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##### **Review of activities since the sixty-ninth session and activities for 2013**

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#### **Note by the secretariat**

##### *Summary*

This document will facilitate discussion under agenda item 5 on the review of activities since Review of activities since the sixty-ninth session and activities for 2013. The note indeed contains information on activities of the Joint ECE/FAO Programme of Work implemented in 2011-12 and planned activities for 2013.

The Committee is invited to take note of achievements, and review and advise on future activities.

## **Work area 1: Markets and Statistics**

### **A. 2011 Achievements**

#### **(a) Timber Committee**

- Organized and held the Market Discussions
- Prepared and issued the Market Statement.

#### **(b) Publications**

- The UNECE/FAO Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2010-2011.

#### **(c) Statistics**

- Collected, validated and distributed forest products statistics for 2006-2010
- Produced FPAMR supporting tables of statistics for 2006-2010
- Collected, validated and distributed Timber Committee forecasts for 2011-2012
- Produced supporting graphs for Timber Committee Market Discussions at Orman2011, the TC/EFC joint session in October 2011
- Collected and distributed forest products price information on on-going basis.

#### **(d) Wood Energy**

- Validated and distributed 2009 JWEE data of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2009
- Attended meetings to distribute information on ECE wood energy work.

#### **(e) Organization of workshops: capacity building in forest products marketing**

- A Forest Products Marketing Workshop was held in Bled Slovenia on 30 November and 1 December 2011
- The Multi-stakeholder Green Resource Mobilization Workshop was held on 8-9 November at the Romsilva headquarters in Bucharest, Romania.

#### **(f) Participation in relevant workshops:**

- Regions of Knowledge Forest Meeting, 26-27 October, 2011 Zagreb Croatia. The Section presented information on using industry clusters as a means of increasing economic efficiency in the wood products industry.
- Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics, Rome, February 2011
- Workshop on Forest Products Prices, Brussels, November 2011, in cooperation with EFI
- The European Wood Measurement Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, 6-8 September 2011
- The Timber Measurements Society, Tacoma, Washington, 6-8 April 2011.

## **B. 2012 Achievements and planned activities**

### **(a) Timber Committee**

- Organize and hold Market Discussions
- Prepare and issue the Market Statement.

### **(b) Publications**

- Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012.

### **(c) Statistics**

- Collect, validate and distribute forest products statistics for 2007-2011
- Produce FPAMR supporting tables of statistics for 2007-2011
- Collect, validate and distribute Timber Committee forecasts for 2012-2013
- Produce supporting graphs for Timber Committee Market Discussions, Geneva, October 2012
- Collect and distribute forest products price information on ongoing basis
- Provide presentation for the 66<sup>th</sup> Forest Products Society meeting, Washington D.C., June 2012.

### **(d) Wood Energy**

- Collect JWEE2011 data
- Attend meetings to distribute information on ECE wood energy work.

### **(e) Organization of workshops: capacity building in forest products marketing**

- Policy Workshop on Wood Energy, May 2012, Geneva
- UNECE/FAO Joint Wood Energy Enquiry Capacity Building Workshop, June 2012, Paris
- There is an interest and outside funding to organize a Forest Products Marketing workshop in the Czech Republic at the end of 2012, though with the current staffing shortage in Work Area 1, it remains to be seen as to what, if any, level of support and participation the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section can provide.

### **(f) Participation in other relevant workshops:**

- The Timber Measurements Society in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 11-13 April 2012
- Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics, Geneva, February 2012.

## **C. 2013 Planned activities**

### **(a) Timber Committee**

- Organize and hold Market Discussions
- Prepare and issue the Market Statement.

### **(b) Publications**

- Forest Products Annual Market Review 2012-2013.

**(c) Statistics**

- Collect, validate and distribute forest products statistics for 2008-2012
- Produce FPAMR supporting tables of statistics for 2008-2012
- Collect, validate and distribute Timber Committee forecasts for 2013-2014
- Produce supporting graphs for Timber Committee Market Discussions, Metsä2013 the joint TC/EFC session in Rovaniemi, Finland, 9-13 December 2013
- Collect and distribute forest products price information on ongoing basis.

**(d) Wood Energy**

- Validate and distribute JWEE2011 data
- Attend meetings to distribute information on ECE wood energy work.

