

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF  
UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON  
SUSTAINABLE FOREST PRODUCTS**

**Reference to proposed Joint Programme of Work:  
Work Area 1**

*Programme elements: XXX*

**A. OBJECTIVES:**

1. To advise and support work on sustainable development of forest products markets and related policies in the UNECE region by providing a network with expertise, advice and knowledge of priorities.
2. To carry the message on the role that sustainable forest products can play in greening economies and in providing sustainable products and livelihoods.

**B. ACTIVITIES:**

1. Provide guidance and referral on topics and format for the Timber Committee market discussions and workshop(s) on all topics including the role of forest products in the “green economy”, the use of wood for “green buildings”, wood energy, innovative wood products and other topics, in line with the work programme.
2. Provide advice referral and expertise for drafting market-related publications and products, including the production and technical reviews of the *Forest Products Annual Market Review*.
3. Propose and assist in conducting capacity building workshops in eastern Europe to further development of sustainable forest product manufacture and use in this region.
4. Guide the secretariat in the organization of meetings related to the sustainable use of forest products.
5. Advise the section on strategies to carry out the Programme of Work as it relates to the forest products marketing work area

**C. EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:**

1. Timber Committee market discussions (one each in 2014 and 2015) which cover forest product market topics that are current and relevant to the region.
2. Improved content, structure and focus of the forest products marketing work area and for the Forest Products Annual Market Review by producing a list of recommendations, which will be reflected in the report of the meeting once each year (typically during team meetings held at the time of the Timber Committee meeting).
3. Two capacity-building workshops in eastern Europe (one each in 2014 and 2015)

**D. BACKGROUND:** This group has been in existence since at least the 1990s. Team activities during the last ToR period were somewhat less as a result of the market crisis and staff changes within the secretariat. At last year’s Working Party meeting, the delegates supported the changes proposed to the Market Review, which were based on the User’s Survey that the Team conducted and the lack of capacity building projects for southeast Europe was brought up, along with the need for hosts and sponsors. The team is currently working towards addressing the concern of the WP regarding capacity building in southeast Europe.

**ESTABLISHED /  
APPROVED BY**

E. The UNECE Timber Committee [Committee on Forest and Forest Industry] and the FAO European Forestry Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013.

**DURATION**

*From January 2014 to December 2015. Renewable*

**METHODS OF WORK**

Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the team.

**REPORTING**

Annually, to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

**TEAM LEADERS**

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