the sixty-fifth session of the ECE

Delegates will be informed of decisions adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at its sixty-fifth session, held in April 2013 in Geneva that are relevant to the Integrated Programme of Work. Delegates will be invited to take these decisions and developments into account when planning future activities and in particular the implications of the 2012-2013 review of the 2005 ECE reform. In particular, the Committee may want to ask its bureau to review the need for developing draft Roles of Procedure and report on this at the Committee's next session.

(b) Matters arising from the seventieth session of the Committee

The Committee will be informed about actions undertaken as a follow-up to the decision taken at its last session.

(c) ECE Biennial evaluation plan and programme of work 2014-2015

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/9; FO: EFC/2013/9 (Biennial evaluation plan of the Forestry and timber subprogramme for 2014-2015)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/10; FO: EFC/2013/10 (Draft programme of work of the Forestry and timber subprogramme for 2014-2015)

Delegates will be invited to review and adopt the biennial evaluation plan and the draft programme of work for the ECE Forestry and timber subprogramme for 2014-2015.

(d) Election of officers

The Committee is expected to elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the seventy-second session. At the seventieth session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the seventy-first session: Mr. Heikki Granholm (Finland) as Chair and Ms. Anna Zornaczuk-Luba (Poland), Mr. Christoph Dürr (Switzerland) and Ms. Linda Langner (United States) as Vice-Chairs.

(e) Date and place of next session

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 20 to 24 October 2014 has been provisionally reserved for the seventy second session of the Committee, to be held in Geneva if no country offers to host the meeting.

5. Outcome of the 10th session of United Nations Forum on Forests and implications for the ECE region

(a) Regional inputs, forests and economic development

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.1; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.1

Delegates will be briefed on the implication of paragraph 1 and 2 of resolution 10/1 "Progress in the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests, regional and subregional inputs, forests and economic development, and enhanced cooperation" adopted by the 10th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). Delegates will be invited to take these into account when deciding on the work of the Committee/Commission.

(b) Review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.2; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.2

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006, UNFF 10 also decided that the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be reviewed in 2015 and that on this basis a full range of options will be considered, including a legally binding instrument on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuation of the current arrangement and other options. Delegates will consider the existing results of the review and discuss the potential contribution of the ECE region to the review process as well as the potential role of the Committee and the Commission in a possible future arrangement.

(c) Role of forests in the post-2015 development agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/11; FO: EFC/2013/11

Delegates will be presented with ways and means to highlight the role of forests in the post-2015 development agenda and will discuss possible options for better integrating forests in the sustainable development goals. The results of the discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be transmitted to UNFF and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), as a possible contribution to the on-going debate on the SDGs.

6. Joint Committee/Commission matters

(a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments

Delegates will be briefed on developments of relevance to their work within processes and organizations such as the International Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe, Forest Europe (Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe), the European Union and others. The Committee and the Commission will be invited to take these into account when deciding on their future work.

(b) Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/12; FO: EFC/2013/12 (Action Plan)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.3; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.3 (List of activities from the Action Plan to be carried out by ECE/FAO)

Delegates will be informed of the amendments that have been made to the draft Action Plan taking into account the outcome of the special session of the Committee with the Commission held in Geneva on 17 and 18 June 2013. The Committee and the Commission will then be invited to consider the draft Action Plan for adoption. They will also consider a tentative list of actions from the Action Plan to be carried out by ECE/FAO in the period 2014-17 and related indicative budget implications.

(c) Integrated Programme of Work (2014-2017), including the Terms of Reference for subsidiary bodies (Joint Working Party for Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and Teams of Specialists)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/13; FO: EFC/2013/13 (Programme of Work)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/14; FO: EFC/2013/14 (Terms of Reference)

Delegates will be presented with an updated version of the draft Integrated Programme of Work, which includes the inputs from the special session of the Committee with the Commission. The Committee and the Commission will be invited to adopt the programme, including the relevant Terms of Reference for the subsidiary bodies.

