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**Draft programme of work of the Timber and Forestry
subprogramme for 2012-2013****Note by the Secretariat****Introduction**

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Timber and Forestry subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for 2012–2013. The Timber Committee ("the Committee") is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its 69th session. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.
3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2012–2013 is shown in Annex II to the present document.
4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as "additional".

5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in Annex II to this document in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme.

I. Objective and strategy

8. The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region.

9. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Forestry and Timber Section of the Trade and Timber Division. The subprogramme will aim at developing and applying analytical and monitoring tools, both on policy and on developments on the ground, collecting, validating and disseminating information and analysis, as well as stimulating the exchange of experience, best practices and joint efforts to measure progress. In addition, the subprogramme will provide a platform for topical discussions, taking into account the changing policy environment, notably as regards climate change and bioenergy. It will promote the role of forests in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

10. The subprogramme will promote the sustainable management of forests and the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw material and energy as well as forest services, based on appropriate policies and institutions. Priorities for 2012-2013 will be guided by the outcome of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, as well as the continued efforts to address climate change, as requested by member States and stakeholders through the strategic review conducted in 2008.

11. While all countries benefit from international cooperation through the subprogramme, special attention will be paid to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region to implement sustainable forest management through capacity-building activities and by promoting their involvement in international activities in the region.

12. As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in cooperation with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe and will provide regional input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry.

13. To support forest management, including the use of wood and forest products that is sustainable from the ecological, economic and social perspectives, it is necessary to maintain a good balance among those three aspects, based on a strong consensus among all stakeholders about goals and methods, as well as to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors (the cross-sectoral approach). Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation and interregional cooperation, through the timber and forestry subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, through communication, sharing experience and defining standard measurement tools

(indicators) for sustainable forest management. At the same time, the impact of global developments will be taken into account at the regional level.

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

Cluster 1 Forest resources

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ability of UNECE countries to measure and report on forest resources as the underlying basis for sustainable forest management

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 1.1 Documents for the annual sessions of the Committee, including reports on market conditions for forest products and on support for the international forest dialogue (10)
 - 1.2 Substantive reports for the Working Party, including on forest resource information, markets/statistics, and on sector outlook studies (6)
 - 1.3 Substantive reports for the FAO European Forestry Commission (4)
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 1.4 Maintenance of database on forest resources (2)
 - 1.5 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment, forests and climate change (1);
 - 1.6 Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest products, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, forestry assistance to countries in transition, forest products markets and marketing, and wood energy (2)
 - 1.7 Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: Timber Section quarterly newsletters (2)
 - 1.8 Timber Section publications announcements (2)
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 1.9 Seminars/Workshops on sector issues to be determined by the Timber Committee (1)
 - 1.10 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

Cluster 2

Forest Policies and Institutions

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ability of UNECE countries to monitor forest policies and institutions, in view of strengthening the institutional and legal framework

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 2.1 Annual sessions of the Timber Committee (12 half-days)
 - 2.2 Session of the European Forestry Commission (10 half-days)
 - 2.3 Joint Meetings of the Bureaux of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission (12 half-days)
 - 2.4 Reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2)
 - 2.5 Report of the session of the Commission (1, additional)
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 2.6 Annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2)
 - 2.7 Maintenance of database on forest policies and institutions (2)
 - 2.8 Maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2)
 - 2.9 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment, forests and climate change (1);
 - 2.10 Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest products, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, forestry assistance to countries in transition, forest products markets and marketing, and wood energy (2)
 - 2.11 Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: Timber Section quarterly newsletters (2)
 - 2.12 Timber Section publications announcements (2)
 - 2.13 Information brochure on timber and forestry (1)
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 2.14 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

Cluster 3 Markets and statistics

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased understanding by UNECE countries of the sound use of wood, leading to policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 3.1 Annual sessions of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Economics and Statistics (10 half-days)
 - 3.2 Reports of the annual sessions of the Joint Working Party (2)
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 3.3 Forest Products Annual Market Review (2)
 - 3.4 Outlook for forest products markets by the Timber Committee (2)
 - 3.5 Maintenance of database on forest products production, consumption and trade, including prices and information on forest fires (2)
 - 3.6 Maintenance of database on wood energy (2)
 - 3.7 Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment, forests and climate change (1);
 - 3.8 Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest products, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, forestry assistance to countries in transition, forest products markets and marketing, and wood energy (2)
 - 3.9 Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: Timber Section quarterly newsletters (2)
 - 3.10 Timber Section publications announcements (2)
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 3.11 Seminars/Workshops on sector issues to be determined by the Timber Committee (1)
 - 3.12 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

Cluster 4

Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level

Outputs/activities

(a) *Publications and other information material*

4.1 Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: Timber Section quarterly newsletters (2)

(b) *Technical cooperation*

4.2 Workshops/seminars organised jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (1)

4.3 Workshops on sector issues, including capacity building, marketing, resources, policies and institutions, with emphasis on transition issues (4)

Annex I

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/236	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference for the Commission
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant general Assembly resolution including resolution 61/16

3. Other

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
E/ECE/1434/Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform
A(64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
54/218	Implementation and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly
61/193	International Year of Forests, 2011
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/49	Outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Annex II

Correlation between the ECE strategic framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation 2012–2013

Table A.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: Increased understanding, based on better monitoring of sustainable forest management, encompassing: (i) Policies and institutions; (ii) Forest resources; (iii) Sound use of wood, for material and energy purposes, in domestic and export markets; and (iv) The outlook for the sector in a broader, cross-sectoral context.

