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## Review of activities and the programme of work for 2011

### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

This document briefly lists the activities undertaken in 2010-2011 to implement the programme of work. Outputs are presented by programme element of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and according to the ECE programme planning classification. This document also provides an indicative list of outputs for 2011-2012 for review and approval by the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission.

## **I. Activities for 2010-2011**

### **A. Forest resources**

1. Publications and Research:
  - Main report on the State of Europe's Forests 2011 (SoEF 2011), jointly with Forest Europe and FAO
  - Key Messages for the State of Europe's Forests 2011 (SoEF 2011) report
  - Refined version of the European Forest Types classification
  - Publication on Private Forest Ownership
  - Chapter on pilot implementation of European Forest Types for SoEF 2011.
2. Data collection and management:
  - Contribution to FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010
  - SoEF 2011 output and analysis tables with quantitative data, with FAO
  - Collection and validation of 35 national reports on quantitative indicators SoEF 2011
  - Interactive Database for SoEF 2011 quantitative data, with Forest Europe and UNECE Statistical Division (in progress)
  - Collection and evaluation of 28 separate reports with data according to the new European Forest Types.
3. Guidance:
  - Guidance/Background documents on reporting on quantitative indicators for use by national respondents
  - Set of guidelines for SoEF 2011 writing, for use by authors
  - Guidance/Background documents on reporting using the European Forest Types.
4. Meetings and events:
  - Two meetings of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management
  - Two meetings of the Advisory Group on SoEF 2011 reporting
  - Meeting of the SoEF 2011 authors
  - Meeting of the SoEF 2011 reviewers for quantitative indicators
  - Workshop on implementation of European Forest Types
  - Seminar on State of Forests in UNECE Region (March 2011)

## **B. Forest policies and institutions**

5. Publications and Research:
  - Discussion paper on ‘The Forest Sector in the Green Economy’
  - Draft Action Plan on the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
  - Finding forests: a sourcebook on international institutions and policy tools addressing the European forest sector.
6. Data collection and management:
  - Collection of data on developments in forest policies, legislation and institutions, including national forest programmes (for SoEF 2011)
7. Meetings and events:
  - Five meetings of the TC and EFC bureaux
  - Seminar on developing an international legal instrument - learning from the experience of the ECE Conventions and beyond
  - Stakeholder meeting to develop the Action Plan on ‘The Forest Sector in a Green Economy’
  - Orman 2011: Forests in a Green Economy (ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission joint session).
8. Other:
  - Contributions to the International Year of the Forest Campaign (including exhibits, events and media) that opened in January 2011
  - ECE/FAO Sustainable Forest Management Thesis Award
  - Participation in relevant Forest Europe meetings.

## **C. Markets and statistics**

9. Publications and Research:
  - Forest Products Annual Market Review 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 publication
  - TC Market Statement 2010 and 2011
  - Two discussion papers on ‘The importance of China’s forest products markets to the UNECE region’ and on ‘Forest product conversion factors for the UNECE region’
  - Draft discussion paper on ‘Wood Energy in the UNECE region’
  - Publication of forest products data 2005-2009, including secondary products
  - Publication of forest products data 2009-2010, including secondary products
  - Timber Committee market forecasts for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 - tables
  - Timber Committee market forecasts for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 - market discussion graphs.

10. Data collection and management:
  - Collection and validation of 2008-2009 data on the trade, consumption, production of forest products (for UNECE and other databases, e.g. FAOSTAT)
  - Collection and validation of 2009 data on wood energy sources and uses in the UNECE region (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry)
  - Maintenance of price statistics on-line.
11. Meetings and events:
  - UNECE Timber Committee 2010
  - UNECE/FAO/WTO Workshop on Emerging Trade Measures in Timber Markets
  - Meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Marketing (Japan, Republic of Korea and Switzerland, 2010), (United States, 2011)
  - Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility in the forest sector in south east Europe (Serbia, 2010)
  - Meeting of Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics
  - Contribution to workshop on Illegal Logging (Belgium, 2010)
  - Two annual sessions of the FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (WPFES) in 2010.

#### **D. Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas**

12. Meetings and events:
  - Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Turkey, 2010)
  - Workshop on Improving forest products marketing to help drive sustainable rural economic development in southeast Europe (Macedonia, 2010)
  - Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS countries (Belarus, 2010)
  - Workshop on strengthening forest products marketing between environmental constraints and society needs in south east Europe (Slovenia, 2011).