**(e) Participation in relevant meetings**

- Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics in Yokohama, January, 2013.

## **Work Area 2: Forest Resources Assessment**

### **A. 2011 Achievements**

**(a) Publications**

- State of Europe's Forests (SoEF) 2011. Status and Trends in Sustainable Forest Management in Europe.

**(b) Dissemination (activities and participation in meetings)**

- Development of an information platform on SoEF 2011 – available on the websites of UNECE/FAO and Forest Europe
- Development of an Interactive database on SoEF 2011
- Seminar: State of forests and forest management in the UNECE region in the context of current and future needs and challenges - how successful is Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE region?, Geneva, Switzerland, 21 March 2011
- Presentation at the press conference organized by UNEP on 31 May, 2011, Geneva, Switzerland
- FAO Expert Consultation on a long-term strategy for FRA, Pajulahti, Finland, 13 September, 2011
- Workshop on “Forest Sector's Contribution to the EU bio-economy”, Brussels, Belgium, September 2011
- International Conference of the Polish Society of Foresters, Sekocin, Poland, 8 September 2011
- Informal Meeting of the EU Forestry and Nature Directors General, Ryn, Poland, 28-29 September 2011

- Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD SBSTTA 15), Montreal, Canada, 7-11 November 2011
- Meeting of EUROSTAT's Forestry Statistics Working Group, Luxembourg, 16 November 2011
- National Forest Policy Dialogue: from International Perspectives to National Policy, Paris, France, 8 December 2011
- Forests 2030: Policy Talk on the Future of Forests in Europe and North America, Geneva, Switzerland, 13 December 2011.

## **B. 2012 Achievements and planned activities**

### **(a) Outputs**

- Educational kit for 12-14 year students based on State of Europe's Forests report (under preparation).

### **(b) Dissemination**

- EUROSAT WGEA Seminar: Sustainable Fisheries and Forest Management, Oslo, Norway, 15 May 2012
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Working Group Meeting of the COST Action FP1001 – USEWOOD, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 11-13 June 2012
- 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Montreal Process Technical Advisory Committee 'Soil and Water – telling the story for forests', Moscow - Suzdal, Russian Federation, 2-6 July 2012
- Joint workshop on European Forest Types, organised together with EEA, Forest Europe, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2012
- National Forest Policy Dialogues, Poland and Russia, tentatively planned for Autumn 2012.

### **(c) Other activities:**

- Participation in the work of the collaborative process for the global and regional reporting 2015 (set up and preparatory phase).

### **(d) Participation in /organization of meetings (global module):**

- Ad-hoc meeting of sub-committee of the Montréal Process Working Group on collaboration with FRA 2015 and other C&I processes for SFM, Sendai, Japan, 2-7 February 2012
- FAO Technical Consultation on Ispra 1 "Preparation for Global Forests Resources Assessments 2015", Ispra, Italy, 12-16 March 2012
- Workshop on "Streamlining forest based reporting", organized by the United States Forest Service, in cooperation with FAO and the UNECE/FAO, to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, USA, 20-23 August 2012
- FAO Advisory Group on "Global Forests Resources Assessments 2015", Jacksonville, Florida, USA, 19-24 August 2012.

**(e) Meetings (regional module):**

- Meeting of the EFI Advisory Group - Project on C&I SFM implementation, held in Freiburg, Germany, 22 March 2012
- Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting, Madrid, Spain, 14-15 February 2012
- Meeting of the Team of Specialists thematic group on assessing progress towards SFM, Geneva, 21-22 February 2012
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation, 22-24 May 2012
- Three meetings of the ToS thematic groups (SFM assessment, socio-economic indicators, growth and drain) to be held in Autumn 2012
- Forest Europe/UNECE/FAO Advisory Group on SoEF 2015 meeting, Geneva, 7 November 2012.

**C. 2013 Planned activities**

**(a) Outputs**

- Publication based on the pilot application of European Forest Types (under preparation)
- Final enquiries for the global and regional reporting 2015
- Set of national reports within the frame of the 2015 reporting.

**(b) Other activities:**

- Participation in the work of the collaborative process for the global and regional reporting 2015 (data collection phase).

**(c) Participation in /organization of meetings (global module):**

- Global Workshop for National Correspondents on "Forests Resources Assessments 2015", Thailand, April 2013
- Sub-regional workshops for Russian- speaking and Balkan region countries to be organised in Autumn 2013 (with core involvement of ECE/FAO).

**(d) Participation in /organization of meetings (regional module):**

- 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, January 2013, venue to be decided
- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management, September/October 2013, venue to be decided
- Other technical meetings and consultations, depending on needs.

**(e) Meetings (other):**

- Three regional and the final workshop within the frame of the EFI Project on C&I SFM implementation to be organised in 2013.

## **Work Area 3: Forest Sector Outlook**

### **A. 2011 Achievements**

#### **(a) Publications**

- European Forest Sector Outlook Study II.

#### **(b) Dissemination**

- Press conference to launch EFSOS II, Geneva, Switzerland, 22 September 2011
- Informal Meeting of the EU Forestry and Nature Directors General, Ryn, Poland, 28-29 September 2011
- Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD SBSTTA 15), held in Montreal, Canada, 7-11 November 2011
- National Forest Policy Dialogue: from International Perspectives to National Policy, Paris, France, 8 December 2011
- Forests 2030: Policy Talk on the Future of Forests in Europe and North America, Geneva, Switzerland, 13 December 2011.

### **B. 2012 Achievements and planned activities**

#### **(a) Publications**

- North American Forest Sector Outlook Study (NAFSOS).

#### **(b) Dissemination**

- European Commission Biomass Sustainability Criteria - Informal Member States meeting, Brussels, Belgium, 23 January 2012
- WWF Bioenergy webinar, 7 February 2012
- Latvia Ministry of Agriculture “Iepazīsties Koks” exhibition, Riga, Latvia, 2 March 2012
- Press conference to launch NAFSOS Geneva, Switzerland, 27 March 2012
- Policy Debate on Wood Energy, Geneva, Switzerland, 8 May 2012
- EFI Policy talk “Towards a green bioeconomy: unlocking the potential of Europe’s forests”, Brussels, 15 May 2012
- Eighth International Conference on Renewable Resources and Biorefineries, Toulouse, France, 4-6 June 2012
- Final Conference of the EU Project MANFRED, The Future Potential of European , Forest Mountain Forests: challenges and solutions between Green Economy and Climate Change, Rome (Italy), 28 June 2012.

#### **(c) Meetings:**

- Meeting of UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook
- Meeting of Outlook experts.

**B. 2013 Planned activities**

**(a) Meetings**

- Meeting of UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on the Forest Sector Outlook.

**Work Area 4: Social and Cultural Issues**

**A. 2011 Achievements**

**(a) Meetings**

- Joint Expert Network to implement Sustainable Forest Management: Steering Committee meeting, Geneva, 12 January 2011
- Third International Conference of Forestry Training Centres, Ossiach (Austria), 6-8 June 2011, with the launch of EDUFOREST, pan European Network of Forest Training Centres.

**B. 2012 Achievements and planned activities**

**(b) Publications**

- Professions and Training in Forestry, Results of an Inquiry in Europe and North America.

**(c) Meetings**

- Joint Expert Network to implement Sustainable Forest Management: Steering Committee meeting, Geneva, 24-25 May 2012.

**C. 2013 Planned activities**

**(d) Meetings**

- Seminar on the Impact of Climate Change on Forestry Work, side event at Metsä 2013: joint session of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, December 2013.



## Work Area 5: Policy and Cross Sectoral Issues

### A. 2011 Achievements

#### (a) Publications

- New version of the draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, taking into account the input of the first stakeholder meeting
- Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe
- Short video about the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber programme of work
- “Take home messages” on “Forests in a Green Economy”, Antalya, Turkey, 14 October 2011

#### (b) Meetings

- 5 meetings of the joint Bureaux
- Opening ceremony of the International Year of Forests: Exhibit ‘The Art of Trees - A forest Gallery’, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 February 2011
- Annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network, Budapest, Hungary, 12-14 April 2011
- Joint Workshop “Does banning illegal logging rule out wood?”, Brussels, 13 April 2011
- First stakeholder meeting to develop an Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, Geneva, 10-11 May 2011
- Forest and Water Week with the ECE Water Convention, Geneva, 4-8 July 2011 featuring:
  - Payment of Ecosystem Services (PES): What role for a green economy? 4-5 July
  - Field trip: water catchment in a forest of the French Alps, 6 July
  - Forest and Water in dry lands, a virtuous cycle, 7-8 July.
- Orman 2011: joint session of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission: “Forests in a Green Economy”, Antalya, Turkey, 10-14 October 2011
- National Forest Policy Dialogue at the French Ministry in charge of Forestry in Paris, 8 December 2012.

