

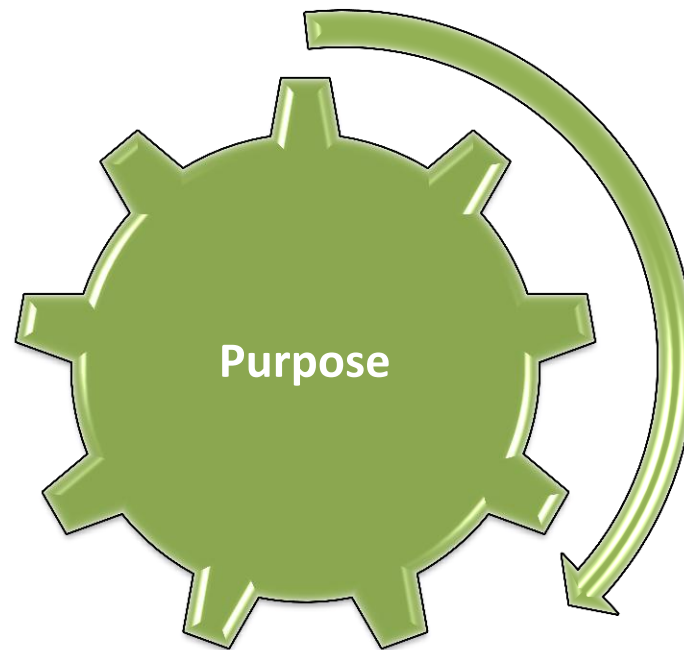
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ECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section
Secretariat's assessment of work and outputs

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Introduction

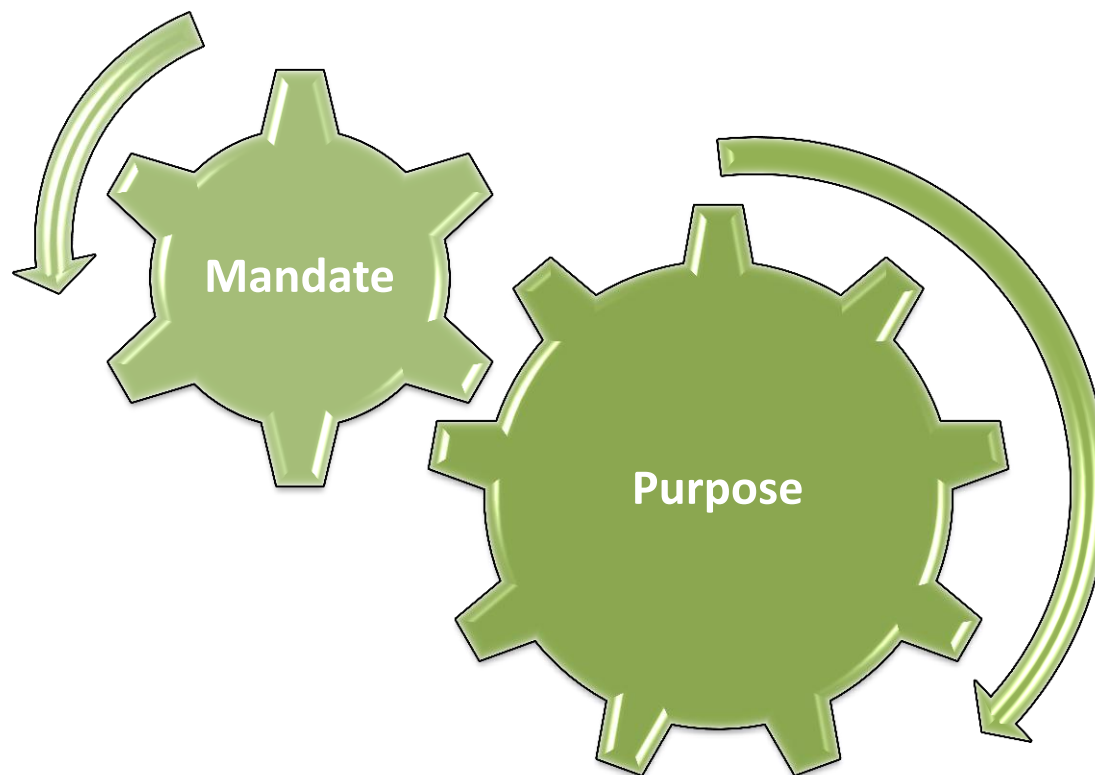


Purpose

Share the Section's observations to improve communication and mutual understanding among all stakeholders involved in the process of development of the new Programme of Work



