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**Green jobs in the forest sector**

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

Note by the Secretariat

*Summary*

This document serves as a background document for item 5 of the annotated agenda of the forty-first session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

The purpose of the document is to inform participants about the content and structure of the discussion.

Participants are invited to:

- a) Review the “Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry” and approve them as an official publication;
- b) Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector, including the extension of its mandate.

## I. Setup of the session

1. The session will build on the work of the Joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section (Joint Section) on green jobs in the forest sector and will provide an overview of social and economic trends which have an impact on the forest sector workforce. Special consideration will be given to a discussion of the draft of the “Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry” (ECE/TIM/DP/78)<sup>1</sup>, a joint effort between the Joint Section and Forest Europe, and on the possibilities of future cooperation between these entities.
2. The session will also discuss the results of the work of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network) under the current mandate. The mandate of the Team runs from 2018-2019 and is subject to renewal by the ECE Executive Committee at the request of the joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and Forest Industry (COFFI) and FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) in November 2019.
3. The session is a contribution to the implementation of the “Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy” under Pillar C – Decent Green Jobs in the Forest Sector. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss the outputs of the ECE project on “Improving the capacity of the ECE member States to create green jobs in the forest sector”.
4. The session will feature:
  - a. Presentation of the concept of green jobs by ILO;
  - b. Presentation of social and economic data related to the forest sector workforce in the ECE region, based on the upcoming ECE/FAO publication “Forest Sector Workforce in the ECE region”;
  - c. Presentation of trends in green jobs in the forest sector in the ECE region, based on the ECE/FAO Discussion Paper “Trends in Green Jobs in the Forest Sector in the ECE region”;
  - d. Presentation of the accomplished and planned activities of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector under the current mandate;
  - e. Presentation of Forest Europe’s activities on green jobs in the forest sector;
  - f. Focused discussions on the content of the draft “Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry” and the future cooperation between the Joint Section and Forest Europe.

## II. Questions to the WP

5. Participants are invited to:
  - a. *Review the guidelines (ECE/TIM/DP/78) and approve them as an official publication;*
  - b. *Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector, including the extension of its mandate.*

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<sup>1</sup> The draft will be available on the meeting website in March.