



Timber Committee
Economic Commission for Europe



European Forestry Commission
Food and Agriculture Organization

UNECE Timber Committee Market Discussions 13-14 October 2009

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Context

The annual Timber Committee Market Discussions take place during the current economic crisis, which is having a tremendous impact the forest sector in the UNECE region and beyond. The theme will be the “UNECE region’s forest products markets in a global economic crisis.” This is also the theme of the UNECE/FAO *Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2008-2009* which will be available electronically in early August on our website, and is scheduled to be distributed in print in early October. Other inputs to the Market Discussions will be countries’ market reports and forecasts for 2009 and 2010.

Within any crisis there are also opportunities, and the UNECE Timber Committee will analyze the current situation, and look for ways to position the sector to bounce back. This year’s market turbulence, and the possibility of the start of recovery, will certainly mean exciting exchanges of information and discussions. Expert speakers will introduce the topics and delegates will have adequate time for discussion. The Committee will issue an official market statement press release afterwards. The Committee brings together a wide range of participants representing Governments, industry, research and education, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. All sessions with simultaneous English, French and Russian interpretation. Documents available for all sessions, and more information, including registration form, at www.unece.org/timber

Preliminary schedule 13-14 October, Tuesday and Wednesday (order may change)

- Forest products market and policy developments
- Sustainable and legal wood trading policies
- Corporate responsibility in a changing economic climate
- Carbon markets
- Economic situation, 2009-2010
- China's forest products markets
- Wood raw material markets & forecasts
- Wood energy markets & policies
- Green building influence on the forest sector
- Certification and certified forest products markets
- Sawn softwood markets & forecasts
- Sawn hardwood (temperate and tropical) markets & forecasts
- Panels markets & forecasts
- Paper & pulp markets & forecasts

Other events surrounding the Timber Committee Market Discussions in Geneva

- 9 October: International Timber Trade Federation Day. See at: www.tropicalforesttrust.com
12 October: Workshop on “Responding to climate change: towards a global approach to green building”
15 October: UNECE/FAO Policy Forum on “The forest sector and the green new deal”

Registration and more information (updated periodically)

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