Introduction



Mandate

Timber Committee /European Forestry Commission decision
on the 2013 Strategic Review:
“internal review of the 2008-2013 programme of work ...
ideas for future development of the 2014-2017 programme”

United Nations
Economic Commission for Europe



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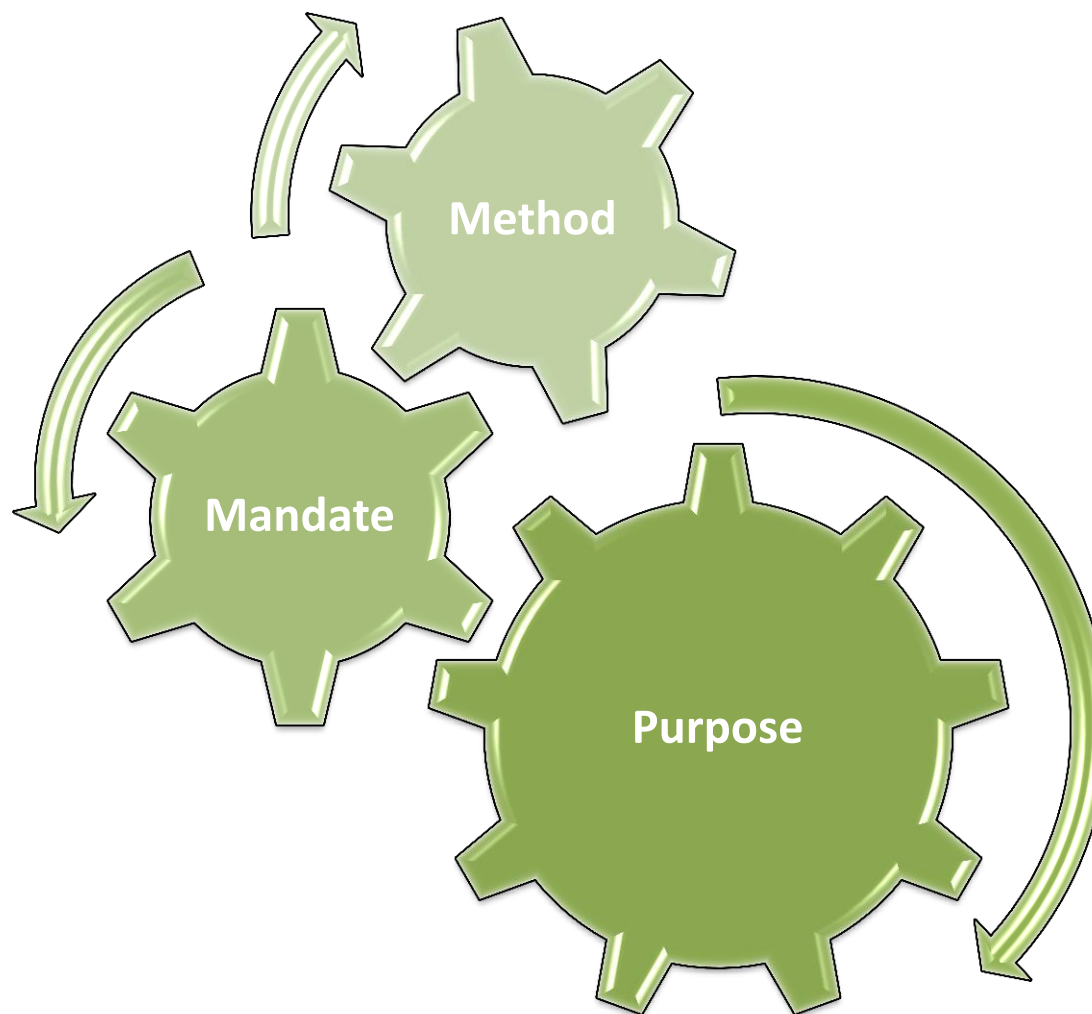
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UNECE Timber Committee, October 2012, Geneva

