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**List of activities to implement the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work
Activities and publications planned for 2020**

AGENDA ITEM 9

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

The joint session of the seventy-fifth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the thirty-ninth session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) agreed on the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2017/2–FO:EFC/2017/2). To facilitate its implementation, the Committee and the Commission requested a specific list of activities, which should be approved on an annual basis by the 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 related budget will be prepared and shared with the Joint Bureaux, member States and regional economic integration organizations after the approval of the list to understand the feasibility of activities and identify funding needs”.*

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.

I. Tentative list of activities for 2020

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, 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 final repository of FRA data;
 - Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat): production of the interactive database coordinated with the FRA repository;
 - Review of collection process, national questionnaire on forest ownership in the ECE region, voluntary verification/update of the 2015 data on forest ownership;
 - Production of a mobile application on forest and forest sector data in the ECE countries.
- (b) **Analysis and assessment of the state of forests and the sustainability of forest management; and the monitoring of the role of the forest sector in a green economy**
 - Assessment of forest condition and the impact by biotic and abiotic disturbances; review of formats for international reporting on forest disturbance;
 - 2020 reporting cycle of the Global FRA and CFRQ: support to FAO FRA secretariat to the finalization and dissemination of the main outputs.
- (c) **Cooperation with, and support to, international processes in 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;
 - Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests: support to the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava and the FAO FRA secretariat to the finalization and dissemination of the main outputs;
 - 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 2019-2020;
 - Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2019-2020;
 - Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2020-2021;
 - Preparation of the Market Discussion 2020 and the Market Statement 2020;
 - Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
 - Assessment of impact of biotic and abiotic disturbances on forest products markets.
- (c) Support of international processes in forest products**
 - Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
 - 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 2019 data;
 - Analysis of results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2019;
 - Dissemination of the 2019 JWEE data at relevant international meetings;
 - Increasing visibility of ECE data.
- (b) Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**
 - Preparation of a new study on wood energy;

- 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**
 - Promoting and monitoring of the implementation of RAP;
 - Implementation of the RAP priority actions as agreed by the Working Party in 2018;
 - Evaluation of RAP process and implementation.
- (b) **Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**
 - Organisation of National Forest Policy Dialogues (NFPD) workshops in interested countries;
 - Monitoring and developments in global and regional forest policy process (UNFF; Forest Europe, SDG) and contributions, as relevant, to these processes;
 - Support the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests.
- (c) **The role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy**
 - Exploring the issue of wood based value chains in a circular bio-economy;
 - Promotion and dissemination of the study on the Forest Sector Workforce;
 - Promotion and dissemination of “Guidelines on the promotion of green jobs in forestry”;
 - Publication and/or other communication materials (e.g. video, brochure) on the role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy;
 - Disseminate and promote the publications “Guidelines on the development of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management” and “the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia”.
- (d) **Forest Sector Outlook**
 - Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook;

- Lead the development of the next Forest Sector Outlook Study;
 - Publish and disseminate next Forest Sector Outlook Study in the ECE region.
- (e) **Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS Forest Policy Network.
- (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 western Europe.
- (g) **[Boreal Forests (pending approval by the Joint Session)]**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on boreal forests.]

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), 21 March 2020, Geneva, Switzerland;
 - Side event at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF15), May 2020, New York, United States of America;
 - 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**
- Promotion and dissemination of the study on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;
- (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.)**
- Events organized in the margins of main forest related as well as cross-sectional meetings.

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

- (a) **Forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge:**
- Technical workshop(s) on forest landscape restoration and afforestation;

- Report on the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe.

(b) Organization of capacity-building workshops on:

- Capacity building workshop for national correspondents on wood energy (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2019);
- Capacity building workshop on natural disturbances;
- Organization of a capacity building event for national forest sector modelling for experts from CIS countries. Further capacity building events related to forest sector outlook if resources allow.

(c) Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;

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

(a) Intergovernmental Meetings

- Organization of the meeting of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2020;
- Organization of the seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry in 2020.

(b) Bureaux Meetings

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

(c) Strategic review 2020

- Organization of a workshop on the review of the Warsaw Integrated Program of Work; Evaluation/assessment for the review in line with what is decided by COFFI/EFC in November 2020.

II. List of publications for 2020

Title	English	French	Russian
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2019-2020	E-600	[F-50]	R-50
Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2020)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2020)	E-400	[F-50]	R-50
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2020)	E-400	[F-50]	R-50
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	E-500		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	E-500		