(d) Review of 2013 activities, list of activities for 2014 and publications for 2014-2017

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/15; FO: EFC/2013/15 (List of activities)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/15/Add.1; FO: EFC/2013/15/Add.1 (List of ECE/FAO publications for 2014-2017)

Delegates will be informed of activities implemented in 2013 and will also be presented with a provisional list of outputs and a provisional list of publications for 2014-17.

(e) Overview of activities for the International Day of Forests and the European Forest Week

The meeting will be presented with a summary of past and future activities developed to celebrate and promote the International Day of Forests and the European Forest Week.

7. FAO global activities on Sustainable Forest Management of relevance to the meeting

(a) Overview of the development of FAO tools for sustainable forest management

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/16; FO: EFC/2013/16 (SFM Toolbox)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/17; FO: EFC/2013/17 (National Forest Monitoring)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/18 FO: EFC/2013/18 (Fire Management)

Delegates will be briefed on the following subjects:

- Development of the Sustainable Forest Management Toolbox, including educational materials, voluntary guidelines and communication platforms.
- Preparation of the voluntary guidelines on national forest monitoring.
- Development of guidance tool for managing wildfire-related risks at the landscape level.

The Committee and the Commission are expected to consider the above-mentioned documents and to give guidance to the secretariat on the support proposed to countries in their efforts to implement these tools in the ECE region.

(b) Overview of the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of national food security

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/19; FO: EFC/2013/19

The Committee and the Commission will be invited to give guidance on the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines.

(c) State and conservation of the World's Forest Genetic Resources (*parallel session in English only*)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.4; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.4

The Committee and the Commission will be briefed on the main results and recommendations arising from the global report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources.

(d) Information on the Global Timber Forum (in conjunction with Item 2b)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.5; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.5

Delegates will be briefed on the Global Timber Forum (GTF), which was launched at a meeting on 22 and 23 May 2013 at the FAO headquarters.

(e) Outcome of the International Conference on Forests for Food Security from 13 to 15 May 2013, Rome, Italy (*parallel session in English only*)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/Inf.6; FO: EFC/2013/Inf.6

Delegates will be informed of the outcome of the Conference and possible follow-up activities.

(f) **Preparation of the 14th World Forestry Congress to be held in Durban, South Africa in 2015**

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2013/20; FO: EFC/2013/20

The Committee and the Commission will be informed on the preparatory work for the next World Forestry Congress and will be invited to provide guidance on the secretariat's involvement in this event.

8. Any other business

None at the time of writing.

9. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session

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

III. Tentative timetable

Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, Seventy-first session and European Forestry Commission, thirty-seventh session

Monday, 9 December 2013

16:00 Opening of session and welcome remarks

Tuesday, 10 December 2013

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09:15-12:00 Item 2 (a). Market Discussions

14:00-17:00 Item 2 (b). Engaging the Private Sector, including 7 (d)

Item 7 (c) World's Forest Genetic Resources (English only)

Item 7 (e) Conference on Forests for Food Security (English only)

Wednesday, 11 December 2013

09:00-12:00 Item 3 (a, b, c, d, e) FAO European Forestry Commission matters

Item 2 (c). Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (English only)

Item 4 (a, b, c) ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry matters

14:00-17:00 Item 5 (a, b, c) Outcome of the 10th session of UNFF

Item 6 (a, b, c) Joint Committee/Commission matters

Thursday, 12 December 2013

09:00-12:00 Item 6 (d and e) Joint Committee/Commission matters

Item 7 (a) Discussion on SFM toolbox, guidelines for national forest monitoring, guidance tool for managing wildland fires

Item 7 (b) Discussion on the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure

14:00-17:00 Item 7 (f) Preparation of the next World Forestry Congress

Item 3 (f) Recommendations to FAO Regional Conference for Europe and to FAO Committee on Forestry

Item 3 (g and h) EFC elections and next session

Item 4 (d and e) COFFI elections and next session

Item 8 Any other business

Item 9 Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the joint session

Friday, 13 December 2013

Field trip