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Timber Committee

European Forestry Commission

Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party  
on Forest Economics and Statistics

Thirty-second session  
Geneva, 24 March - 25 March 2010

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION**

To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 24 March 2010

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Guidance of work area 3: Forest sector outlook studies
3. Emerging Trade Measures in Timber Markets:  
workshop conclusions and results
4. Economic Aspects of Sustainable Forest Industry
5. Prices of Forest Products and Roundwood
6. Guidance of work area 1: Markets and statistics
7. Guidance of work area 2: Forest resources assessment
8. Guidance of work area 5: elements addressing monitoring and  
analysis of policies and institutions
9. Other business
10. Election of officers
11. Adoption of the report

## II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. During the latest Strategic Plan of the UNECE/FAO integrated programme of work in the field of forest and timber (see ECE/TIM/2008/7), it was agreed that the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics should provide guidance for work areas 1, 2, 3 and elements of monitoring and analysis of policies and institutions of the integrated programme, and act as an interface between the technical and the intergovernmental levels. The Working Party should continue to meet annually.
2. The mandate of the Working Party, as provided for in the Working Party's terms of reference as approved in the Strategic Plan (ECE/TIM/2008/7, annex III), and by the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Committee is to:  
"(a) Keep under review the needs at the international level for statistics and other information relating to the forestry, wood-processing and forest products sector; as well as wood energy, and develop programmes to meet these needs. Particular attention shall be paid to improving quality, concepts, definitions and methodologies in order to increase the international comparability of statistics; and other information;  
(b) 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;  
(c) Undertake, upon request from the parent bodies, ad hoc projects in the field of economics and statistics relating to forestry and forest products; and forest policies and institutions;  
(d) 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 thirty-second session will be immediately preceded by a one-day workshop on Emerging Trade Measures in Timber Markets. It is scheduled for the benefit of participants to both meetings. The Working Party as a permanent intergovernmental body may wish to consider any possible conclusions and recommendations of the workshop.
4. 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. This year an effort has been made to include information on economic issues of interest to the Working Party.
5. Documents will be issued in advance to the regular mailing list, and will also be available for downloading from the Timber website (<http://timber.unece.org/index.php?id=261>). Members of the Working Party will be alerted when documents become available. In order to have these documents as current as possible, and due to delays and inconveniences in official document procedures, and after having consulted with the bureau of the Working Party, these documents will not be submitted for translation, reproduction and distribution through official channels.
6. Kindly note that delegates are requested to be prepared to speak on the substantive items (2-8). Views of all delegates will be sought by the Chair.

### III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

7. 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: Guidance of work area 3: outlook studies

8. For each of the work areas, the Working Party will be informed of activities and results of the past year and plans for the next year, 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. Results of the meetings of the respective Teams of Specialists will be reviewed. As an outlook core group meeting is planned for 22-23 March we wish to take advantage of the core group's presence to present and discuss in more detail the preparations for the next European Forest Sector Outlook Study. It is also why we have scheduled review of this work area first. This item will also include:

- the presentation of the conversion factors report and
- the follow-up to potential sustainable wood supply and mobilization.

Item 3: Conclusions and results of workshop on emerging trade measures in timber markets

9. A presentation summarizing the discussion and results will be made to the Working Party for comment, review and follow-up. Delegates are warmly invited to attend the workshop as well as the Working Party meeting.

Item 4: Economic Aspects of Sustainable Forest Industry

10. FAO Forestry department will present information deriving from work on the State of the World's Forests 2011.

Item 5: Prices of Forest Products and Roundwood

11. As part of an increase in the economic side of the Working Party there will be a presentation on drivers of forest prices and impacts of price changes. Delegates are welcome to report on results of experiences in their own countries.

Items 6-8: Guidance of work areas (1, 2 and parts of 5)

12. For each of the work areas, the Working Party will be informed of activities and results of the past year and plans for the next year, 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. Results of the meetings and activities of the respective Teams of Specialists will be reviewed.

13. For work area 1 the topics will also include:

- a discussion of data harmonization issues (e.g. planed vs rough sawnwood),
- a review of items included (and excluded) in the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire,

- questionnaire improvements to the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry as requested by the 31<sup>st</sup> Working Party, and
- an evaluation of the Timber Committee forecast accuracy.

14. For work area 2 the topics will also include the results of the self-evaluation of the State of Europe's Forest 2007.

15. For work area 5 the topics will also include a presentation of the framework for the information repository on policies and information.

Item 9: Other business

16. 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 10: Election of officers

17. The Working Party is expected to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs. At its thirty-first session, the Working Party elected Mr. M. Valgepea (Estonia) as Chair and Mr. A. Mariano (Italy) and Ms. S. Phelps (Canada) as Vice-Chairs to hold office until the end of the thirty-second session.

Item 11: Adoption of the report

18. 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 tentative timetable:

Tuesday, 23 March 2010 Emerging Trade Measures and Timber Markets workshop

Wednesday, 24 March 2010

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 1-3
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 4-6

Thursday, 25 March 2010

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Items 6 (cont'd) - 7
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Items 8-11



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Will attend (please tick one or both):

- Workshop on Emerging Trade Measures in Timber Markets (23 March 2010)
- Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (24 -25 March 2010)

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