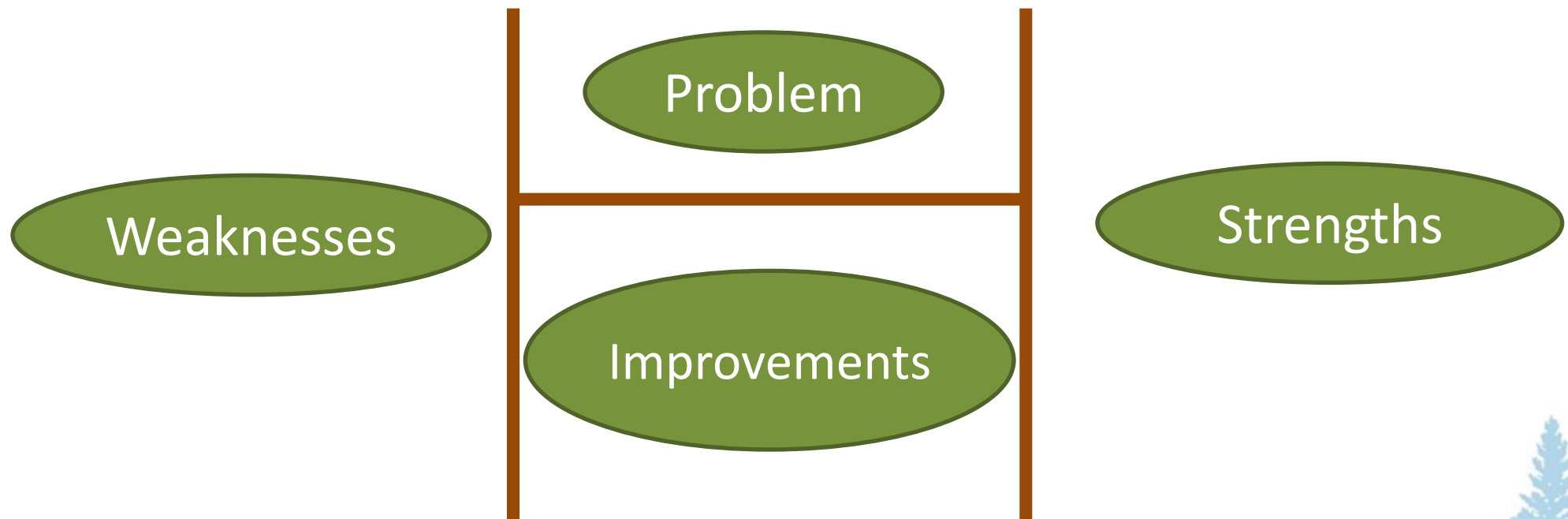


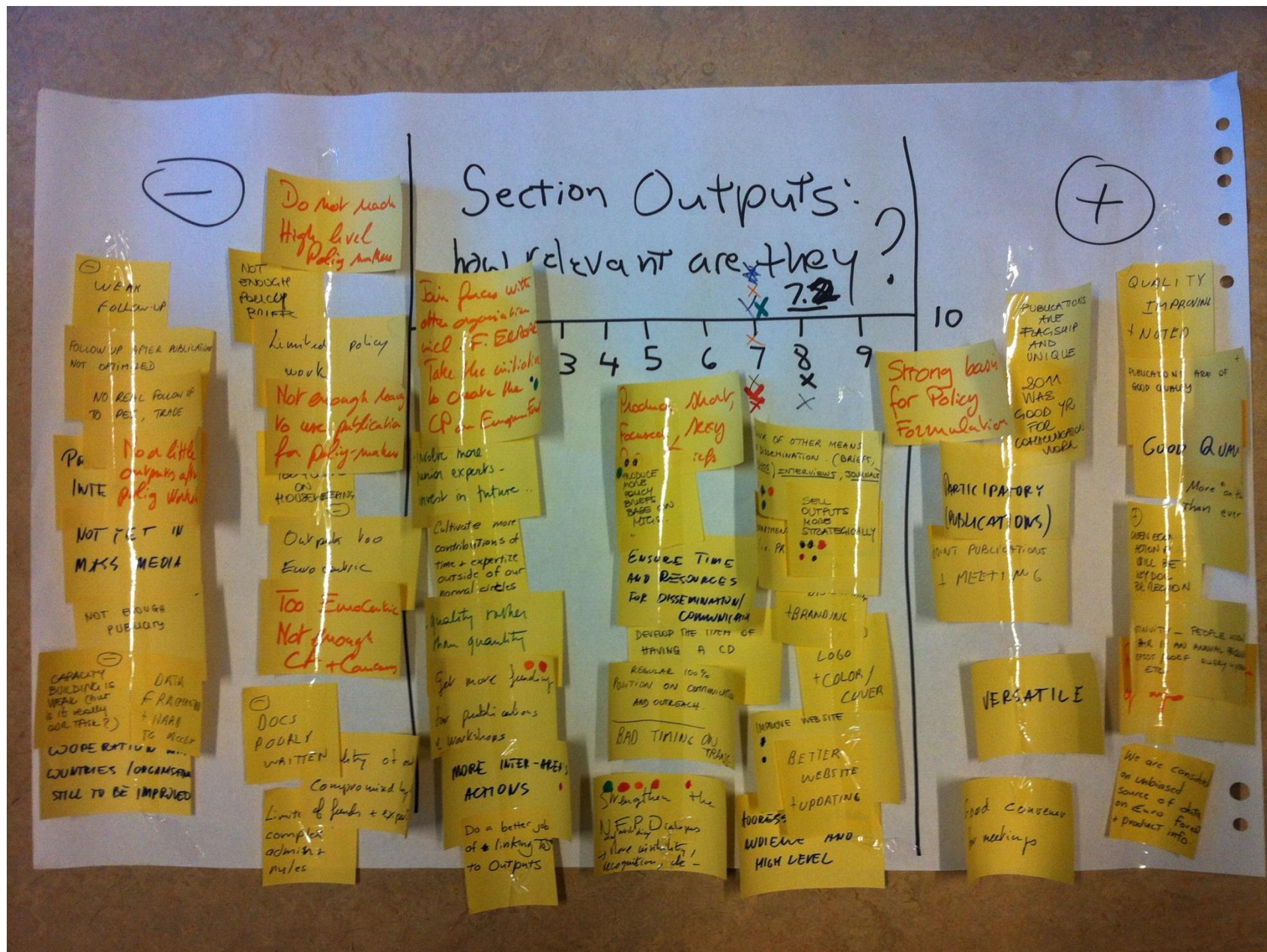
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Method

