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Online panel session: Contribution to Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA2020) and the pan-European reporting on forests and sustainable forest management process 2020

Item 6: Reporting on and implementation of the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work and related decisions

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The world has a total forest area of 4.06 billion hectares (ha), which is 31 percent (%) of the total land area. This area is equivalent to 0.52 ha per person – although forests are not distributed equally among the world's peoples or geographically. Forests in the ECE region cover 1.71 billion ha (42% of the global total). The region has a higher rate of forest cover (37%) and more forest per person (1.4 ha), than the global average. The Russian Federation, Canada, and the United States of America account for 86% of the ECE region's forest area. In contrast to global trends, where forest area continued to diminish, forest area in the ECE region has increased in the last three decades, growing by about 33.5 million ha.

The findings above highlight the weight and the importance of the results of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 – the global reporting process that provides an overview of the state of forests and forest management trends since 1990. In the pan-European region, the FRA 2020 reporting was carried out in a coordinated manner with the regional reporting on forests and sustainable forest management (SFM), which provides additional insights into the situation in that region. Both the FRA 2020 and the Pan-European reporting 2020 were carried out in close collaboration between the FAO, Forest Europe and UNECE.

Delegates will be updated on the status and results of the FAO FRA and the pan-European reporting on forests 2020, and invited to:

- Discuss the results of the 2020 cycle of the global and regional reporting on forests and SFM
- Comment on the processes of the 2020 cycle of the global and regional reporting
- Provide a follow up and advise on the dissemination process.





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Programme and tentative timetable

12:15 Introduction by the Chair

Global and Regional Key Findings

12:15 - 12:30 *Forest Resources Assessment 2020 Key Findings – Global and Economic Commission for Europe trends. Anssi Pekkarinen (Leader of the FRA Team, FAO), Roman Michalak (Economic Affairs Officer, ECE/FAO FTS)*

12:30 - 12:40 *State of Europe's Forests 2020 Key Findings. Rastislav Raši, (Policy Officer, Liaison Unit Bratislava, FOREST EUROPE)*

Dissemination

12:40 - 12:45 *Means for storage and dissemination of the information collected through the three organizations (Roman Michalak, Economic Affairs Officer, ECE/FAO FTS)*

Discussion

12:45 - 13:00 *Questions, discussion and statements from the floor*

