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Integrated Programme of Work and related decisions

Review of 2018 activities, and activities planned for 2019

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

To facilitate the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (2018-2021), the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the European Forestry Commission (EFC) requested the Joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section to develop a specific list of activities, which should be approved on an annual basis by the joint Working Party and the Committee and the Commission (Annex I, para 4). The final list of activities prepared every year should help member States and regional economic integration organizations to further prioritize the work of the secretariat.

A tentative list of activities for 2019 was approved by the joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management at its meeting in March 2018, with the understanding it will be refined closer to the end of 2018 and presented to the COFFI Session in November 2018 for its consideration.

This document provides a tentative list of UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber section activities and publications for 2019 that contribute to the implementation of the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work, based on the list approved by the joint Working Party and updated by the Forestry and Timber Section to reflect new developments and additional information. The implementation of the activities is subject to the availability of funds.

In addition, this document provides a summary of activities implemented in 2018.

The Committee will be invited to endorse the activities for 2019.

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I. Review of 2018 activities

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

1. Forest resources

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, progress toward Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy

- *Reporting on forest ownership in the region*: release of the database on forest ownership;
- *The 2020 cycle of the Forest Europe/ECE/FAO reporting on forests and SFM in the region*: completion of the national questionnaires on quantitative and qualitative indicators (jointly with Forest Europe);
- *Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ)*: support to the FAO FRA Secretariat on the finalization of the national reporting format integrated with the Forest Europe/ECE/FAO reporting on forests and SFM in the region (jointly with the FAO FRA Secretariat and Forest Europe);
- *Data collection for the 2020 global and regional reporting on forests*: cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the organization of the data collection process, regional inputs to the global meeting for FRA national correspondents (Mexico, March 2018), coordination of the overall process and support to national correspondents from the UNECE region; organization (jointly with FAO and Forest Europe) of a regional capacity building workshop for national correspondents from the region and support to the review process (Geneva, April 2018);
- Support to the CPF Task Force on the development of the Global Core Set of Forest Indicators (Rome, December 2017) and to the UNFF Secretariat on the development of the reporting format on the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan on Forests (Nairobi, November 2017).

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

- *Reporting on forest ownership in the region*: completion of the “Study on forest ownership in the ECE region” by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe (COST Action FACESMAP);
- Production of the “Guidelines for the Development of a Criteria and Indicator Set for Sustainable Forest Management” (in progress; to be published in 2019 in English and Russian).

(c) Cooperation and contribution to international processes in SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes

- Contribution to the forest information related work of international processes and organizations (e.g. participation in the Advisory Group of, and support to the implementation of the project Distributed, Integrated and Harmonised Forest Information for Bioeconomy Outlooks - *Diabolo*);

- Support to the development of Criteria and Indicator (C&I) at national (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan under the UNDA project), sub-regional, regional levels (Forest Europe);
- Contribution to the organization of the National Forest Policy Dialogue in Ukraine, July 2018;
- Meeting of the Team of Specialists (ToS) on Monitoring SFM in Tbilisi, Georgia (February 2018) in conjunction with the Interim Regional workshop under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project “Accountability Systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia”.

2. Forest products and markets

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

- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
- Collection and dissemination of forecast data on forest products production and trade in 2018 and 2019;
- 2017 data made available to public FAOSTAT and ECE websites;
- Release of the draft publication “*Game Meat – Production and Trade in the UNECE region*” study (March 2018);
- Issuance of Engineered Wood Products questionnaire.

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

- Publication of the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) 2017-2018;
- Publication of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2017-2018;
- Market Discussion 2018 will be held at COFFI 2018 in Vancouver, Canada;
- COFFI Market Statement 2018 will be published at COFFI 2018 in Vancouver, Canada.

(c) Support of international processes in forest products

- Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics held from 22-23 February 2018 in Luxembourg;
- Review of international classifications, support to the Harmonized System 2022 revision;
- Meeting of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics held on 21 March 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland;
- Meeting of the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products to be held in November 2018 in Vancouver, the margins of COFFI.

