



Item 4: Follow-up to the recommendations from the Working Party self-evaluation

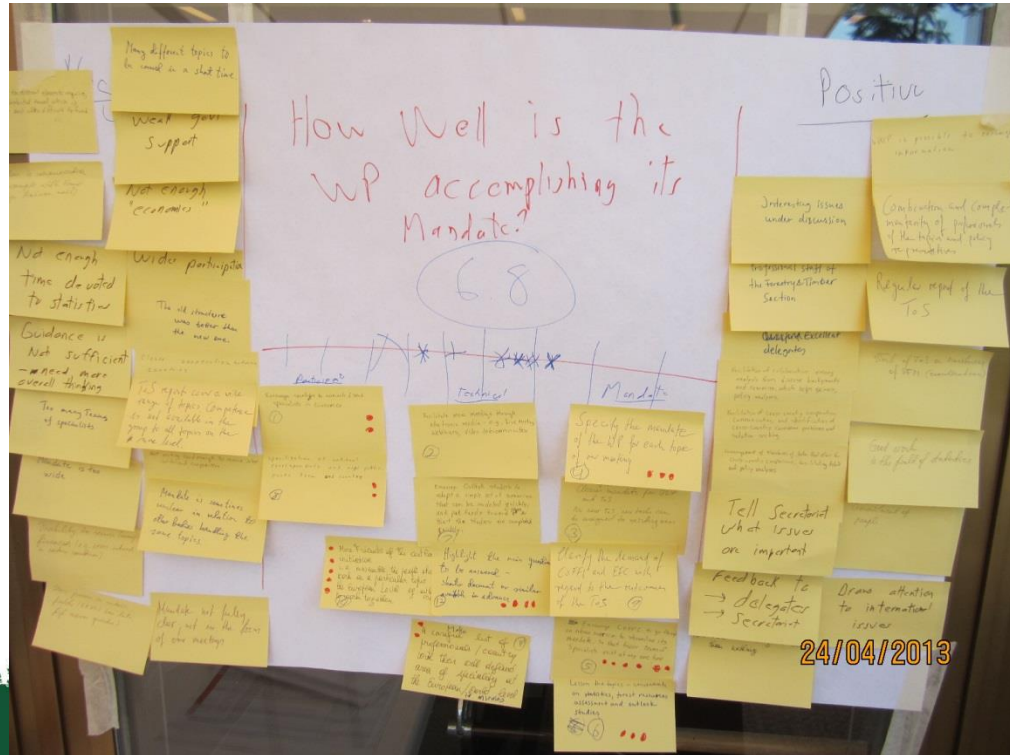


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Substantive focus

Revise the mandate of the WP, and consider revising the working areas to be as follows:

- Forest economics and statistics including profitability and competitiveness in the construction sector
- Forest resources assessment
- Outlook studies
- The introduction of new methods for forest-related economic analysis
- Sound use of wood
- Work on environmental accounting





Role and function

- **Clarify the role and function of the WP**, in particular to avoid duplication of work by the different bodies.
- Decide whether the **WP has coordination, communication and outreach functions** or it provides technical advice. This clarification would have to be extended also to the role of the WP vis-à-vis each ToS and the role of the ToS (for example, provide technical advice, develop methodologies, improve concepts and definitions).
- Conduct an **in-depth review to streamline the WP mandate** and ensure that only ToSs that contribute directly to the Program of Work, and for which the Secretariat has capacity to service, should be established.
- **Create ToS** with technical responsibilities on forests and forest industry **statistics** (This will allow more analysis to be done and to delete this issue from the WP mandate).





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Organizational - Preparation of WP meetings

Ask member State delegates for better preparation, better coordination (between specialists and between the technical and policy levels), and for better communication at the national level both before and after WP meetings.

Request the Secretariat to:

Make meeting documents, preferably shorter, and available at least three to four weeks prior to the WP meeting in order to allow participants to consult with their colleagues.





Agenda and Documents

All currently available documents for items 1-5 and 6 in single files.

