

## **ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics**

### **Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring and assessment”**

#### **A. Objectives**

1. Advise and support work on forest products statistics, including data coverage and collection, validation and classifications used in the ECE region;
2. Suggest and support proposals for increasing the reliability and visibility of forest products statistics;
3. Advise on implementation of activities in Work Area 1 relating to forest products statistics.

#### **B. Activities**

1. Review materials such as questionnaires and procedures circulated by the secretariat and Team members;
2. Contact national data users for input;
3. Raise issues of concern related to forest products statistics;
4. Disseminate information on forest products statistics further through the ToS network.
5. Coordinate issues with other members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.

#### **C. Expected major outputs**

1. Recommendations for revisions to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and Timber Forecast Questionnaire;
2. Proposed improvements for national and international practices in data validation and, if required, a working paper describing best practices;
3. A recommended procedure for estimating wood balance, including the desirable level of detail to include and conversion factors to use.

#### **D. Background**

- Established/Approved by:** The ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
- Duration:** The mandate of the team was renewed for the term 2016-2017.
- Methods of work:** Annual meeting. Further methods to be determined by the Team.
- Reporting:** Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
- Team leader:** To be elected at first Team meeting.

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**Communication:**

The Team Leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Teams of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products and the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy.