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Summary

At its forty-eight meeting on 11 January 2012, the EXCOM took note of the revised draft of the ECE Strategic Framework 2014-2015 as contained in Informal document 2012/1, on the understanding that the secretariat would send this version to UN Headquarters at this stage and that the EXCOM reserved the right to introduce changes to it after the completion of the review process.

This document, which is an extract of the Strategic Framework, contains the elements of Subprogramme 7: Forestry and Timber. The document is presented **for information** to the 70th session of the Timber Committee.

Subprogramme 07: FORESTRY AND TIMBER

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding and better monitoring of the forest sector to support sustainable forest management	<p>(a) (i) Increased percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2010-2011: 67 per cent Estimate 2012-2013: 68 per cent Target 2014-2015: 69 per cent</p> <p>(ii) Increased percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2010-2011: 67 per cent Estimate 2012-2013: 68 per cent Target 2014-2015: 69 per cent</p> <p>(iii) Percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire (which monitors the sound use of wood)</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2010-2011: 61 per cent Estimate 2012-2013: 68 per cent Target 2014-2015: 70 per cent</p> <p>(iv) Percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders who regard selected policy forums and workshops as useful</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2010-2011: 77 per cent Estimate 2012-2013: 77 per cent Target 2014-2015: 77 per cent</p>
(b) 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>(b) Percentage of participants having used the information provided at capacity-building activities</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2010-2011: 77 per cent Estimate 2012-2013: 77 per cent Target 2014-2015: 77 per cent</p>

1. Strategy

1. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division. The subprogramme will aim to: develop and apply analytical and monitoring tools for use both on policy issues and on developments on the ground; collect, validate and disseminate information and analysis; and stimulate 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.
2. 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 2014-2015 will be guided by: (a) the outcomes of work of ECE Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission (FAO); (b) relevant outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, which took place in June 2011; (c) continued efforts to address climate change and the transition to a green economy; and (d) the results of the strategic review conducted in 2012-2013.
3. While all ECE 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.
4. 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 (Forest Europe), and provide regional input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry.
5. To support forest management, including the use of wood and forest products that is ecologically, economically and socially sustainable, it is necessary: (a) to maintain a good balance among these factors, based on a strong consensus among all stakeholders about goals and methods; and (b) to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors through a cross-sectoral approach. Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation and interregional cooperation, through the forestry and timber subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, through the communication, sharing of experiences and definition of standard measurement tools (criteria and indicators) for sustainable forest management. At the same time, the changing needs of society and the impact of global developments will be guiding factors at the regional level.
