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The Bureaux

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I. SCOPE & STRUCTURE OF THE POW

- **Scope**
- Include measures/actions for increasing cross-sectoral, cross-regional networking and private sector participation
- Develop a strategy, including objectives, complemented by an Action Plan
- Address the three pillars of sustainable forest management equally and fairly
- Focus on forest goods and services (not just timber) and their sustainable production and consumption
- Scope should reflect the possibility of picking up emerging issues, such as those related to climate change and the bio-based economy



I. SCOPE & STRUCTURE OF THE POW

- **Structure**
- Consider redefining the work areas in terms of function rather than topic and have the following functions: data monitoring and assessment; forest-policy dialogue and advice; communication and outreach; and capacity-building
- Consider renaming work areas to communicate better the content of the work outside the sector
- Change the name of the «Forestry and Timber» sub-programme to reflect all aspects of forestry, including products, goods and services
- Provide room for emerging issues (climate change, biodiversity, GMO trees, green economy, market instruments)
- Structure, like scope, should reflect the possibility of picking up emerging issues, such as those related to climate change and the bio-based economy
- Communication in general should be enhanced, with the right message and targeting an audience beyond the forest sector
- It should be made more attractive to other sectors, especially the private sector
- There should be a bigger focus on results, as well as include fewer formalities, build on its good technical knowledge and expertise and have a more business-like or corporate design



I. SCOPE & STRUCTURE OF THE POW

- **Funding**
- Find long-term extrabudgetary funding
- Allocate regular and extrabudgetary funds when priorities are being set
- Ensure relevant objectives and areas of work to increase chances to obtain extrabudgetary funds



II. SCOPE, STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONING OF TC + EFC

List of recommendations

•Timber Committee

- Address topics attractive to society
- The work areas should reflect the three pillars of sustainable forest management, as well as forest goods and services
- Member countries need to have a higher commitment and ownership
- Activities should be better linked to the objectives of the Committee
- Better define priorities
- Ensure the long-term assignment of experts to the TC secretariat
- Review the joint programme of work to make it more «strategic», integrated and dynamic, and clearly link actions with objectives
- Make its work even more relevant to Governments and stakeholders
- Change its name to «Forest Products and Services Committee»



II. SCOPE, STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONING OF TC + EFC

List of recommendations

•European Forest Commission

- Increase its policy profile by providing more policy advice and by producing more publications on forest-policy priorities
- Strengthen cooperation with the North American Forestry Commission
- Fundraise to support participation of low and middle-income countries
- Clarify its profile vis-à-vis the Committee and Forest Europe
- Develop more publications on forest-policy priorities
- Do a mapping exercise to show its added value; clarify its deliverables and its relations to other bodies
- Act as a key channel to take joint ECE/FAO work to a global level through FAO



II. SCOPE, STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONING OF TC + EFC

List of recommendations

• **Joint work of the Timber Committee and the European Forest Commission**

- Bureaux should focus on strategic issues
- Bring the Committee and the Commission as close together as possible, while fully respecting their organizational structures, different geographical coverage and joint programme of work, joint bureaux and secretariat
- It would be beneficial to invest in marketing activities to improve public identification with the TC/EFC and the Working Party as well as improving the public understanding of their role, structure and image



SCOPE, STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONING OF WORKING PARTIES & TOSs

- TOS =
- Maintain flexibility of work
- Review mandates to better reflect needs/names
- Consider creating TOS on
 - «wood energy»
 - «statistics»
 - «wildlife and biodiversity»
- Secretariat to support TOS more
- TOR for leaders + guidelines
- Link TOS to the new PoW
- Make self-assessment as part of TOS work
- WPSEM =
 - Mandate improved
 - Good forum for policies
- If current structure is maintained → create TOS on statistics
- Create sub-group of FAO Advisory Committee on Paper&Wood Products
- Emphasize management of forests



III. SCOPE, STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONING OF WORKING PARTIES & TOSs (continued)

- WPMMW
 - Focus, scope and functioning unclear
 - Works in isolation → results are not reported back or disseminated
- General recommendations
 - Consider different approaches for different topics (TOS, projects, roundtables)
 - Renew format of WPs to foster synergies



IV. RESULTS OF THE GENERAL SURVEY

- Questionnaire too long, not attractive
- Tailor language to wider audience
- More focused target groups
- Strengthen wood energy and the green economy
- Reinforce capacity building (especially in CA)
- Reinforce communication & outreach



V: RESULTS OF SECRETARIAT'S RETREAT

- Bureaux welcomed assessment
- Simple JPoW matching resources
- TOS work to be aligned with PoW
- Secretariat support + guidelines
- Need to cooperate with other sectors
- Strengthen profile of EFC



VI. OVERALL GOAL & OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW JPOW

Bureaux defined goal + mission statement:

- Goal:

To sustainably manage and use ECE forest to provide products and ecosystem services in order to benefit society

- Objective:

To support member countries of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission to achieve the overall goal by providing the best available information, facilitating policy dialogues and communication, and building capacities



VII. RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNCTIONING AND MODALITIES OF THE JOINT POW

- Reinforce cooperation between EFC and NAFC
- Continue and increase frequency of TC/EFC meetings
- Keep joint PoW, joint Secretariat, joint Bureaux, joint Publications, joint «Trade Mark»
- Joint EFC + TC should be called «Forest» in the host country and year
- Increase visibility of bodies: e.g. high level segment



VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDING OF THE JPOW

- Present PoW to high levels to increase funding
- Price the PoW
- Identify areas for core funding
- Develop fun proposals for CA
- Member countries to work at national level to seek funding
- Involve private sector (also via a sub-group of the FAO advisory committee)



IX. FUNCTIONING OF THE ECE/FAO SECTION

- Align resources with work areas
- Highlight examples of good cooperation and explore opportunities
- Rename the section



X. COOPERATION WITH OTHER EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS

- Welcomed mapping initiative and suggested to continue work
- Organize a round table on this



XI. MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2014 – 2017

JPOW

1. Redefine the work areas in terms of function rather than topic and have the following functions: data monitoring and assessment; forest policy dialogue and advice; communication and outreach; and capacity-building
2. Rename the Timber Committee and the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
3. Strengthen the cooperation with the North American Forestry Commission
4. Bring the Committee and the Commission as close together as possible and ensure that they deliver as one
5. Recommend that countries appoint the same Head of Delegation for both the Committee and Commission



XI. MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2014 – 2017

JPOW

6. Link the establishment of teams of specialises to the new programme of work (continue, update, terminate current teams of specialists and establish new ones: e.g. on wood energy, statistics, wildlife and biodiversity)
7. Establish an Advisory Committee on the forest industry/private sector
8. Strengthen issues such as wood energy, the green economy, and capacity building
9. Strengthen forest management aspects in the Working Party on Statistics, Economics and Management

