

Joint International Softwood Conference and UNECE Timber Committee Market Discussions, 8-9 October 2007

Themes: 1. Softwood markets in the UNECE region and 2. Wood energy and wood mobilization

Time Min.	Topic	Presenter
8 October 2007, Monday		
09.00 60	Registration for ISC and TC	
10.00 180	Timber Committee	Opening and non-market business items
10.00 60	ISC separate users and producers meetings	Simultaneous with TC in different meeting rooms
11.00 30	ISC coffee break	
11.30 90	ISC joint user and producer meeting	Simultaneous with TC in different meeting rooms
13.00 90	ISC luncheon. Vieux Bois Restaurant	
13.00 120	TC morning session ends. Lunch break. Palais des Nations	
15.00 5	Opening of the annual Market Discussions	Mr. J. Dengg, Chairman Timber Committee
5	Welcome	Mr. F. van Hoorebeke, President, UCBR—European Softwood Association
5	Welcome	Mr. A. Jechart, President, European Organization of the Sawmilling Industry
5	Programme description	Dr. E. Pepke, UNECE/FAO Timber Section, Geneva
15.20 25	Forest products market and policy developments	Dr. J. Bowyer, Dovetail Associates, USA
15.45 20	Discussion	
16.05 5	Softwood markets, 2007-2008, Panel discussion	Moderator: Mr. R. Taylor, Taylor Associates, Canada
16.10 10	Statistical and forecast overview	Mr. J. Seppälä, Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting, Finland
16.20 10	N. American markets from a user/importer viewpoint	Mr. N. Kent, North American Wholesale Lumber Association, USA
16.30 10	European markets, including view on imports and opportunities for Asian exports, from a producer/exporter	Mr. D. Kainz, Stora Enso, Austria
16.40 10	European markets, including views on Russian and N. American imports, from a user/importer perspective	Mr. J. Wilkens, Pont Meyer N.V., Netherlands
16.50 10	Russian markets	Mr. S. Igritski, Russia
17.00 10	N. American markets including brief views on European imports and opportunities for European and Asian exports, from a producer/exporter viewpoint	Mr. C. Boulanger, Matériaux Blanchet, Canada
17.10 10	Asian softwood markets	Dr. W. Lu, Chinese Academy of Forestry
17.20 40	Panel discussion	
18.00 --	Close of day's discussions	
18.00 --	Chairmen's reception	

9 October 2007, Tuesday			
10.00	20	Public procurement policies and green building policies influence on wood products markets	Mr. A. Roby, Timber Trade Federation, UK and Mr. Sylvain Labbé, Quebec Wood Exporters Bureau, Canada.
10.20	15	Discussion	
10.35	20	CE marking and high-quality machine stress grading	Dr. J.L. Sandoz, Concept Bois Structure, Switzerland
10.55	10	Discussion	
11.05	20	Best practices in wood promotions	Mr. F. De Jaeger, European Confederation of Woodworking Industries
11.25	10	Discussion	
11.35	15	Economic background for market developments	Mr. R. Shelburne, UN Economic Commission for Europe
11.50	20	Wood raw material forecasts and wood mobilization	Mr. H. Ekström, Wood Resources International, USA
12.10	20	Wood energy markets & policies, and impacts on softwood markets	Dr. C. Gaston, FPInnovations-Forintek, Canada
12.30	30	Discussion	
13.00	120	ISC luncheon and TC lunch break	
15.00	20	Modified softwood products markets	Dr. H. Militz, Georg August University, Germany
15.20	10	Discussion	
15.30	20	Certification impacts on softwood markets	Ms. C. Mater, Mater Engineering, USA
15.50	10	Discussion	
16.00	10	Panel markets forecasts	Ms. B. Hendrickx, European Panel Federation
16.10	15	Panel markets & forecasts in relation to softwood	Mr. L. Döry, European Panel Federation
16.25	10	Discussion	
16.35	20	Sawn hardwood markets & forecasts	Mr. R. Wiles, Broadleaf Consulting, UK and Mr. R. Oliver, Forest Industries Intelligence Ltd., UK
16.55	15	Tropical softwood markets and their impacts on UNECE region softwood markets	Ms. Frances Maplesden, International Tropical Timber Organization
17.10	10	Discussion	
17.20	20	Paper & pulp markets & forecasts	Mr. B. de Galember, Confederation of European Paper Industries
17.40	10	Discussion	
17.50	10	Summary of Market Discussions	Mr. J. Dengg, Chairman TC and Mr. F. van Hoorebeke, President, UCBR
18.00	--	Close of day's discussions	