### B. 2012 Achievements and planned activities

#### (c) Publications

- Chapter on Wood Forest Products in the State of Mediterranean Forests published by the FAO Sylva Mediterranea Committee
- New version of the draft Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, taking into account the input of the second stakeholder meeting
- Possible elements of the future Joint ECE/FAO Programme of Work on Forestry and Timber

- SWOT analysis report on the lessons learnt from the communication strategy for the European Forest Week 2008 in view of a second European Forest Week.

**(d) Meetings**

- 4 meetings of the joint Bureaux
- Second stakeholder meeting to further develop the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, Geneva, 26 March 2012
- Capacity building workshop “Improve wood energy data for better policy making”, Paris, France, 11-13 June 2012
- Annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network, Antalya, Turkey, 19-21 June 2012
- Rio+20 side event: “What is YOUR priority action for the forest sector in a green economy?” Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22 June 2012
- The Lviv Forum on Forests in a Green Economy, 11-14 September 2012, Lviv, Ukraine (Ukraine-Swiss Country Led Initiative in support of the work of UNFF)
- Side event at the FAO Committee on Forestry on Green Economy, Rome, 24-28 September 2012 (tbc)
- Timber Committee session, Geneva, 15-19 October 2012
- Meeting of the Task Force on communication and outreach activities in preparation for the second European Forest Week, Rovaniemi, Finland, November 2012 (tbc).
- Forest Policy Dialogue with the Swiss Federal Institute of Environment in Geneva, 29 August 2012 and in Bern, 6 November 2012
- Forest Policy Dialogue in Poland, October 2012 (tbc), in Turkey October 2012 (tbc) and in the Russian Federation, December 2012 (tbc).

**(e) Meetings (others):**

- Presentation on Payment for Ecosystem Services Cases for the closing conference of the Alpeau Interreg Programme “Forest: Source of drinkable water”, Evian, France, 29 March 2012
- Presentation of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy at the International Conference on Forestry and Green Economy, Beijing, China, 19-20 April 2012
- Participation in the joint workshop of the Observatory of European Forests (European Forest Institute) and of the French Laboratory of Forest Economics, Nancy, France, 29 May-1 June 2012
- Presentation of the State of Forests in Asia Pacific and Europe, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 22 May 2012
- Participation in the Forest Europe Expert Working Group on Valuation of Forest Ecosystem Services, Madrid, Spain, 28 June 2012
- Presentation on the role of the Forest Sector in a Green Economy at the European Forest Institute Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 3 October 2012
- Participation and presentations at the ‘Forestry Workshop for Eastern Europe and Central Asian Countries’, Kyrgyzstan, 29 October 2012.

**(f) Other**

- Full project formulation of ‘Sustainable Forest Management for Green Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia’, funded under the United Nations Development Account 8<sup>th</sup> tranche.

**C. 2013 Planned activities**

**(a) Publications**

- Final version of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, to be adopted at Metsä2013
- Updated version of the future ECE/FAO Programme of Work, to be adopted at Metsä2013
- Finding forests: a sourcebook on international institutions and policy tools addressing the European forest sector
- Online database on the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, including PES case studies
- Communication strategy for the organization of a second European Forest Week.

**(b) Meetings**

- 4-5 meetings of the joint Bureaux
- Annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network, Estonia, May 2013
- Task Force on Communication and outreach activities for the European Forest Week 2013, spring 2013
- Extraordinary joint meeting of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission on the next Programme of Work, June 2013 (tbc)
- Metsä 2013: joint session of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 9-13 December 2013.

**(c) Other**

- Follow up to the project Sustainable Forest Management for Green Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia’, funded under the United Nations Development Account 8<sup>th</sup> tranche.
-