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**List of activities to implement the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work  
Activities and publications planned for 2021**

AGENDA ITEM 7

Note by the secretariat

*Summary*

The joint session of the seventy-fifth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the thirty-ninth session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) approved the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2017/2–FO:EFC/2017/2). To facilitate its implementation, the Committee and the Commission requested that a specific list of activities is prepared and submitted for approval by the Working Party and the Committee and the Commission (Annex I, para 4). *“The final list of activities prepared every year should help member States and regional economic integration organizations to further prioritize the work of the secretariat. A related budget will be prepared and shared with the Joint Bureaux, member States and regional economic integration organizations after the approval of the list to understand the feasibility of activities and identify funding needs”.*

This document provides a tentative list of ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section activities and outputs for 2021 that contribute to the implementation of the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work. The implementation of the activities is subject to the availability of funds. The Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management is invited to suggest revisions, take note of, and approve the tentative list of proposed activities, with the understanding it will be refined closer to the end of 2020. The refined list will be presented for approval of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) to be held from 4 to 6 November 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland.

## **I. Tentative list of activities for 2021**

### **A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment**

#### **1. Forest resources**

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy**
- Reporting on the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the analysis of the 2020 reporting process and preparations for the next reporting;
  - Joint pan-European reporting on forests: cooperation with Forest Europe and FAO FRA secretariat on the analysis of the 2020 reporting process and preparations for the next reporting;
  - Dissemination of the results of the 2020 global and regional reporting on forests and SFM;
  - Production of a repository on national forest data banks in ECE member States.
- (b) **Analysis and assessment of the state of forests and the sustainability of forest management; and the monitoring of the role of the forest sector in a green economy**
- Assessment of forest condition and the impact from biotic and abiotic disturbances; production of a thematic study and review of formats for international reporting on forest disturbances.
- (c) **Cooperation with, and support to, international processes in SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes**
- Participation in the FAO FRA Advisory Group;
  - Support to the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) secretariat on reporting the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the related Communication Strategy;
  - Cooperation with, and support to countries, organizations and international processes (e.g. Forest Europe) in the ECE region on monitoring SFM;
  - Contribution to capacity building on forest monitoring in countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia, eastern and south-east Europe;
  - Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Monitoring SFM.

## 2. Forest products and markets

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products**
- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
  - Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade;
  - Improvement of the existing database and expansion of available information;
  - Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites.
- (b) **Analysis of markets for forest products, notably relevant policy aspects, including the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) and annual Market Discussions**
- Publication of the FPAMR 2020-2021;
  - Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2020-2021;
  - Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2021-2022;
  - Preparation of the Market Discussion 2021 and the Market Statement 2021;
  - Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
- (c) **Support of international processes in forest products**
- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
  - Organization of the meetings of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products.

## 3. Wood energy

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy**
- Analysis of results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2019;
  - Issuance of a new database on wood energy with 2019 data;
  - Dissemination of the 2019 JWEE data at relevant international meetings;
  - Increase visibility of ECE data.
- (b) **Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**
- Preparation of new information materials on wood energy, such as policy brief, short study, etc. on topics such as wood energy and

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), wood energy and climate change and wood energy and air quality;

- Provision of input to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews on forests.

**(c) Support of international processes in wood energy**

- Presentation of the wood energy work at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, World Sustainable Energy Days etc.);
- Organization of meetings of the ToS on Wood Energy.

**B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice**

**(a) Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**

- Organisation of National Forest Policy Dialogues (NFPD) workshops in interested countries (Turkmenistan and possibly others);
- Monitoring and developments in global and regional forest policy process (UNFF; Forest Europe, SDG) and contributions, as relevant, to these processes;
- Support the continued implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests by providing policy dialogues at the regional and national level.

**(b) The role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy**

- Preparation of a stock-taking document on how the circular bio-economy concepts are related to the forest-based sector;
- Exploration of the issue of wood-based value chains in a circular bio-economy;
- Preparation of communication materials on the role of the forest sector in the circular bioeconomy (e.g. video or brochure, depending on availability of funds);
- Promotion and dissemination of the social dimension of the circular and bio-economy.

**(c) Forest Sector Outlook**

- Publishing and dissemination of next Forest Sector Outlook Study in the ECE region;
- Presentation of the results of the Forest Sector Outlook Study at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant stakeholders at national, regional and international level;
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook.

**(d) Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector**

- Monitoring the implementation of Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge for eastern and south-east Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia;
- Organisation a follow-up meeting for eastern and south east Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia on Forest Landscape Restoration in the region.

**(e) Boreal Forests**

- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on boreal forests;
- Publication of information products describing existing conditions in boreal forests and identifying important issues and opportunities in their management (as required by the ToS).

**C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach**

**(a) Organization of events and campaigns in support of SFM and forest products and services**

- International Day of Forests (IDF), 21 March 2021 (to be celebrated on 22 March 2021) Geneva, Switzerland;
- Side event at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF16), May 2021 (dates TBC), New York, United States of America;
- Communicating the potential of sustainable wood products in the circular bioeconomy across sectors through various events and exhibitions;
- Communication campaigns (e.g. ECCA30, Trees in Cities Challenge, Forests for Fashion initiative);
- Disseminating and promoting of publications: “Guidelines for the development of a criteria and indicators set for sustainable forest management”, “State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia” and “Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia”, “Forest Landscape Restoration in eastern and south-east Europe”;
- Organization of the annual meeting of the ToS on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network.

**(b) Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information is released**

- Promotion and dissemination of studies and publications, including of the study on Forest Landscape Restoration in south and south-eastern Europe;
- Promotion of the web page on forest-statistics.

- (c) **Press releases will be published to present the outcomes of workshops, events and publications. Outreach activities beyond the forest sector, disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building, etc.)**
- Events organized in the margins of main forest related as well as cross-sectional meetings.

## **D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building**

### **(a) Forest landscape restoration:**

- Capacity building on implementation of forest landscape restoration in the ECE region in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (including commitments under the Bonn Challenge and national efforts in countries).
- Capacity building on the implementation of the Strategy on Landscape Restoration and Greening Infrastructure of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

### **(b) Organization of capacity-building workshops on:**

- Capacity building workshop for national correspondents on wood energy (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2019);
- Capacity-building on monitoring Sustainable Forest Management in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries;
- Capacity-building on the food-water-forest nexus: a new integrated approach to ecosystem restoration in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
- Capacity building workshop on natural disturbances;
- Organization of a capacity building event for national forest sector modelling for experts from CIS countries. Further capacity building events related to forest sector outlook if resources allow.

### **(c) Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**

- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector;

## **E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work**

### **(a) Intergovernmental Meetings**

- Organization of the session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2021;
- Organization of the Joint Session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and European Forestry Commission in 2021.

**(b) Bureaux Meetings**

- Organization of the Joint COFFI and EFC Bureaux meetings upon request of the Chairs of COFFI and EFC.

**(c) Strategic review 2020-2021**

- Organization of expert workshop(s) on the review of the Warsaw Integrated Program of Work and drafting of the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025.

## II. Tentative list of publications for 2021

<b>Title</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Russian</b>
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2020-2021	E-600	[F-50]	R-50
Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2021)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2021)	E-400	[F-50]	R-50
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2021)	E-400	[F-50]	R-50
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2021)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2021)	E-500		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2021)	E-500		