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INTRODUCTION - PROCESS

- Elements developed by TC+EFC Joint Bureaux
- New version to be considered at
 - WP meeting in April
 - Special session of TC+EFC in June (if needed)
- Final version to be adopted at Metsä2013
- To be updated to also contain relevant activities from Action Plan





SCOPE

- 56 member states of ECE
- Program covers:
 - Sustainable forest management and sound and legal use of forest products and forest services ...
- Based on appropriate policies and institutions
- New elements:
 - Forest health/disturbances
 - Linkages to the green economy
 - Innovation
 - Emphasis on wood energy and PES
 - Interaction with other sectors
 - Adaptation to climate change
 - Mainstreaming of biodiversity and environment





OVERALL GOAL

The overall goal of the UNECE Timber Committee, the FAO European Forestry Commission, their related bodies and the Teams of Specialists is to sustainably manage and use UNECE-region forests so that they provide products and ecosystem services to benefit society





OBJECTIVE

The Joint programme of work aims to help member countries to achieve the overall goal by providing the best available information, facilitating policy dialogues and communication, and building capacity





STRUCTURE AND WORK AREAS

4 Main Functions:

1. WA1 = data, monitoring and assessment
2. WA2 = policy dialogue and advice
3. WA3 = communication and outreach
4. WA4 = capacity building



WA1: DATA, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

- Statistics and data on:
 - Forest products & services
 - Forest & forest resources & SFM
 - Structural development
 - Use of wood energy
 - For input to/outputs:
 - FPAMR
 - SOEF
 - Regional input to FRA
 - Ad-hoc papers
 - Forest sector outlook studies
 - JWEE
- + relevant monitoring activities of G.E.A.P.



WA2: POLICY DIALOGUE & ADVICE

- Contribution to the global, regional and national forest policy dialogues
- Policy dialogues/studies on:
 - Policy fragmentation
 - Governance + policy making
 - Interaction with stakeholders
 - Financing/investment
 - Wood supply
 - Wood energy – land use
 - GEAP component

Outputs:

- Guidelines + recommendations
- NFPD
- Workshops





WA3: COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- Events and campaigns
- Dissemination
- Events in member countries
- Outreach with other sectors
- GEAP component





WA4: CAPACITY - BUILDING

More attention on Eastern Europe, Southeast Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region

- On:
 - Forest policy development, governance and institutions
 - Developing national systems for forest monitoring
 - Forest products marketing
 - Wood energy
 - Green economy measures
 - GEAP

This WA would mainly rely on XB support, including UNDA





PRINCIPLES GUIDING IMPLEMENTATION

- Partnership
- Outreach to other constitutions
- Expert advice
- Involvement of the private sector



ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE JPOW

- To be agreed on an annual basis
- Implementation dependent on funding

Governance

- Two parent bodies (TC+EFC)
- TC+EFC joint meeting to be held every second year
- WPFESM meets annually
- Joint bureaux
 - oversees implementation & provides guidance
 - Decides on operational matters between sessions
- Joint bureaux to meet at least twice annually





EXPERT SUPPORT

TOS proposed to be active in 2014 – 2017

Name of the team	Contribution to the JPoW
ToS on Sustainable Forest Products	WA1: to focus on forest products and markets, market statements and support to the Committee
ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	WA1: to focus on SFM monitoring for different ECE/FAO studies and reviews, SFM assessment and work on criteria and indicators
ToS on Forest Policy (5)	WA2 and WA4: to focus on the development of forest policies in the region and provide capacity building
ToS on the Forest Sector Outlook	WA1 and WA2: to support the development of Outlook Studies

5: This ToS previously focused on Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Now it is proposed to refocus it and extend it to the entire region



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Forest Communicators Network	WA3: to support the organization of relevant ECE/FAO events, campaigns and Public Relations efforts, support the dissemination of results of other ToS
Joint ECE/FAO Expert Network to Implement Sustainable Forest Management	To be refocused on capacity-building activities in support of SFM
New: ToS on Wood Energy	WA1 and WA2: to support the development of data and relevant policy advice on wood energy in the region
New: ToS on Forest Statistics	To replace the work on statistics in the Working Party, in order for the Working Party to focus on its coordinating function for ToS work



RECOMMENDATIONS IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION

Institutional Structure

- Foster cooperation with NAFC
- Bring TC+EFC as close as possible
- Maintain joint meeting, joint PoW, joint secretariat, joint bureaux, joint publications, joint profile
- Strengthen coordination of TC+EFC delegates at national level
- Discontinue ToS on forest Fives
- Establish ToS on wood energy
- Consider establishing a ToS on forest statistics
- Develop ToRs for ToS leaders



RECOMMENDATIONS IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Private sector
 - Set up a regional advisory group
 - Engage member country representatives to ensure feedback
- Funding
 - List of activities to be priced
 - First list for 2014 to be submitted to Metsä2013
- Outreach
 - Pay more attention to communications
 - High level segments in key meetings
 - Address emerging issues of high political value
- Partnership
 - With other sectors, through ECE committees
 - Showcase good examples
- Name of the Section + Committee
 - Should reflect better issues addressed
- Outlook
 - Make it ECE wide & based on common methodologies & with relevant partners