#### **E. Outlook studies and cross-sectoral component**

13. Publications and Research:
  - UNECE/FAO European Forest Sector Outlook Study II
  - Discussion Paper on “Payments for Ecosystem services (PES): What role for a green economy?”

- Contribution to UNECE report on "MDGs in Central Asia: Achievements, Challenges and the Way ahead"<sup>1</sup>.
14. Meetings and events:
- Two Annual Meetings of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists Forest Communicators Network (Sweden, 2010, Hungary 2011)
  - UNECE/FAO Forest and Water Week, 4-8 July 2011 including a workshop on Payments for Ecosystem services (PES): What role for a green economy
  - Meetings of: UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook; Core Group of Experts on Forest Sector Outlook; Forest Communicators Network; Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management; Team of Specialists on Forest Fire
  - Contribution to the 3rd International Conference of Forestry Training Centres organized by the ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network (Austria, 2011).
15. Guidance:
- Good Practice Guidance on the Sustainable Mobilization of Wood in Europe publication with FAO, Forest Europe and the European Commission.
16. Other:
- Forest-related media event for World Environment Day.

## **II. Indicative list of activities for 2011-2012**

### **A. Forest resources**

17. Publications and Research:
- Contribution to the strategy of FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA)
  - Contribution to the draft enquiry for GFRA 2015
  - Contribution to the electronic format of the FRA report
  - Web-based information Platform for SoEF 2011, jointly with Forest Europe (planned for 2011)
  - Educational material for students based on State of Europe's Forests 2011 report
  - Discussion paper on European Forest Types
  - Brochure on European Forest Types (planned, autumn 2011)
  - Design (with Forest Europe and EFI) of the process on the review of the pan-European Criteria and Indicators on SFM (tentative, depending on future decisions)

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.unece.org/commission/MDGs/2010\\_MDG\\_Optimized.pdf](http://www.unece.org/commission/MDGs/2010_MDG_Optimized.pdf)

- Development of the concept of the pan-European reporting 2015 (tentative, depending on future decisions)
- Process of refinement of SFM advancement (together with the European Forest Institute and Forest Europe); including the development of a method for assessment of Sustainable Forest Management advancement
- Contribution to the EFI project on SFM application on a national level (participation in organisation of the series of sub-regional workshops)
- Contribution to the global initiative on Criteria and Indicator refinement (together with Forest Europe and the Montreal Process).

18. Meetings and events:

- Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management
- Last meeting of the Advisory Group on SoEF 2011 reporting.

## **B. Forest policies and institutions**

19. Meetings and events:

- Preparing and servicing the meetings of the intergovernmental negotiating Committee (INC) to prepare a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe (LBA), including organization and servicing of INC bureau meetings (together with other partners)
- Meeting(s) to further refine the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

## **C. Markets and statistics**

20. Publications and Research:

- Publication of 2009 data on wood energy scheduled end of 2011 or early 2012
- Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-12
- TC Market Statement 2012
- Improve wood pellets production and trade statistics
- Collection and validation of 2010-2011 data on the trade, consumption, production of forest products (for UNECE and other databases, e.g. FAOSTAT)
- Publication of forest products data 2007-2011, including secondary products.
- Timber Committee market forecasts for 2012-2013 - tables
- Timber Committee market forecasts for 2012-2013 - market discussion graphs
- Maintenance of price statistics on-line.

21. Meetings and events:

- FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (WPFES) 2012
- Annual session of the UNECE Timber Committee 2012
- Meeting of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Marketing
- Meeting of Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics
- Initiation of 2011 data collection on wood energy sources and uses in the UNECE region (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry).

#### **D. Capacity building activities carried out under all work areas**

##### 22. Meetings and events:

- Workshop on mobilizing “green” resources – the sustainable approach in Romania (planned for end of 2011)
- UNECE/FAO Workshop on: “Improving wood energy data in international statistics – based on the experiences from the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry”
- Workshop of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists for Forest Policy in Easter Europe and Central Asia (to be planned in 2012).

#### **E. Outlook studies and cross-sectoral component**

##### 23. Meetings and events:

- Workshop on the impact of climate change on forestry work, organized by the ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network on implementing sustainable forest management
  - Conference on forest fires
  - Meetings of: UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook; Core Group of Experts on Forest Sector Outlook; Forest Communicators Network; Joint ECE/FAO/ILO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management; Team of Specialists on Forest Fire
  - Participation in and organization of various events for dissemination of SoEF 2011 and EFSOS II results.
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