

**UNECE-FAO
FORESTRY AND TIMBER SECTION**

**“Streamlining the next round of Forest Sector Outlook Studies
in the UNECE region”**

Pushkino, Moscow Region, the Russian Federation 12-13 December 2016

Provisional Agenda

Background:

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section regularly publishes Forest Sector Outlook Studies. Outlook studies in the UNECE region take place every 10 years. They analyse how the forest sector could evolve under a given economic development over the next 20 years. In the past round of outlook studies (2010-2030), the UNECE only covered the sub-regional divisions of North-America and Europe. Due to lack of resources, the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section could not cover the region of the Russian Federation and the countries of the CIS in the last cycle of the Outlook Studies.

The Team of Specialists on Forest Outlook Studies provides guidance and support to the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section related to outlook studies. The team held its first three meetings in the period 2014-2017 in Europe (Geneva, Switzerland; Arona, Italy; Brussels, Belgium). In particular the meeting in Arona highlighted the usefulness of better coordinating among different regions.

Objective of the workshop planned to take place in the Russian Federation:

In response to the discussions held in Arona, Italy in January 2015, the intention of the workshop is to improve communication and cooperation on forest sector outlook related issues between experts from the Russian Federation with those from the other part of UNECE region. The overall objective of the workshop (in line with the objective of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook) is to be able to cover the entire UNECE region in the next Forest Sector Outlook Studies, including the Russian Federation and countries of the CIS.

Audience:

Scientists/researchers (from the Russian Federation and other parts of UNECE) involved in forest products data analysis, econometric modelling of the forest sector, forest inventory and forest growth modelling, climate change effects on forests, carbon storage in harvested wood products or other relevant.

Outcome:

Russian experts have a better understanding on the structure and methods applied in the future Forest Sector Outlook Studies of the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section. The event will help to further improve cooperation and exchange of information between experts from the Russian Federation and other UNECE sub-regions. Ideally, all three sub-regions (CIS, Europe and North America) will have a harmonized set of models and evaluate similar scenarios.

Monday, 12 December 2016

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

Item 1. Opening

- 10:00 - 10:05 Opening of the meeting and welcome notes by the chair Mr. Mart-Jan SCHELHAAS leader of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook and co-chair, Mr Vladimir DMITRIEV, Head of the Science and Perspective Forest Development.
- 10:05 - 10:25 Welcome note by Mr. Aghasi HARUTYUNYAN, FAO Liaison office with the Russian Federation, welcome note by Mr. Florian STEIERER, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section.
- 10:25 - 10:40 Tour de table

Item 2. Introduction

- 10:40 - 11:00 *"Forests and forestry in the Russian Federation"*, Mr. Vladimir DMITRIEV (Head of the Science and Perspective Forest Development, Federal Forestry Agency).
- 11:00 - 11:15 *"The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section – an introduction – highlighting the history of regional forest sector outlook studies"*, Mr. Florian STEIERER (Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Europe).
- 11:15 - 11:35 *"Forest sector outlook and planning in the Russian Federation"*, Ms Anna VOLODCHENKO (Deputy Head, Department of Strategic Planning and Forecasting in Forestry, Federal Forestry Agency).

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- 11:55 - 12:15 *"General elements required in outlook studies, with focus on the last European Forest Sector Outlook (supply model, demand model, wood resource balances, scenarios)?"* Mr. Mart-Jan SCHELHAAS (Researcher, Dutch Centre for Ecosystems Studies, Alterra).
- 12:15 - 12:25 *"The wood resource balance - key to better data"* Mr. Florian STEIERER.
- 12:25 - 12:45 *"Forest sector outlook studies in other countries"* Mr. Andreas ERIKSSON (Skostyrellsen - Swedish Forest Agency)
- 12:45 - 13:00 DISCUSSION

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Item 3. MODELING MARKET DEMAND AND SUPPLY

- 14:30 - 14:50 *"Global demand-supply equilibrium models – Global Forest Products Model (GFPM) as benchmark"*, Mr. Prakash NEPAL (Research Assistant Professor Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, North Carolina State University)
- 14:50 - 15:10 *"Adapting the GFPM to local requirements"*, Mr. Holger WEIMAR (Head of Working Area Forest Products Markets, German Federal research institute)
- 15:10 - 15:30 *"The global forest sector model of the European Forest Institute"*, Mr. Alexander MOISEYEV (Senior Researcher, Department of Ecology and Natural Resource Management, European Forest Institute / Norwegian University of Life Sciences)
- 15:30 - 15:50 *"Econometric models on forest products available in the Russian Federation"*, Mr. Nikolay IVANOV (Vice President, Union of Timber Manufacturers and Exporters of Russia).
- 15:50 - 16:10 *"Structural changes in forest products markets – implications for outlook studies"*, Mr. Elias Hurmekoski (European Forest Institute)

