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Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party  
on Forest Economics and Statistics

Twenty-ninth session  
Geneva, 20-22 March 2007

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION**

To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 20 March 2007\*

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda  | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/1 |
| 2. | Matters referred to the Working Party by its parent bodies  | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/2 |
| 3. | Guidance of work area 1: Markets and statistics   | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/3 |
| 4. | Guidance of work area 2: Forest resource assessment<br>and indicators of sustainable forest management<br>in the region | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/4 |
| 5. | Guidance of work area 3: Forest sector outlook studies  | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/5 |
| 6. | Special topic: monitoring and analysis of<br>wood energy developments   | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/6 |
| 7. | Special topic: overview of international reporting<br>on forest and forest products                                     | ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2007/7 |

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8. Other business
9. Election of officers
10. Adoption of the report

## **II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. During the strategic review of the UNECE/FAO integrated programme of work in the field of forest and timber (see TIM/2001/2 and TIM/2001/8), it was agreed that the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics should provide guidance for work areas 1, 2 and 3 of the integrated programme, and act as an interface between the technical and the intergovernmental levels. The Working Party should henceforth meet annually.

2. The mandate of the Working Party, as provided for in the Working Party's revised terms of reference in 2006 (ECE/EX/2006/L.17, annex III), and approved by the Timber Committee and the Executive Committee of the UNECE is to:

"(i) keep under review the needs at the international level for statistics and other information relating to the forestry, wood-processing and forest products sector, and develop programmes to meet these needs. Particular attention shall be paid to improving concepts, definitions and methodologies in order to increase the international comparability of statistics;

(ii) develop, upon request from the parent bodies, methodologies for use in economic analysis of the sector as well as techniques for the collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of information and statistics;

(iii) undertake, upon request from the parent bodies, ad hoc projects in the field of economics and statistics relating to forestry and forest products;

(iv) work together with other international bodies, including MCPFE, Eurostat and the Conference of European Statisticians with a view to achieving coordination of activities and avoiding any unnecessary duplication of effort."

3. The provisional agenda has been drawn up to allow the Working Party to concentrate on the guidance function and discussion of major topics, with formal parts of the agenda kept to a minimum.

4. Documents will be issued in advance to the regular mailing list, and will also be available for downloading from the Timber website (<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/stats-sessions/stats-29/stats-29.htm>).

5. Kindly note that delegates are requested to be prepared to speak on the substantive items (3-7). Views of all delegates will be sought by the Chair.

## **III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

6. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the first item on the agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Matters referred to the Working Party by its parent bodies

7. Under this item the Working Party's will focus on questions referred to it by its parent bodies, excluding those questions which will be addressed under individual work areas. International and policy activities will be reviewed as information for the delegates.

Items 3-5: Guidance of work areas

8. For each of the work areas, the Working Party will be informed of activities, results and plans for the next two years, and will be invited to review and comment on these activities and plans, and to approve the detailed section of the integrated work programme referring to each work area. Decisions from the meetings of the respective Teams of Specialists will be reviewed.

Item 6: Monitoring and analysis of wood energy developments

9. The secretariat will inform delegates of the work undertaken in following up the recommendations of the 2006 Working Party meeting. Results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry will be presented. Delegates will be asked to propose and comment on the future direction of work in this area.

Item 7: Overview of international reporting on forest and forest products

10. The secretariat will review current forest and forest products data collection activities and the use to which such data are put. Delegates are requested to comment on ways to improve these activities, reduce the reporting burden and how to tie them more closely to political imperatives.

Item 8: Other business

11. At the time of this document's submission, the secretariat has no matters for discussion under this item. Delegates should feel free to raise issues that are of concern to them prior to the meeting to facilitate discussion.

Item 9: Election of officers

12. The Working Party is expected to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs. At its twenty-eighth session, the Working Party elected Ms. S. Phelps (Canada) as Chair and Mr. M. Valgepea (Estonia) and Mr. M. Aarne (Finland) as Vice-Chairs to hold office until the end of the twenty-ninth session.

Item 10: Adoption of the report

13. The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

#### **IV. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

The secretariat proposes the following timetable:

Tuesday, 20 March 2007

10 a.m. - 1 p.m

Items 1-3

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Items 4-5

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 noon

Item 6

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Item 7

Thursday, 22 March 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 noon

Items 8-10

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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