Item	Document Title	ENG	FRE	RUS
9	Report	PDF	PDF	PDF
1	Provisional Agenda revised 26 February	PDF	PDF	PDF
2	Report of the seminar on "Innovation in the Forest Sector"	PDF	PDF	PDF
3	Forests and Economic Development in the UNEP Region	PDF	PDF	PDF
4a	Guidance of Work Area 1 - Markets and Statistics	PDF	PDF	PDF
4a.1	Review and Plans: Markets	PDF	PDF	PDF
4a.2	Review and Plans: Statistics	PDF	PDF	PDF
4a.3	Review and Plans: Wood Energy / Outcome of JWEE 2011 revised 16 April	PDF	PDF	PDF
4a.4	Annual Report of Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products	PDF	PDF	PDF
4b	Guidance of Work Area 2 - Forest Resources Assessment	PDF	PDF	PDF
4b.1	Review and Plans: Forest Resources Assessment	PDF	PDF	PDF
4b.2	Annex - Proposed System for Interactive Reporting on Sustainable Forest Management	PDF	PDF	PDF
4b.2	Annual Report of Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	PDF	PDF	PDF
4c	Guidance of Work Area 3 - Forest Sector Outlook Studies	PDF	PDF	PDF
4c.1	Review and Plans: Forest Sector Outlook Studies	PDF	PDF	PDF
4c.2	Annual Report of Team of Specialists on Outlook Studies	PDF	PDF	PDF
4d	Guidance of Work Area 4 - Social and Cultural	PDF	PDF	PDF
4d.1	Review and Plans: Social and Cultural	PDF	PDF	PDF
4d.2	Annual Report of Joint Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management	PDF	PDF	not submitted
4e	Guidance of Work Area 5 - Policy on Cross-Sectoral	PDF	PDF	PDF
4e.1	Review and Plans: Policy on Cross-Sectoral	PDF	PDF	PDF
4e.2	Annual Report of Team of Specialists on Forest Fire	PDF	PDF	PDF
4e.3	Annual Report of Team of Specialists on Forest Policy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	PDF	PDF	PDF
4e.4	Annual Report of Forest Communicators Network	PDF	PDF	PDF
4e.5	Self-assessment of the Working Party revised 7 April	PDF	PDF	PDF
	Terms of Reference for existing and proposed Teams of Specialists	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.1	Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.2	Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.3	Team of Specialists on Outlook Studies	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.4	Joint Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.5	Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (formerly Forest Policy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia)	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.6	Forest Communicators Network revised 11 April	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.7	proposed Forest Products Statistics	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.8	proposed Wood Energy	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.9	proposed Wildlife Management	PDF	PDF	PDF
6.10	Guidelines for Teams of Specialists	PDF	PDF	PDF
7	Any Other Business			
8	Election of Officers			

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1 annotated agenda
19 single documents
6 ToS reports
+ 1 meeting report



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11	Report			
1	Provisional Agenda	PDF 	PDF 	PDF 
2	Outcome of the joint session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry	PDF 		
3	Report of the thematic workshop held on 16 June 2011			
4	Follow-up to the recommendations from the Working Party self-evaluation			
5	Guidance on work areas			
5 a	Work area 1: Data monitoring and assessment	PDF 		
5 (a) 1	Report of ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management			
5 (a) 2	Draft questionnaire	PDF 		
5 (a) 3	Report of ToS on Forest Products Statistics			
5 (a) 4	Report of ToS on Sustainable Forest Products	PDF 		
5 (a) 5	Report of ToS on Wood Energy			
5 b	Work area 2: Policy dialogue and advice	PDF 		
5 (b) 1	Report of ToS on Forest Policy	PDF 		
5 (b) 2	Report of ToS on Outlook	PDF 		
5 (b) 3	Report on ToS on Forests Fire	PDF 		
5 c	Work area 3: Communication and outreach	PDF 		
5 (c) 1	Report of ToS on Forest Communication	PDF 		
5 d	Work area 4: Capacity-building	PDF 		
5 (d) 1	Report of ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector			
6	Roundtable discussion: Improving information on forest ownership in the UNECE region	PDF 		
7	Any Other Business			
8	Date and place of next meeting			
9	Election of Officers			
10	Adoption of the report			

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Organizational - Preparation of WP meetings (2)

- While preparing the Agenda provide the possibility for participants to include emerging issues or questions of interest for discussion.
- Highlight on the Agenda the main questions to be answered during the WP for a better preparation of the participants.
- Make a comprehensive list of abbreviations related to the WP work, with their full names and a brief description, and keep it updated.



ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2014/1/Rev.1

IV. List of important abbreviations and acronyms

COFFI	Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry
EFC	European Forestry Commission
EXCOM	UNECE Executive Committee
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ILO	International Labour Organization
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
JFSQ	Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire
JWPFSEM	Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
UNDA	United Nations Development Account
ToR	Terms of Reference
ToS	Team of Specialists
WA	work area



Organizational - Structure of WP meetings

- Improve communication through electronic means (e.g. through “live meeting” software, webinars, video telecommunications), and look into how to involve people in other ways.
- Establish a web-based platform accessible to delegates before WP meetings to provide on-line inputs or decisions.





Organizational - Communication

- Encourage and facilitate roundtables during WP meetings to stimulate more in-depth discussions on key issues (these can be identified by ToSs).
- Develop more initiatives like the “Friends of the Outlook”, i.e. which assemble experts that work on a particular topic at the ECE level in order to work on issues of common interest.





Organizational - Participants

- Encourage countries to nominate and send specialists in forest economics.
- Encourage specialization of national correspondents and the participation of more than one participant from each country.
- To that effect, prepare a list of professionals for each country with their well-defined areas of speciality at the ECE level.





Organizational - Monitoring and evaluation

- Undertake regular self-evaluations of the WP, once every two years, to adjust its mandate whenever needed.





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Work with other organizations and bodies

- Continue working together with other international organizations to avoid duplication, in particular continue working on an equal footing with FAO, Eurostat and ITTO and agree all terms, definitions and methodologies for statistical data.
- Strengthen coordination with other government bodies of participating countries responsible for forest statistics.





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- Enhance coordination and the comparison of data with other statistical databases.





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Outlook

- Encourage Outlook studies to adopt a simple set of scenarios that can be modelled quickly and put funds towards that end so that studies are completed quickly.
- Integrate analysis and structural changes in EFSOS studies.





Conclusions

- The Working Party self-evaluation was a useful exercise for the secretariat, providing valuable guidance for further improvement;
- 5 out of 10 after one year;
- One more year to work on the remaining suggestions;
- Next self-evaluation of the WP in 2015.





Thank you for your attention !



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