The review by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is the outcome of a retreat held on 23 and 24 April 2012 in Geneva, in which the whole team participated, done in the context and conditions during the implementation phase (facilities, resources), as well as the interaction between the parent bodies, the secretariat and other stakeholders





Scope of review

ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission

ECE-FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

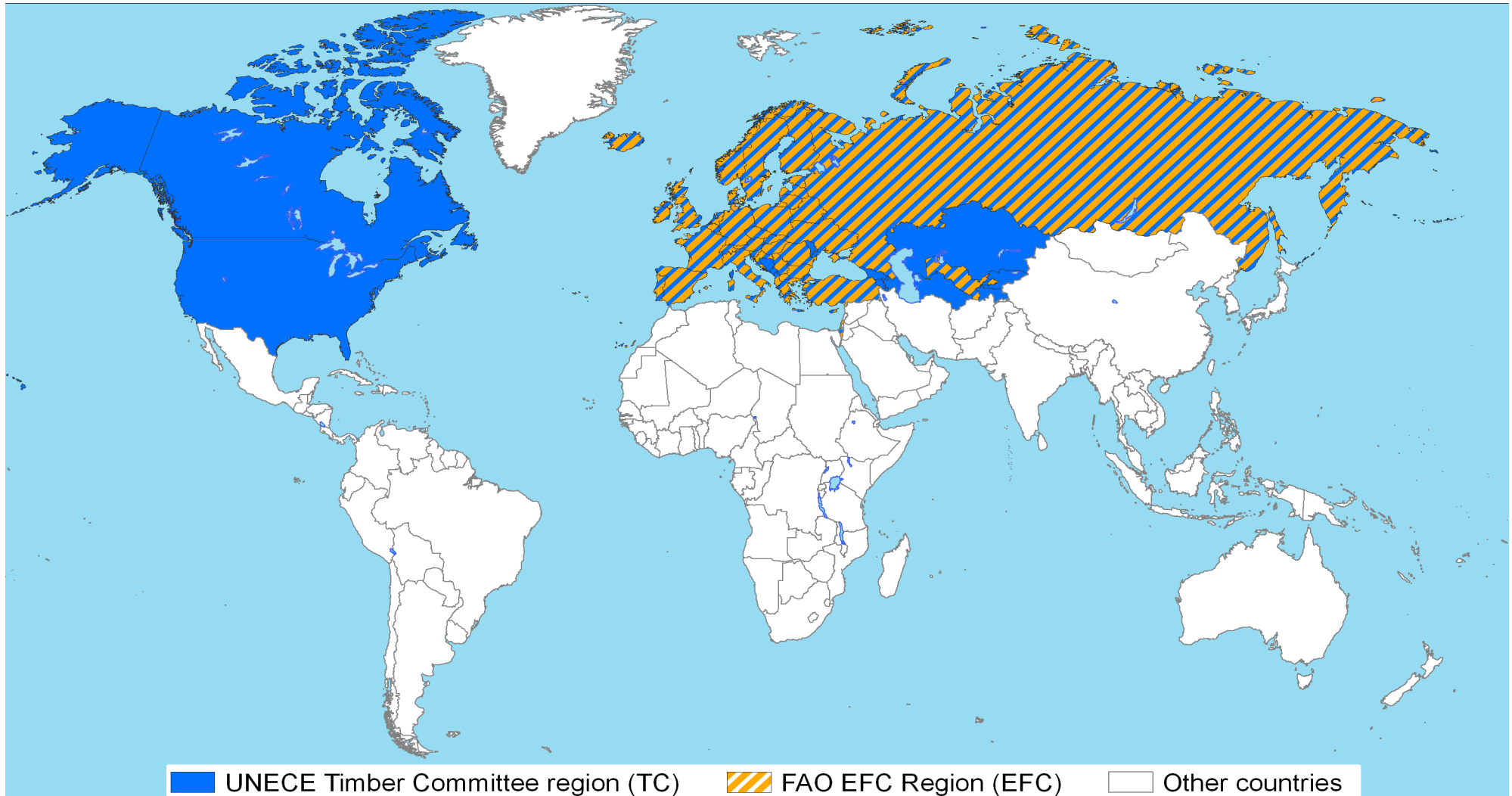
ECE-FAO Teams of specialists

Joint programme of work

Outputs



ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission



ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission (1)

- Make agendas of the governing bodies, the structure of the secretariat and distribution of the budget coherent with the programme
- Clarify European Forestry Commission's role and mandate and enhance cooperation among the Commission's countries and other organizations in the region
- Organize all meetings of the Commission jointly with the Committee. Annual meetings could also be considered



ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission (2)

- Strengthen work on policy advice and link it more closely to work on data
- Further promote the work of the two bodies, with the unique mandate and focus, as an example of the long-lasting integration of work between two organizations in one region
- Enhance cooperation between the Committee and the Commission and the FAO North American Commission as well as other regional forestry commissions



ECE-FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

- Maintain the comprehensive, cross-cutting character of the Working Party – the central node of the ECE-FAO work
- Following the extended scope of the activities, participation in the meetings needs to be adjusted:
 - draw up clear meeting guidelines to avoid misunderstandings and overlap between the general and the statistical part
 - create a team of specialists on forest-product statistics
- Encourage communication among national delegates and experts involved in the thematic and governing bodies



ECE-FAO teams of specialists

- The new programme of work should be developed in a way that even better values the role and utilize potential of teams of specialists
- The evolution of the joint programme of work should be fully reflected in the composition and number of teams of specialists
- Teams should be closely linked to specific work areas and outputs – this should be reflected in their ToR
