



Item 4.b. Forest Policy



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Developments in the UN political agenda

- Since the last meeting of the Joint Working Party, the secretariat has monitored the developments in the political agenda on SDGs:
 - *“The Road to Dignity by 2030”* in December 2014
 - Jan – Jun 2015 intergovernmental consultation sessions will be held
 - Sept 2015 - UN Special Summit on Sustainable Development expected to adopt the post-2015 agenda including
 - SDGs and targets,
 - Indicators,
 - framework for monitoring and review.





Work of the Joint Section

Since the last meeting of the Joint Working Party, the secretariat has:

- Shared information on the System for the Evaluation of the Management of Forests (SEMAFOR), developed as a pilot to assess the sustainability of forest management at the national or subnational level in the ECE region.
- Oct - Dec 2014: collaborated with IIED on a publication: *“Forests and SDGs. Progress in the UNECE region”*, integrating the results of the 2014 workshops . It will be issued in 2015.
- Feb 2015: at the request of the UNECE Statistical Division, provided a suggestion for an integrated indicator (SFM-FACE) related to target 15.2





Thank you



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