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Preliminary list of activities and publications planned for 2022

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) agreed on the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2017/2–FO:EFC/2017/2). To facilitate its implementation, the Committee and the Commission requested a specific list of activities, which should be approved on an annual basis 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 2022 that contribute to the implementation of the future Integrated Programme of Work (2022-2025). The final list of and the implementation of the activities is subject to the decision by the seventy-ninth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the forty-first session of the FAO European Forestry Commission as well as the availability of funds and resources within the secretariat. 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 2021 to be consistent with final version of the new IPoW 2022-2025 . The refined list will be presented for approval to the joint session of the seventy-ninth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the forty-first session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC).

II. Tentative list of activities for 2022

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, progress toward 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 the FAO and other CFRQ partners on the preparation of the data collection for the 2025 reporting process;
- Joint pan-European reporting on forests: cooperation with Forest Europe and FAO FRA secretariat on the preparation of the next reporting cycle (subject to the agreement with partners);
- Cooperation with member States, and other national and international partners on the exchange of information and the development forest information systems, including national forest data banks;
- Dissemination of the results of the 2020 global and the pan-European reporting on forests and SFM.

(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 conditions and the impact of biotic and abiotic disturbances; thematic study and review of formats for international reporting on forest disturbances - continuation of the project, including the organization of a scientific-technical conference in Vienna, Austria.

(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 on the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030;
- 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 ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM¹.

¹ depending on the approval of composition of the future Teams of Specialists in the future Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025

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 2021-2022;
- Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2021-2022;
- Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2022-2023;
- Preparation of the Market Discussion 2022 and the Market Statement 2022;
- 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 meetings of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products².

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 (JWEE2019);
- Dissemination of the JWEE2019 data at relevant international meetings;
- Revision of the JWEE for collecting 2021 data (JWEE2021);
- Launch of the JWEE 2021 questionnaire.

(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;

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- Upon request provide input on forests to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews.

(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 ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy³.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

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

- Organization of National Forest Policy Dialogues (NFPD) workshops in interested countries (Armenia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan 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 to 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

- Analysing how the circular bio-economy concepts are related to the forest-based sector⁴;
- Exploration of wood-based value chains in a circular bio-economy⁵;
- Promotion and dissemination of information about the circular bio-economy, including its social dimension.

(c) Forest Sector Outlook

- Dissemination of the 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 levels;
- Organization of meeting(s) of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook⁶;
- Organization of capacity building in the area of forest sector outlook modelling.

³ depending approval of composition of the future Teams of Specialists in the future Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025

⁴ depending on the decision of the Joint Session of COFFI and EFC in autumn 2021.

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⁶ depending approval of composition of the future Teams of Specialists in the future Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025

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

- Organisation of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration in support of the Bonn Challenge in Eastern and South East Europe in Turkey;
- Organisation of a follow-up meeting for the Caucasus and Central Asia on Forest Landscape Restoration in the region and implementation of the Strategy for Landscape Restoration and Greening Infrastructure in Caucasus and Central Asia.

(e) Boreal Forests

- Organization of meeting(s) of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests⁷;
- Preparation of a policy brief and communication material to promote the importance of boreal forests for climate action and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals;

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) to be celebrated on 21 March 2022 , Geneva, Switzerland;
- Side event at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF16), May 2022, New York, United States of America;
- Communicating the potential of forest landscape restoration in ECE region through various events;
- Communicating the potential of sustainable wood products in contributing to SDG12 through various events and exhibitions;
- Communication campaigns (e.g. ECCA30, Trees in Cities Challenge, Forests for Fashion initiative);

(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;
- Promotion of the new web page on forest-statistics: <https://forest-data.unece.org/> in meetings and press releases.

(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.

⁷ depending approval of composition of the future Teams of Specialists in the future Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

(a) Organization of capacity-building workshops on:

- Wood energy data collection for national correspondents (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2021);
- Forest products statistics for national correspondents to the JFSQ;
- Sustainable Forest Management;
- Monitoring natural disturbances;
- Forest landscape restoration in the ECE region in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration;
- Forest sector modelling depending on requests of countries and the resources of the Secretariat.

(b) Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

- Organization of meeting(s) of the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector⁸.

E. Secretariat services to its governing bodies and their subsidiary body

(a) Intergovernmental Meetings

- Organization of the 43rd session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2022;
- Organization of the 80th Session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry in 2022.

(b) Bureaux Meetings

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

⁸ depending approval of composition of the future Teams of Specialists in the future Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025

III. List of publications for 2022

Title	English	French	Russian
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2021-2022	E-600	[F-50]	R-150
Forestry and Timber Publication (2022)	E-600	[F-200]	R-200
Forestry and Timber Publication (2022)	E-600		R-150
Forestry and Timber Publication (2022)	English only, online publications		
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