Indicators of achievement:

- (i) increased percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management
- (ii) increased percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management
- (iii) percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the UNECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire
- (iv) percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders regarding selected policy forums and workshops as useful

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Cluster level expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Forest resources	Increased ability of UNECE countries to measure and report on forest resources as the underlying basis for sustainable forest management.	(i) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management <i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 67 per cent Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent
2. Forest policies and institutions	Increased ability of UNECE countries to monitor forest policies and institutions, in view of strengthening the institutional and legal framework.	(i) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management (policies, institutions, instruments) <i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 67 per cent Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent

3. Markets and statistics

Increased understanding by UNECE countries of the sound use of wood, leading to policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it

(ii) Percentage of ECE countries with national forest programmes or similar holistic forest sector policy frameworks

Performance measures

Baseline 2009: 65 per cent

Estimate 2010-2011: 65 per cent

Target 2012-2013: 65 per cent

(i) Percentage of ECE countries with policies in place on sound use of wood, whether as part of national forest programmes or not

Performance measures

Baseline 2009: 45 per cent

Estimate 2010-2011: 47 per cent

Target 2012-2013: 47 per cent

(ii) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire

Performance measures

Baseline 2009: 68 per cent

Estimate 2010-2011: 61 per cent

Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent

Table B.

Expected accomplishments of the Subprogramme: Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level

Indicators of achievement:

(i) percentage of participants having used the information provided at capacity building activities

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Cluster level expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
4. Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas	Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level.	<p>(i) Number of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe adopting national forest programmes</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 13 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 14 countries Target 2012-2013: 14 countries</p> <p>(ii) Percentage of participants of capacity building activities regarding them as useful</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 75 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 77 per cent Target 2012-2013: 77 per cent</p>

Annex III

List of mandated publications

Item no. of 2012-2013 publication programme	Publication title	Expected date of issue	Issue format	Paper size	Number of pages in original language	Original language (s)	Language(s) for translation	Number of copies and languages for reproduction	Total no. of issues
213	Forest Products Annual Market Review	08/2012	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	F, R	2600E, 200F, 200R	2
214	Forest Products Annual Market Review	08/2013	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	F, R	2600E, 200F, 200R	
215	Outlook for Forest Product Markets by the Timber Committee	06/2012	Electronic	A4	50	E	-	-	2
216	Outlook for Forest Product Markets by the Timber Committee	06/2013	Electronic	A4	50	E	-	-	
217	Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers (on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment, forests and climate change)	02/2012	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	F, R	2600E, 200F, 200R	3
218	Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	10/2012	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	F, R	2600E, 200F, 200R	
219	Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	06/2012	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	F, R	2600E, 200F, 200R	

220	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest products, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, forestry assistance to countries in transition, forest products markets and marketing, wood energy)	03/2012	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		6
221	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	07/2012	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		
222	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	11/2012	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		
223	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	03/2013	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		
224	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	07/2013	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		
225	Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers (<i>ibid.</i>)	11/2013	Electronic	A4	100	E	-		
228	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	03/2012	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	8
229	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	06/2012	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
230	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	09/2012	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
231	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	12/2012	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
232	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	03/2013	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
233	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	06/2013	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
234	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	09/2013	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
235	Timber Section quarterly newsletter	12/2013	Electronic	A4	6	E	-	-	
236	Timber Section publications announcements	02/2012	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		6
237	Timber Section publications announcements	06/2012	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		
238	Timber Section publications announcements	10/2012	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		

239	Timber Section publications announcements	02/2013	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		
240	Timber Section publications announcements	06/2013	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		
241	Timber Section publications announcements	10/2013	Electronic	A4	2	E	F, R		
242	Information brochure on Timber and Forestry	10/2013	Print and electronic	A4	2	E	F, R	250E, 80F, 80R	1

Annex IV

Biennial Evaluation Plan

Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
EA (a) Increased understanding, based on better monitoring of sustainable forest management, encompassing: (i) Policies and institutions; (ii) Forest resources; (iii) Sound use of wood, for material and energy purposes, in domestic and export markets; and (iv) The outlook for the sector in a broader, cross-sectoral context.	1. Forest resources	<p>EA.1 Increased ability of UNECE countries to measure and report on forest resources as the underlying basis for sustainable forest management.</p> <p>IA.1 (i) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management <i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 67 per cent Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent</p>
IA (a) (i) Increased percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management	2. Forest policies and institutions	EA 2. Increased ability of UNECE countries to monitor forest policies and institutions, in view of strengthening the institutional and legal framework.
IA (a) (ii) Increased percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management	2. Forest policies and institutions	<p>IA 2. (i) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management (policies, institutions, instruments) <i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 67 per cent Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent</p>
IA (a) (iii) Percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the UNECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire	2. Forest policies and institutions	<p>IA 2. (ii) Percentage of ECE countries with national forest programmes or similar holistic forest sector policy frameworks <i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 65 per cent Target 2012-2013: 65 per cent</p>
IA (a) (iv) Percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders regarding selected policy forums and workshops as useful	3. Markets and statistics	EA 3. Increased understanding by UNECE countries of the sound use of wood, leading to policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it
IA (a) (iv) Percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders regarding selected policy forums and workshops as useful	3. Markets and statistics	IA 3. (i) Percentage of ECE countries with policies in place on sound use of wood, whether as part of national forest programmes

Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
		<p>or not</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 45 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 47 per cent Target 2012-2013: 47 per cent</p> <p>IA 3. (ii) Percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 68 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 61 per cent Target 2012-2013: 68 per cent</p>
EA (b) Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level	4. Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas	EA 4. Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level.
IA (b) percentage of participants having used the information provided at capacity building activities		<p>IA 4. (i) Number of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe adopting national forest programmes</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 13 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 14 countries Target 2012-2013: 14 countries</p> <p>IA 4. (ii) Percentage of participants of capacity building activities regarding them as useful</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> Baseline 2009: 75 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 77 per cent Target 2012-2013: 77 per cent</p>