



FOREST WEEK

2 - 6 November 2020

Online panel session: Markets

Item 4: Forest economics and markets

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5 November 2020, 11:00-13:00 CET

The Market Discussion segment is organized annually by the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section during the session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (see the following programme).

The main objective of the Market Discussion is to share knowledge on market trends and policies and their potential impacts on forest products' production, trade, consumption and outlook in the region in 2019/2020. The discussion also aims to provide the outlook on possible market developments in 2021. This year the discussion will have a specific focus on:

- Effects on forests and the forest-based industries as a result of COVID-19 (and policy measures in place or planned to mitigate the effects);
- Biotic and abiotic disturbances of forests, their impacts on forest products markets and trade and current and planned policy measures taken by individual countries to mitigate economic and ecologic impacts.

The audience of the Market Discussion is composed of a wide range of stakeholders ranging from official delegations, international and non-governmental organisations, private sector, academia and the media.

This year's Market Discussion is intended to complement the panel session on "The role of the forest sector in building back better after COVID-19", which will focus on the policy measures in place or planned to mitigate the effects in reaction to COVID-19.

Participants of the Market Discussion segment will be provided current data on forest products production, trade and consumption, forecast tables for 2020 - 2021 and electronic access to country reports and the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2019-2020.



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Market Discussion by the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industries (COFFI)

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Programme and tentative timetable

11:00 – 11:10 Opening by the Chair and short introduction by the secretariat

Biotic and abiotic disturbances of forests, their impacts on forest products markets and trade

11:10 - 11:30 *“Current bark-beetle outbreak in Central Europe and possible developments on the coming years.”* by Mr. Tomáš Hlásny, Assoc. Prof. Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences

11:30 – 11:50 *“Bark beetle outbreaks in British Columbia and in Central Europe and their potential impact on the forest-based sector.”* by Mr. Paul Jannke Principal of Forest Economic Advisors LLC

11:50 – 12:05 Q & A and statements by member States

12:05 – 12:20 *“France Douglas - How France became the third biggest producer of Douglas fir products in the world?”* by Ms. Sabrina Pedrono, CEO France Douglas

12:20 – 12:25 Q & A and statements by member States

12:25 – 12:45 *“2020 forest fires in the United States – burnt wood is not the only challenge”* by Mr. Reginald Fay, principal forest analyst Mason, Bruce & Girard

12:45 – 13:00 Q & A and statements by member States

13:00 Closing of the session