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Brainstorming Workshop for the next ECE/FAO Forest Sector Outlook Study

Geneva, January 23 and 24, 2018

Concept Note and Agenda

I. Background

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section analyses structural developments in the forest sector and produces studies on the long-term outlook for supply and demand for wood as well as other forest goods and services. These studies support policy and decision makers and analysts in Government, the civil society and the private sector. The key publications in this field of work are the Forest Sector Outlook Studies (FSOS), a series that started in 1952 with the European Timber Trend Studies. More recent publications are the European Forest Sector Outlook Study II, 2010-2030 (EFSOS II, published in 2011) and the North American Forest Sector Outlook Study (published in 2012). All these studies map out possible or likely future developments, based on past trends. A reference scenario and different policy scenarios provide a contribution to evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making.

At present, the next round of the FSOS is in its first planning stage. The meeting in Geneva in January is supposed to bring policy makers and experts together in order to discuss in an interactive way expectations, needs and general aspects of the next FSOS.

II. Objectives

Brainstorm and discuss with participants the following issues concerning the next Forest Sector Outlook Study:

- Policy questions
- Specific topics (climate change, etc.)
- Geographic coverage
- Time horizon
- Scenarios and modelling
- Main and supportive studies
- Outreach

III. Participants

- Policy makers
- Team of Specialists Forest Sector Outlook
- Other experts
- ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
- Relevant international and non-governmental organizations
- Representatives of the private sector

IV. Expected results

- a. Clarity on main policy questions that ideally should be answered by the next FSOS
- b. Insights into appropriate geographic coverage, time horizon and modelling issues which (together with a.) will feed into a proposal to be presented to the 40th Session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in March 2018
- c. Clarity on the way forward

V. Agenda (details could still change slightly)

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 23.01.2018	
Morning Session 9:30 – 12:30	Welcome Presentations to set the scene Interactive Discussion on main policy questions for the FSOS, building on the outcomes from the ToS meeting in Arona, Italy (2015)
Lunch 12:30 – 14:00	
Afternoon Session 14:00 – 17:00	Discussion on policy questions continued Based on outcomes: discussion on geographic and time horizon
DAY 2 – Wednesday, 24.01.2018	
Morning Session 9:30 – 12:30	Discussion on possible scenarios to respond to policy questions
Lunch 12:30 – 14:00	
Afternoon Session 14:00 – 17:00	Discussion on other general aspects of the FSOS Discussion on way forward