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**Programme of work of the Forestry and Timber
subprogramme**

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**Draft programme of work of the Forestry and Timber
subprogramme for 2020****Note by the Secretariat***Summary*

The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme for 2020.

The Committee is invited to review and adopt the draft programme of work of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme for 2020 and recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval.



Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2020. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in UN Umoja system used by the Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the most significant planned result and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The objective of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge¹. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.
4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

I. Objective and alignment with SDGs

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region.
6. The objective is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 7, which is to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. Progress towards the attainment of the objective will help to increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.
7. The objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 11, which is to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Progress towards the attainment of the objective will reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities.
8. Furthermore, the objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 12, which is to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. Progress towards the attainment of the objective will help to achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources
9. Finally, the objective is also aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 15, which is to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. Progress towards the attainment of the objective will help to promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally. Furthermore, it will help to ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of

¹ The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring SDGs.

terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, in line with obligations under international agreements.

10. Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals serves as a framework for contributing to the objective of the subprogramme. Within this framework, the subprogramme will develop cross-sectoral activities with other ECE subprogrammes where there is complementarity between the respective Sustainable Development Goals and targets in line with the nexus areas described in paragraph 3 above.

II. Highlighted planned result for 2020

11. ECE member States account for 40 per cent of the global forest. Over the past 70 years, the subprogramme collected data on the state of forests and their management. Following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, there was a need for a more specific focus on reporting on the achievement of Goal 15. For the region, the collection of the data relating to the Goal is undertaken by the subprogramme in cooperation with FAO, the custodian agency.

12. In 2018, at the request of member States, a new reporting system containing, for the first-time, indicators to measure targets 15.1 and 15.2 was launched and guidance on reporting was provided through three face-to-face training sessions for national correspondents, covering the entire ECE region.

Challenge and response

13. The challenge for countries was their limited national capacity to collect and validate high-quality data.

14. In response, for 2020, ECE plans to provide capacity-building support and advisory assistance to national correspondents, who are responsible for reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicators. For 2020, it is envisioned that all data will be compiled by the subprogramme, allowing for a precise picture of the state of forests and forest management in the region.

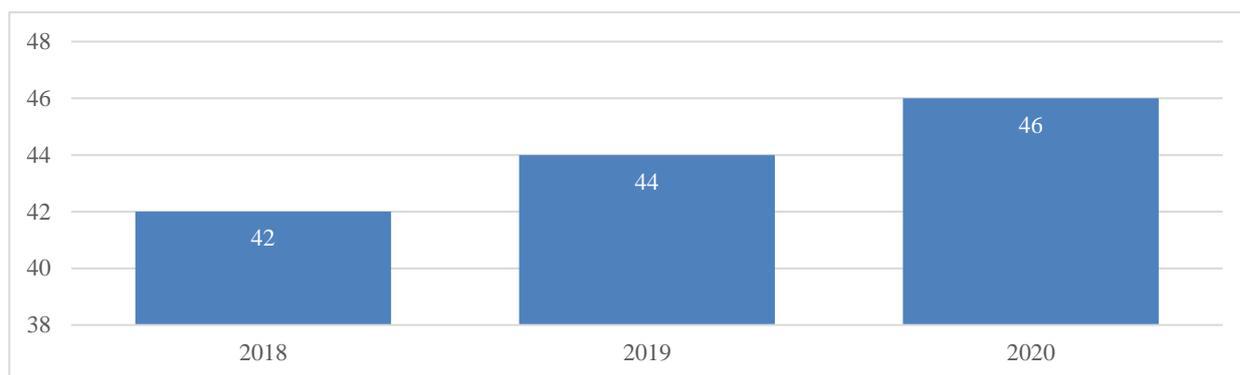
Result and evidence

15. The planned deliverable is expected to contribute to the result, which is extensive and high-quality, standardized data, which will provide information with respect to the achievement of Goal 15, targets 15.1 and 15.2, on sustainable forest management for all countries in the region. This will make it possible to identify and address specific challenges in the achievement of those targets.

16. Evidence of the result, if achieved, will include the increased response rate of 46 countries reporting high-quality data, as shown in the figure below. This information will also feed into such global and regional publications as the Global Forest Resources Assessment, the *State of Europe's Forests*, the European Forest Sector Outlook Study, reports of the United Nations Forum on Forests and media coverage. The results will also allow better planning of future capacity-building activities to countries facing challenges in meeting targets 15.1 and 15.2.

17. The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made in 2020 towards the collective attainment of the objective. It will contribute to the nexus area on measuring and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals.

Performance measures: number of Economic Commission for Europe member States that report data on targets 15.1 and 15.2



III. External factors

18. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that there is continued: (a) active country and stakeholder participation; (b) partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), including the provision of staff and non-staff resources, to implement the integrated ECE/FAO programme in this field; and (c) in kind and cash support from member States to the implementation of planned activities.

IV. Deliverables to be implemented in 2020

19. The below table lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that would contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

		2020
Quantified deliverables		
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)		18
1. Parliamentary documentation for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission		12
2. Parliamentary documentation for the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management		6
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)		26
3. Meetings of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission		8
4. Meetings of the Bureau of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry		4
5. Meetings of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and of Teams of Specialists		14
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge		
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)		10
6. Seminars, workshops, fellowships and training events for policymakers, experts and relevant stakeholders from countries in the ECE region on topics related to the ECE/FAO integrated programme		10
Publications (number of publications)		6
7. Publication on Forest Products Annual Market Review		1

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| 8. Publication on “Forecast of the Committee on Forest and the Forest Industry, Forest Products Production and Trade” | 1 |
| 9. Study papers on Forestry and timber | 1 |
| 10. Discussion papers on Forestry and timber | 3 |

Non-quantified deliverables

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: Forest policy dialogues on the request of countries

Databases and substantive digital materials: Update and maintenance of databases: on forest resources; on forest policies and institutions; on forest products; production, consumption; and trade including prices; and on wood energy

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: International Day of Forest; brochures on different forest-related topics

External and media relations: Annual set of press releases for the subprogramme

Digital platforms and multimedia content: Update and maintenance of the website of the subprogramme; videos on forest-related topics

Annex I

Details of proposed publications and promotional material for 2020

A. Recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language (s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and Source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Forest Products Annual Market Review 2019-2020	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Print	A4	206	E	F, R (all RB)	600E, 50F, 150R

B. Non-recurrent publications

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2	COFFI Forecast for Forest Products Markets	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Electronic	A4	44	E		
3	Forestry and Timber Study Paper	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Print	A4	147	E	R	600E, 150R
4	Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Print	A4	118	E		600E
5	Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Electronic	A4	118	E		
6	Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 23	Electronic	A4	118	E		

• **C. Promotional material**

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language (s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Brochure on Sustainable Forest Management	ECE/TIM/2017/2, Annex I, Para 35	Print	A4	10	E	R	100 E/R

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/230	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
72/234	Women in development
72/237	South-South Cooperation
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
73/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
73/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM
73/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
73/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
73/231	Disaster risk reduction
73/236	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A (68)	High-level statement
B (68)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

• B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

67/200	International Day of Forests
71/285	United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests
71/286	United Nations forest instrument
72/224	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
2015/33	International arrangement on forests beyond 2015
2017/4	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017–2020
