ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Report on last years activities and planned activities until December 2018
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Composition:

24 countries

Participation on this year meeting:

14 countries represented and

4 organizations and

2 international organizations
Outputs and impacts achieved during 2018

1 - Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire

- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire need to be improved to more clearly definitions related to removals the the context of windthrown or pest-infected and damages like storms.

- Recovered wood should be a total, for both energy and other uses. ECE was asked to compare recovered wood in JFSQ with that in JWEE. In the future the JWEE would be prefilled with JFSQ recovered wood.

- FAO presented information on MDF/hardboard data problems. It was agreed that this would pursued with the countries most concerned. Austria provided information on production

2 - Timber Forecast Questionnaire

- An analysis of estimation accuracy in the forecast questionnaire was presented by Markus Stolze. Further information by country will be presented to the correspondents. Website info
Outputs and impacts achieved during 2018

3 - Initial result of EWP questionnaire

The Team reviewed the results of the EWP work. Despite difficulties in collecting the data the team encouraged further development as the products are seen as increasingly important. Several countries indicated this had helped to improve understanding of the industry in their countries. Additional data could be expected during 2019.

4 - Statistical systems

World Customs Organization accepted the FAO proposals related the huge number of innovative wood products, but they refuse proposals to change codes for some wood panels.
• Outputs and impacts expected for 2019

• Several participants encouraged adding new CN codes as soon as possible rather than waiting for HS changes.
• Production of JFSQ for 2020
• Timber Forest Questionnaire 2020
• EWP questionnaire: later this year, the secretariat would send a reminder to non-responding countries. No production should be indicated by 0. It was recommended to issue the questionnaire again for 2018 data towards the end of 2019.
• The importance of the wood balance which should be improved and expanded was underlined and its use as a tool for checking JFSQ data.
• A correspondents meeting is being planned for September in Serbia.
• Participants suggested an expanded annotated agenda would be useful in planning for the meetings.
• The next meeting is tentatively planned for March 23, 2020.
The Team thanked Surendra and Martti for the strong contribution to the work on forest products statistics.
Thank you!

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