- Strengthen cooperation and communication between the teams, the secretariat and parent bodies – e.g. through the JWPFSEM



ECE TC - FAO EFC – ECE/FAO JWPFSEM - ToSs

- Stimulate a broader and strategic engagement of member States and stakeholders
- Balance regional representation:
 - prioritize integrating activities relevant to all countries of the ECE-FAO region into the programme of work
 - identify additional resources to support the participation from the eastern/southern part of the ECE-FAO region
- Improve format of the meetings:
 - use more dynamic, participatory working methods for conducting the meetings
 - organise thematic and/or regional groups
 - continue organisations of thematic seminars/workshops
 - keep “housekeeping business” to a minimum during meetings to allow more time for substantive discussion



ECE-FAO Joint Programme of Work

- The new programme should be more flexible and include the daily work of the Section, including its management and cooperation with countries and other organizations
- Dedicated resources for communication should be secured in the budget. One staff member should work full time on communication issues
- The programme of work should be used more as a public relations tool to inform about activities and outputs and be promoted as an example of the long-lasting integration of work between UNECE and FAO in the region



Outputs

- Improving the visibility of the joint programme of work among member States should be a top priority for the period 2014-2017
- Make all effort aiming at joining forces in communicating forest-related information, in particular when reaching high-level policy-makers and delivering information to the general public
- Continue work on improving the website
- Maintain variety in the outputs
- Continue efforts to improve usability of datasets



Vision of the new Programme of Work

- Activities envisaged in the new programme of work should be designed in a strategic, coherent and flexible way - should be clearly linked to the general goals, objectives, outputs, mandates and agendas of the governing and implementing bodies
- The structure of the new programme should be reflected in the structure and organization of the work of the secretariat, taking into account budget and available resources
- The new programme should serve as a tool for further development of communication, cooperation and collaboration with countries, organisations and partners





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