Global and Regional Forest Policy Matters

Item 3(b)

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Global level
Implementation of Agenda 2030/SDGs

Implementation of the Strategic plan on forests

Support to member States in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and SDGs as they relate to forests
The Joint Section prepared a policy brief on ECE forests and the SDGs. Focusing on SDG’s 6, 7, 11, 12, 15.

Collaboration between UNECE/FAO FTS, UNFF, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, PEFC, Cittadellarte Fashion B.E.S.T. and young designers from Europe.

Supported UNECE side event
The Growth We Want Is Sustainable: Harnessing innovation for a circular economy for all
Regional level Implementation of Agenda 2030/SDGs

2018 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in the ECE region

Organized roundtable “Sustainable Management of Forests and Ecosystems”

2019 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in the ECE region

Contributed to the roundtable “Power of Knowledge for Change”

Organized roundtable “Sustainable Management of Forests and Ecosystems”

Organized side event “Fashion and SDG’s: What role of the UN”?

Organized side event: Forest quiz
Global level
United Nations Forum on Forests Process

United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

2018

- Expert Meeting on Regional and Sub-Regional Input to the UNFF, Nairobi, Kenya.
- UNFF 13- Side event “Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia”

2019

- Expert Meeting (EM) on Regional and Sub-Regional Inputs to the UNFF, Bangkok, Thailand
- UNFF 14- Side event “State of forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia”
Regional level

Forest outlook and cooperation with Forest Europe

- Expert level meeting and programme of work
- Improving the capacity of the ECE member States to create green jobs in the forest sector on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector.

Regional Partnerships for data collection in support of the Forest Resources Assessment FRA2020

Support of forest monitoring and outlook work in the region
National Forest Policy Dialogues

- Ukraine (2018)
  Reforming the forestry institutional structure in Ukraine: prospects and implications

- Azerbaijan (2018)
  Updating the National Forestry Program (NFP) and restructuring the forestry institution in Azerbaijan

- Kazakhstan (2020)
  Updating the National Forestry Program (NFP) and implementation plan in Kazakhstan
The Commission and the Committee may wish to request ECE and FAO, within their existing mandates, to:

▪ Continue to support country implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda as they relate to forests, and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 in cooperation with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members;

▪ Update member States and other stakeholders on the forest-related global and regional policy developments, to contribute to the achievement of SDGs and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 implementation and review process; and

▪ Continue forest monitoring and outlook work in the region.
Thank you!

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