
Joint meeting of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission

11 December 2013, Rovaniemi, Finland
Highlights of activities in 2013
WA1: Markets and Statistics

- Forest products statistics 2012 and forecasts for 2013-2014 available
- Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2011 data published
- Forest Products Annual Market Review 2012-2013
- Member countries’ market statements available
- Participation in meetings on wood energy, timber market and statistics
- Market discussion held at Metsä2013
WA2: Forest Resources Assessment

1) Support to the CFRQ/FRA 2015 reporting process
   • Global and sub-regional workshops for the National Correspondents
   • Review process of the national reports from the region

2) Pan-European reporting
   • Joint Forest Europe/UNECE/FAO Questionnaire on quantitative indicators
   • Interface for the quantitative data collection

3) Other
   • Two meetings of the ToS on Monitoring SFM
   • Forest Information Billboard
   • Support to the EFI Project on C&I for SFM
WA3: Outlook

- Preparatory work to identify partnerships for the next round of the Forest Sector Outlook studies
- ToS Meeting on Outlook during Metsä2013
WA4: Social and Cultural Issues

- Workshop and a field trip in Switzerland on the Impact of Climate Change on Forestry Work

organized by the ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network to implement Sustainable Forest Management
WA5: Policy and Cross Sectoral Issues

- Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
- Discussion Paper on Payment for Ecosystem Services
- Participation/organization of meetings
  - Task Force on the European Forest Week 2013
  - Annual meeting of the UNECE/FAO Forest Communicators Network
  - National Forest Policy Dialogue in Sweden
  - Side-event at UNFF10
  - Seminar on Innovation in the Forest-Based Sector
  - Seminar on Forest Products and Technologies for the Future
  - Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management
- UNDA funded project “Sustainable Forest Management for Green Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia”
Management of the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme

- Meeting of the Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
- Special session of the Committee with the Commission
- Joint meetings of COFFI and EFC Bureaux
- Metsä2013: joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Rovaniemi, Finland, 9-13 December 2013.
Tentative list of activities for 2014
WA1: Data, monitoring and assessment

1) Forest resources
   • National reporting on forests and forest management and ownership
   • Reporting on sustainability of forest management, forest ownership and the forest sector in a green economy
   • Cooperation and support to international processes in SFM

2) Forest products and markets
   • Production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products
   • Analysis of related policies

3) Demand and supply for wood energy
   • Industrial roundwood balance – Discussion paper & meeting
   • Wood energy report
   • Update of forest products conversion factors

4) ToSs meetings under WA1
WA2: Policy dialogue and advice

• Development of tools for policy making (data review and analysis, report on financing for the forest sector, studies on policies promoting wood, preparation work for outlook studies)

• Organization of National Forest Policy Dialogues

• Follow-up to the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (Conference to engage actors, publication and dissemination and presentation of the Action Plan)

• Support to other relevant processes (Forest Europe, European Forest Institute, COFO22)

• Organization of the ToS meetings under WA2

• Finalizing the project on Cross-boundary Fire Management
WA3: Communications and outreach

- International Day of Forests: 21 March 2014 and other relevant events
- Policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies
- Website, social media, videos
- Outreach activities beyond the forest sector highlighting the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors
WA4: Capacity-building

- Advice and promotion of policy dialogues
- Organization of capacity-building workshops
  - Forest products marketing (Eastern Europe)
  - National Forest Sector Statistics (possibly in the Russian Federation)
  - Improving Wood Energy data for better policy making
- Implementation of the UNDA project: Sustainable Forest Management for Greener Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia
Publications programme 2014 - 2017

• Study Paper – Wood Energy in the UNECE Region (2014)
• Study Paper – Public policies to promote sustainable buildings and the implication for wood buildings (2014)
• Discussion Paper on Forestry and Timber Section Programme of Work (2014)
• Outlooks for Forest Products Markets (2014 - 2017)
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