3. Wood energy

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

- Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2015 data released;

(b) **Development and issuance of JWEE 2017 questionnaire. Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**

- Study on “*Wood Energy in the ECE region: Data, trends and outlook in Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and North America*” published. The publication was launched during the meeting of the Convention on Long-range Trans-boundary air pollution (www.unece.org/index.php?id=45535);

(c) **Support of international processes in wood energy**

- JWEE2017 data presented on 24 April 2018 to the “*EU4Energy Vienna Policy Forum: Bioenergy*” meeting at the Energy Community Secretariat headquarters, in Vienna, Austria.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

(a) **National Forest Policy Dialogues**

- Organization of the National Forest Policy Dialogue “Reforming the forestry institutional structure in Ukraine: prospects and implications” in cooperation with the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine on 5 July 2018 in Kiev, Ukraine;
- Organization of the National Forest Policy Dialogue “Updating the National Forestry Program (NFP) and restructuring the forestry institution in Azerbaijan” in cooperation with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan on 11-12 July 2018 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

(b) **Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan (RAP) for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**

- Collection of the stakeholder’s contributions to the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan;
- Review of the Joint Section’s activities contributing to the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan;
- Organisation of the Workshop on the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan on 13-14 February 2018;
- Preparation of the report on the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan;
- Creation of the webpage on the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan;
- Implementation of the RAP priority actions as agreed by the Working Party in 2018;
- Dissemination of information on the Rovaniemi Action Plan and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy (bio-economy and circular economy) at international fora, including outside the forest sector, as relevant;(e.g. during the conference on “Innovative bio-based products: Investment, environmental Impacts and Future Perspectives” on 6 June 2018, a stand displaying the RAP and other green economy work of the Joint Section was organised and information was shared through direct contact with participants);

- Creation of the Green Economy and the Rovaniemi Action Plan webpages.

(c) Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4

(d) Forest Sector Outlook

- Organization of the “Brainstorming Workshop for the next ECE/FAO Forest Sector Outlook Study” in Geneva, Switzerland, in January 2018;
- Based on the results of the workshop, development of a draft proposal for the next outlook study including possible scenarios, overview of different models, and funding requirements;
- Organization of the meeting of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook in Geneva, Switzerland on 21 March 2018 for a discussion of the potential scenarios from a technical point of view;
- With the input regarding policy priorities from the participants of the 40th session of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, finalization of the proposal;
- Fundraising for the study, outreach to different stakeholders regarding collaboration for the modelling, final decision regarding content of the study and beginning of the work with respective partners.

(e) Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

- Organisation of a workshop “Green Forest Jobs: Exploring opportunities and increasing the capacity of UNECE member States” on 17-18 September 2018;
- Preparation of first draft of “Guidelines on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector”;
- Preparation of the trend monitoring report on green jobs in the forest sector;
- Finalisation of the study paper on forest sector workforce;
- Organisation of the meeting(s) of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/UNECE/FAO Expert Network) in Bern, Switzerland, on 18-19 June;
- Promotion and dissemination of the discussion paper on “Green Jobs in the Forest Sector” e.g. submission to the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) conference “Inclusive solutions for the green transition”.

(f) Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector

- Organisation of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia on 21-22 June 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The meeting resulted in high-level representatives of Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan committing to restore over 2.5 million hectares of forest landscape under the Bonn Challenge by 2030. In addition, the Ministerial Roundtable adopted the Astana Resolution, committing the region to go beyond 2.5 million ha and strengthen partnerships and regional cooperation to this end;
- Organisation of a roundtable on “Sustainable Forest Management and the SDGs” at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region on 1 March 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland;

- Collaboration with the Circumboreal Working Group (CWG) - in the preparation for the Boreal Ministerial Summit that took place 26 June 2018, in Haparanda, Sweden and adoption of the related Ministerial Declaration;
- Participation in the Boreal Ministerial Summit and continuing support of the work of the CWG.

