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**Update of evaluation activities:  
ECE Evaluation Workplan for 2022  
- *For approval* -**

## **ECE Evaluation Workplan for 2022**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat presents its Evaluation Workplan for 2022 for approval by the Executive Committee.
2. The Evaluation Workplan for 2022 is presented alongside with the Proposed programme plan for 2022. Subject to the approval of the 2022 Evaluation Workplan by the Executive Committee, evaluation activities will be reflected in para. of the Proposed programme budget for 2022.
3. While the latest ECE Evaluation Workplan, approved by the Executive Committee during the 95<sup>th</sup> meeting, was biennial for the period 2020-2021, the submission of the Evaluation Workplan is now aligned with the shift to an annual budget cycle, pursuant to resolution 72/266.
4. In line with ECE Evaluation Policy, four internal evaluations are conducted every biennium: three evaluations at the subprogramme level, and one evaluation at the programme level. In 2021, an evaluation of ECE engagement with the private sector will be conducted at the programme-level.
5. In 2022, three subprogramme-level evaluations are proposed and the respective sectoral Committees and Bureaux of multilateral environment agreements were informed accordingly: (a) the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry; (b) the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management; and (c) the Bureaux of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and of its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.
6. In line with ECE Evaluation Policy and ECE previous Evaluation Workplans, subprogramme-level evaluations will be conducted by consultants, at the standard rate previously used by ECE for subprogramme-level evaluation.
7. While the ECE Evaluation Policy refers to “internal evaluations”, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation<sup>a</sup> refer to “self-evaluation” for the same exercise. A revised ECE Evaluation Policy will be prepared to update the terminology, once the System-Wide Evaluation Policy is released by the Secretary-General.

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<sup>a</sup> ST/SGB/2018/3

### ECE Evaluation Workplan for 2022

Evaluation Title	Subprogramme	Resources (Financial & Human)
<i>Self-evaluation on the relevance of the Forest Products Annual Market Review to the needs of member States and challenges in the forest sector</i>	Subprogramme 7 Forests and the forest industry	\$10,000 (external consultant) P-3: 1 month GS: 0.5 month
<i>Self-evaluation on the Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management and smart sustainable city profiles as tools to support the evidence-based approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals</i>	Subprogramme 8 Housing and Land Management and population Component (a) Housing and Land Management	\$10,000 (external consultant) P-4: 1 month GS: 0.5 month
<i>Self-evaluation on the activities serviced by UNECE under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs) (2018-2021)</i>	Subprogramme 1 Environment	\$10,000 (external consultant) P-4: 1 month GS: 0.5 month
		Unit Monthly Cost <sup>a</sup> <b>Total</b>
	Consultancy	\$30,000
	P-4, 2 months	\$17,083      \$34,167
	P-3, 1 month	\$14,242      \$14,242
	GS-PL, 1.5 month	\$14,033      \$21,050
		<b>\$99,458</b>

<sup>a</sup> Based on 2021 Salary Costs, version 5, February 2020, at full rate, including common staff costs and without staff assessment