Work Area 1, Forest production, trade and consumption
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Work involving forest products markets is now a much smaller component of our work than what it was in the past and is centered over two outputs:

- The Forest Products Annual Market Review
- The market discussions at COFFI or Joint COFFI/EFC session

Other outputs include:

- Presenting market overview at conferences
- Providing market information to researchers
- Producing an updated publication on global forest products conversion factors with FAO and the ITTO
Twenty-five authors contributed to the FPAMR

Financial support and two interns provided by Finland

Many people contributed information and statistics.

Significant in-kind contribution from the US Forest Service (two lead authors and a contributing author)

The manuscript was completed on 15 August

The publication requires roughly 7 work-months from the UNECE/FAO secretariat

Funds spent (honoraria and editing): $46,000*

ToS SFP provided invaluable assistance

*Does not include design/printing costs or secretariat labor, which is covered under the UN budget and also excludes contribution in kind by USFS and Helsinki University
- Approximately the same number of authors
- Financial support is committed
- Three interns, of which one from Canada, one from the US and one from Finland
- Significant in-kind contribution from the US Forest Service (two lead authors)
- The manuscript was forecast to be completed at the end of July 2019 – pending availability of funding
- The publication will require roughly 6 person-work-months from the UNECE/FAO secretariat
- Funding needs (honoraria and editing): $40,000*

*Does not include design/printing costs or secretariat labor, which is covered under the UN budget as well some regular budget contribution by FAO
Approximate cost structure of FPAMR

- Regular budget (ECE/FAO)*: $180,000
- Contributions in kind: $15,000
- Extra budgetary funding required: $35,000

* Fixed cost that cannot be used otherwise (project staff, layout, design and printing, postage, translation, etc. ...)
Take home messages:

- Is the FPAMR still the flagship publication?
  - High on the agenda for FAO HQ
  - High on list of publication downloads
  - Less time and resources devoted by the secretariat to Marketing and FPAMR
  - Uncertain funding – at the mercy of member States, huge delays in UN administration, etc.
Take home messages:

- What would the ideal future of the FPAMR look like – in case it is still considered a flagship publication?
  - Member States decide on format
  - Joint Section to determine need of external services and costs
  - Funding and in-kind contribution confirmed by November
  - Funds transferred by end of January
The focus of the Team in 2018 and plan for work in 2019 will be centered on:

- Assisting in the production of the FPAMR
  - Supplying authors, information, referral
  - Proof reading the publication
  - Advising on content and presentation
- Market Discussions at the annual COFFI meeting
- Establishing links with the Housing and Land Management section

Workshops and capacity building

- The Team has not done any workshops or capacity building meetings recently but the Team is available, should there be such a request from member states or the secretariat
The Working Party is invited to:

- Encourage replies to the JFSQ 2018 in time for the use of data in the FPAMR;
- Comment on the proposed new format of the Forest Products Annual Market Review;
- Due to the significant delay in translation of publications into French, the secretariat seeks the approval by the Working Party that no French language version to be produced for recurrent publications;
- Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products, including the extension of its mandate.
Thank you!

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