(g) Tools for policymaking - studies and publications

- Publication and dissemination of a study paper on “Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia: Challenges and Opportunities” to support the preparation of restoration pledges in six countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia region in the run up to the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia, which took place on 21-22 June 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

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

- Organization of a panel discussion, showcasing unique ways in which forests "have gone vertical" at the International Day of Forests (IDF) on Forests and Cities, 21 March 2018, Geneva, Switzerland; UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section joined forces with the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management as well as the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations (Geneva);
- Organization of a side event on Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia on 7 May 2018 in New York during the UNFF13 session;
- Organization of the annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network (FCN) took place 22 - 24 May 2018 at Wageningen University, Netherlands. It was kindly hosted by the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP);
- Production of a video on sustainable fashion titled ‘Made in Forests’ together with UN TV and UNDP, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, starring UNDP Goodwill Ambassador and renown actress Michelle Yeoh. The movie was launched at the Ministerial Segment of the HLPF on 16 July 2018. The movie was accompanied by an exhibition on ‘Forests, Fashion and the SDGs’, showcasing textiles made of wood-based fibres and highlighting their connection to the SDGs.

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

- Press releases published in 2018 (as of 6 July 2018): “Countdown to the 2020 global and European forest assessments” (07 March 2018); “Wood energy is no sleeping giant, say UNECE/FAO experts” (24 May 2018); “2.5 million ha committed to the Bonn Challenge by the Caucasus and Central Asia” (22 June 2018);
- News releases published in 2018 (as of 6 July 2018): “Kyrgyzstan advances forest monitoring in support of the Sustainable Development Goals” (04/26/2018); “Super timber, vertical forests and vertical farming: Geneva celebrations show the sky is the limit for forests’ contribution to sustainable cities” (03/21/2018); “Fashion is an environmental and social emergency, but can also drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals” (03/01/2018); “UNECE and FAO advance

reporting of sustainable forest management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”(02/21/2018); “Communicating the key role of forest products in the transition to a green economy can help to unlock forests’ broader sustainable development potential” (02/16/2018);

- Preparation of a policy brief for the HLPF entitled ‘SDGs rooted in Forests’ focusing on the UNECE region and highlighting how sustainably managed forests and the derived products are essential in achieving many of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Production of a leaflet on ‘COFFI 2018’ about the topics covered at this year’s Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry in Vancouver.

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

(a) Meeting to prepare for the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia

- Organization of a preparatory meeting for the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia. for Minister’s advisors from the Caucasus and Central Asia The meeting was held 27 April 2018 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

(b) Organization of capacity-building workshops

- Organization of a workshop on wood balances to analyse consistency between available information on wood resources growth, use and processing (comparing FRA and Joint Forest Sector Questionnaires, JFSQ) and use this information to reduce inconsistencies in Geneva (December 2017).

(c) Implementation of the UN Development Account (UNDA) project: Accountability systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2016-2019):

- Organization of the Interim Regional Workshop under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project “Accountability Systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia”, 20-23 February 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia;
- Organization of the second national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Kyrgyzstan”, 25 - 26 April 2018, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;
- Organization of the second national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Uzbekistan, 8 - 10 August 2018, Tashkent, Uzbekistan;
- Organization of the second national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Kazakhstan”, to be held on 26- 28 September 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan (tbc);
- Organization of the second national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Georgia” to be held on 28 - 30 November 2018, in Tbilisi, Georgia (tbc).

E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

(a) Intergovernmental Meetings

- Organization of the 76th session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) in Vancouver, Canada (5 to 9 November 2018);
- Organization of the 40th session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in Geneva, Switzerland (22 -23 March 2018).

(b) Bureaux Meetings

- Organization of Joint Bureaux meetings in Geneva, Switzerland (21 March 2018).

II. Tentative list of activities for 2019

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

1. Forest resources

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, progress toward Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy

- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the finalization of the national data collection and review;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat):
 - Finalization of national data collection and review;
 - Production of the interactive database.
- Study of the Caucasus' and Central Asia's Forests: completion of the sources data set for the publication.

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

- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global FRA and CFRQ: support to FAO FRA secretariat to analyze the global data;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat):
 - Analysis of data and preparation of draft chapters of the State of Europe's Forest (SoEF) 2020;
 - Joint conference for the National Correspondents, Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM and authors to discuss the first draft of the report SoEF 2020;

- Compilation and design of the report;
- Language review and proofreading.
- Study of the Caucasus' and Central Asia's Forests: conclusion and release of the publication (English and Russian).

