

# Role of the Working Party

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# Structure of the presentation

- Background: the Strategic Review
- Mandate and scope
- Methods
- Conclusions



# Strategic Review of the UNECE/FAO integrated programme

- For the period 2008-2013
- Based on evaluation and government/stakeholder comments
- Key meeting 28-30 April
- Endorsement at European Forest Week, October 2008
- Suggestions on WP:
  - Importance of improving data => role of WP
  - Need for better communication



# Mandate and scope of WP: now

- Interface of policy and research
- Guidance of 3 work areas  
(markets/statistics, forest  
resource assessment, outlook  
studies)
- Free to assess topics of policy  
interest 8<sup>e</sup>.g. potential wood  
supply)



# Mandate and scope: secretariat suggestions

- Maintain main lines as at present
- Add guidance of policy monitoring (not issues)
  - Interlinkages
  - Policy covered by qualitative indicators
- Nominate country focal points to improve participation and communication.



# Methods of work: some issues

- WP – Teams of specialists: duplication?
- « Guidance »: how detailed?
- Is there sufficient expertise on topics of special interest?



# Methods of work

- Sessions: annual, 2 ½ - 3 days OK?
- Shares of guidance v. topics of special interest
- Approve report during session?
- Reporting by teams to WP: how detailed, structure?



# The WP is invited:

- To review and discuss its mandate and scope
- To discuss its methods of work
- To approve revised draft terms of reference for submission to the Special Session (annex)