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- 16:30 - 16:50 *"Future of forest products modelling – towards a new generation of model"*, Mr. Craig Johnston (Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison).
- 16:50 - 17:10 *"Towards common reference scenarios in the UNECE region - using similar Shared Socioeconomic Pathways for economic developments"*, Mr. Nicklas FORSELL (research scholar International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)).
- 17:10 - 18:00 DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 13 December 2016

Item 4. MODELING FOREST RESOURCES

10:00 - 10:05 Opening and tour de table about thoughts on last day

10:05 - 10:25 *"Russian Forest Sector Outlook Study to 2030: lessons learnt from cooperation with the FAO"*, Mr. Anatoly PETROV (Head of the All-Russian Institute of Continuous Education in Forestry).

10:25 - 10:45 *"State Forest Inventory data use and modelling of forest development in the Russian Federation"*, Mr. Pavel BELYAEV (Deputy Head of Forest Inventory department, Roslesinforg).

10:45 - 11:05 *"Methodological approaches for evaluation of forest sector vulnerability caused by climate change. Experience of the Russian Federation"*, Mr Artem Konstantinov (Deputy Director for Science, Saint Petersburg Forestry Research Institute (SPbNIILKh)).

11:05 11:20 DISCUSSION

COFFEE BREAK

Item 5. ANSWERING POLICY QUESTIONS – COORDINATION OF SCENARIOS

11:40 - 12:00 *"Inventory data and forest growth modeling – availability and challenges"*, Mr. Mart-Jan SCHELHAAS.

12:00 - 12:20 *"Which questions should a future outlook study answer in the Russian Federation"* Mr. Vladimir DMITRIEV (Head of the Science and Perspective Forest Development Federal Forestry Agency).

12:20 - 13:00 DISCUSSION on *"potential scenarios, the limits of models and to which extent scenarios can help answer policy questions"*

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Item 6. CRITICAL REVIEW AND WAY AHEAD

14:30 - 15:00 DISCUSSION *"How to coordinate between UNECE sub-regions to provide a holistic picture on how the forest sector will develop in the UNECE region"*

15:00 - 15:10 Exchange of information on future meetings and activities;

COFFEE BREAK

Item 7. List of conclusions and recommendations

Item 8. Any other business

Item 9. Closure of the meeting (appx. 16:00)

Registration: www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=M1vr9a

Language: Russian with interpretation into English

Venue: All-Russia Institute of Continuous Education in Forestry, Institutskaya St.,17 Pushkino (Пушкино) 141200, Moscow Region, Russian Federation (<http://vipklh.ru/>).

Logistics: Nearest Airport: Sheremetyevo International Airport.

Free transfer from Airport-Venue-Airport will be offered for participants travelling Sunday 11th of December – Wednesday 14th of December, 2016
If you wish to use this opportunity, please inform the focal points at the FFA about the flight details.

In case you prefer travelling on your own, there are two options:

1. By taxi (costs 1500 – 2000 rubles (22 – 30 USD or 21 – 28 EUR) depending on the airport) Travel time – 2 hours' ride from Sheremetyevo airport, 3 hours' ride from Vnukovo or Domodedovo airport.
2. By Aeroexpress train (departing every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. till midnight) and connecting each of the airports with underground stations. <https://aeroexpress.ru/en>

The logistics by public transport is specific depending on the airport and time. If you choose this way of travelling, please ask for directions directly.

Currency: 1 EUR = approx. 71.6 Rubles (11. November 2016)
1 USD = approx. 65.8 Rubles (11. November 2016)

Payments: Most hotels, shops and travel offices take credit cards. Still, we recommend having some cash in rubles, too for taxis or newsstands, for example.

Meeting hours:

Monday, 12 December 2016	10:30 – 13:00	Items	1 & 2
	14:30 – 18:00	Item	3
Tuesday, 13 December 2016	9:30 – 13:00	Items	4 & 5
	14:30 – 16:00	Items	6, 7, 8

Each session with a 20' coffee break

Accommodation: The All-Russian Institute of Continuous Education in Forestry has its own hotel (simple but located near the Institute) <http://vipklh.ru/hotel> (It is in Russian but Google translate and the pictures allow for some information, The prices are for one-room 1900 rubles, for a twin - 2500 rubles.

Eat & Drink: Coffee and Lunch during the workshop are provided by the local organizer.

Weather: Typical weather in mid-December is -10 degrees below zero and colder. Please check the forecast and adjust your wear accordingly.