

Strategic Review of Integrated Programme of Work, the Terms of References and activities

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on monitoring sustainable forest management”

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Evaluation and Strategic Review

- a) *UNEP Assessment of the Relevance of IPoW*
- b) *Strategic Review of Integrated Program of Work (IPoW) [2013-2017]*





UNECE Assessment of the Relevance of IPoW

- “(...) the work of COFFI/EFC, the Joint Working Party and the Teams of Specialists (ToS) is indeed relevant to the region’s efforts in tackling challenges(...)”
- “(...) the ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management stood out as particularly helpful in tackling national challenges (...)”
- “Given that the new SDG targets will require substantial monitoring efforts, it has been suggested to search for synergies between monitoring efforts by various international organizations for different purposes. Harmonizing indicators, where possible, can help avoid duplication and burdens of excessive monitoring.”



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Regional and national challenges today

- “achieving sustainability goals”,
- “adaptation/vulnerability to climate change”,
- “climate mitigation”,
- “coordination among forest actors”,
- “forest governance (e.g. illegal logging, deforestation)”,
- “developing new markets for wood”.

Respondents explained that climate change and related changing disturbance regimes (e.g. fires, pests) have created a need for new adaptation strategies.



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Validity of the needs identified during the 2011-2012 Strategic Review in the region

- current challenges at the regional level will remain unchanged during the period 2018-2021.

Upcoming challenges and needs

- climate change and forest disturbances;
- forest resources and biomass;
- green economy and sustainability;
- products and other needs and challenges.

While top priorities may shift along with external factors and market forces, it is difficult to identify areas of the current IPoW that are likely to decrease in importance in the next years.



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Recommendations

- Maintain focus on value chain from forests to forest products/timber and markets
- Continue using meetings for knowledge brokering and experience exchange
- Use joint meetings to convene with stakeholders from the entire northern forest belt
- Foster sectoral themes that do not receive sufficient attention in other for a
- Use the Rovaniemi Action Plan as basis for institutional development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Coordinate actions with work for other international agreements
- Reflect on private sector integration into the work of ECE/FAO



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The full text of the evaluation and the management response will be available on the “Open UNECE” webpages at: www.unece.org/info/open-unece/evaluation, under Forestry and Timber.





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Strategic Review of Integrated Program of Work (IPoW)

Phase I: Review of Integrated Program of Work 2014-2017 IPoW,

Phase II: Preparation of the Integrated Programme of Work 2018 - 2021



Phase I: Review of Integrated Program of Work 2014-2017

March 2016:

- Discussion on SR roadmap, review of a draft questionnaire for the IPoW stakeholders' survey at the joint COFFI and EFC Bureaux meeting.
- Information on the Strategic Review of IPoW at the joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (JWP).

May 2016 to July 2016 :The questionnaire is shared with stakeholders in May and returned to the secretariat by the mid June.

15 July to 30 September 2016:The secretariat prepares its assessment of work and outputs.

October 2016: Presentation results of the Strategic Review of the IPoW 2014-2017, and plan for the preparatory process of IPoW 2018-2021.





Phase II: Preparation of the integrated programme of work 2018 - 2021

- **November 2016:** First draft discussed at the joint Bureaux meeting and stakeholders' workshop
- **January 2017:** Second draft discussed at the joint Bureaux meeting and shared with member States
- **May 2017:** Third draft discussed at the Joint Working Party and joint Bureaux meeting
- **October 2017:** Final draft submitted to the joint session of COFFI and EFC





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Thank you for your attention!

