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Compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

This document is a compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion. The document is provided in order to facilitate preparation and review of issues at the working party. The secretariat prepared the document in response to the self-assessments of the Working Party in 2013 and 2015 (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2013/2; ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2015/2).

Please note that the original documents should still be reviewed and that this compilation does not replace the full text in the background documents Inf.1 – Inf.8 prepared by the secretariat. All reports for the meeting can be found on the website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=47708

Agenda item 4 Discussion on boreal forests

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.1

IV: Key questions for guidance and discussion

9. The Working Party is invited to:
- a. *Discuss the proposed establishment of a Team of Specialists on Boreal forests;*
 - b. *Discuss the Terms of Reference for a Team of Specialists on Boreal forests;*
 - c. *Make recommendations accordingly to the joint session of the 77th session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the 40th session of the FAO European Forestry Commission to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 4-7 November 2019.*
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Agenda item 5 Green jobs in the forest sector

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.2

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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Agenda item 6 Discussion on Forest Sector Outlook

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.3

VI. Key questions for guidance and discussion

17. The Working Party is invited to:
- a. *Inform the secretariat about current or planned activities in member States regarding outlook studies;*
 - b. *Provide feedback to modelling results;*
 - c. *Discuss the proposed outputs of the Forest Sector Outlook Study;*
 - d. *Discuss possible inputs to the publication, in particular on climate change adaptation;*
 - e. *Provide guidance regarding structure and content of the final FSOS publication;*
 - f. *Consider supporting this Outlook Study through in-kind and financial contributions;*
 - g. *Inform the secretariat about capacity building needs;*
 - h. *Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook, including the extension of its mandate.*
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Agenda item 8 (a) GUIDANCE ON WORK AREA 1: DATA, MONITORING, REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.4

I. Forest Resources

D. Key questions for guidance and discussion

30. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Take note on the data collection processes for the global and regional reporting, and make recommendations on the finalization of the 2020 cycle;*
- b. Take note on the results of thematic and regional outputs and provide advice on the possible follow up and dissemination process;*
- c. Review the work of the Team of Specialists on SFM and make recommendations for its work.*
- d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on SFM, including the extension of its mandate.*

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II. Forest Products' production, trade and consumption

C. Key questions on data collection for guidance and discussion

45. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Review Team of Specialists' recommendation on Engineered Wood Products;*
- b. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics, including the extension of its mandate.*

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F. Key questions on data assessment for guidance and discussion

60. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Encourage replies to the JFSQ 2018 in time for the use of data in the FPAMR;*
- b. Comment on the proposed new format of the Forest Products Annual Market Review;*
- c. 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;*
- d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products, including the extension of its mandate.*

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III. Wood Energy

E. Key questions on wood energy data assessment for guidance and discussion;

71. Delegates are invited to:

- a. What are the burning issues related to wood energy in member countries;*
- b. How to further improve the JWEE data in energy and forestry statistics and reporting (Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire/FAO statistics, Forest Resources Assessment, State of Europe's Forests, Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Environmental Performance Reviews, etc.);*
- c. Provide guidance on any other aspects or the Joint Section's work on wood energy.*
- d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy, including the extension of its mandate.*

Agenda item 8 (b) GUIDANCE ON WORK AREA 2: POLICY DIALOGUE AND ADVICE

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.5

I. Forest Policy

F. Key questions for guidance and discussion

27. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Provide guidance and advice on how the Secretariat could improve on publicly available information on forest area under multiple certification in a timely and transparent manner;*
- b. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy, including the extension of its mandate.*
- c. Provide guidance and advice on how the Secretariat could support the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda within the scope of WIPoW and contribute to the implementation of the UNFF Strategic Plan.*

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IV. Forest Sector Outlook

C. Key questions for guidance and discussion

39. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Inform the secretariat about current or planned activities in member States regarding outlook studies;*
 - b. Provide feedback to modelling results.*
 - c. Provide guidance regarding structure and content of the final FSOS publication;*
 - d. Consider supporting this Outlook Study through in-kind and financial contributions;*
 - e. Inform the secretariat about capacity building needs;*
 - f. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook, including the extension of its mandate.*
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Agenda item 8 (c) GUIDANCE ON WORK AREA 3: COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.6

I. Key questions for guidance and discussion

28. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Comment on activities related to communication, and share views and ideas on how to improve the work in the future (social media presence, including Facebook, Flickr and Twitter; the Forest Information Billboard; news or press releases; presence at major international events, campaigns, etc.);*
- b. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on how to improve the website for the needs of delegates and national correspondents;*
- c. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on which meetings should be attended and with which organizations the communication should be improved.*
- d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network - FCN), including the extension of its mandate.*

Agenda item 8 (d) GUIDANCE ON WORK AREA 4: CAPACITY-BUILDING

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.7

D. Key questions for guidance and discussion

17. The Working Party is invited to:

- a. Comment on the work and make proposals for future capacity-building work on the reporting on forests and forest management;*
- b. Suggest topics for possible future capacity-building workshops;*
- c. Comment on the ECE/FAO capacity-building projects focusing on Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia on the topics of forest landscape restoration and SFM monitoring;*
- d. Advise on future work of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector, including the extension of its mandate.*

Agenda item 9 List of activities to implement the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/Inf.8

This document provides a tentative list of ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber section activities and outputs for 2020 that contribute to the implementation of the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. The implementation of the activities is subject to the availability of funds. The Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management is invited to suggest revisions, take note of and approve the tentative list of proposed activities, with the understanding it will be refined closer to the end of 2019. The refined list will be presented for approval to the joint session of the seventy-seventh session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the fortieth session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC), to be held from 4 to 7 November 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.