(c) Cooperation and contribution to international processes on SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes

- Support to the UNFF Secretariat on reporting the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the related Communication Strategy;
- Cooperation with, and support to countries, organizations and international processes (e.g. Forest Europe, Montréal Process) in the region on monitoring SFM;
- Contribution to capacity building on C&Is under the UNDA project (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan);
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Monitoring SFM.

2. Forest products and markets

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

- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
- Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade;
- Improvement of the existing database;
- Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites;

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

- Publication of the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2019-2020;
- Preparation of the Market Discussion 2019 and the Market Statement 2019;
- Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
- Publication of a topical market analysis.

(c) Support of international processes in forest products

- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
- Review of international classifications, support to the Harmonized System 2022 revision.
- Organization of the meetings of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products.

3. Wood energy

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy**
- Issuance of a new database on wood energy with 2017 data;
 - Analysis of results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2017;
 - Dissemination of the 2017 JWEE data at relevant international meetings.
- (b) **Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**
- Preparation of a study on wood energy in the ECE region and dissemination of the outcomes of previous study at relevant international meetings;
 - Provide input to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews on forests.
- (c) **Support of international processes in wood energy**
- Presentation of the wood energy work at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, Wood Energy Days etc.);
 - Organization of meeting of the ToS on Wood Energy.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

- (a) **Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan (RAP) for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**
- Monitoring of the implementation of RAP;
 - Implementation of the RAP priority actions as agreed by the Working Party in 2019.
 - Dissemination of information on the Rovaniemi Action Plan and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy (bio-economy and circular economy) at international fora, including outside the forest sector, as relevant.
- (b) **Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**
- No activity planned at the time of writing.
- (c) **Forest Sector Outlook**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook;
 - Organization of a workshop to discuss first results of scenario modelling for the next outlook study;
 - Lead the development of the next outlook study and, if financial resources allow, provide capacity building to member countries to adapt and use the results for their respective national needs.
- (d) **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/UNECE/FAO Expert Network);
 - Organization of a workshop on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;

- Promotion and dissemination of the study on the Forest Sector Workforce.
- Promotion and dissemination of the trend monitoring report on green jobs in the forest sector
- Finalisation of “Guidelines on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector”

(e) Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector

- Organization of the meeting(s) of the Forest Policy Network;

(f) Tools for policymaking - studies and publications

- Guidelines on the development of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia;
- Publication of the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

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

- International Day of Forests (IDF) on Forests and Education, 21 March 2019, in conjunction with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Side event at the fourteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF14), May 2019, New York;
- 5th European Forest Week during the joint session of COFFI and the EFC session in collaboration with the host country in 2019;
- Other side events during the joint session of COFFI and the EFC.
- Organization of the annual meeting of the ToS on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network.

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

(c) Press releases will be published to present the outcomes of workshops, events and publications. 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.)

- International Day of Forests 2019;
- Events organized in the margins of main forest related as well as cross-sectional meetings.

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

Organization of capacity-building workshops

- The 2nd national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Armenia” will be held 13 – 15 February 2019, in Yerevan, Armenia (tbc).

- The Final Regional Workshop under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia” will take place in the second half of 2019, in Kyrgyzstan (tbc); the final project publication including the results will be published in 2019 and the project will be externally evaluated
- JFSQ correspondents meeting on improving knowledge about and responses to Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire.
- Regional capacity-building workshop - topic to be decided.

E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

(a) Intergovernmental Meetings

- Organization of the meeting of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2019;
- Organization of the joint session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission in 2019.

(b) Bureaux Meetings

- Organization of the Bureaux meetings upon request of the Chairs of COFFI and EFC.

III. List of publications for 2019

Title	English	French	Russian
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2018-2019	E-600	F-50	R-50
Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2019)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2019)	E-1000	F-200	R-200
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2019)	English only, online publication		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	E-600		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2019)	English only, online publication		