



## Item 2

Outcomes of the joint seventy-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the fortieth session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations European Forestry Commission held in Geneva from 4 to 7 November 2019 and the seventy-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry held in Geneva from 4 to 6 November 2020



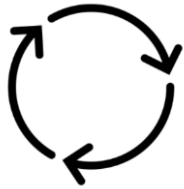
**42<sup>nd</sup> Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics,  
Economics and Management**

**22-24 March 2021, Geneva**



# Forests and the Circular Economy

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The Committee and Commission **considered the relevance of circular concepts** as they relate to the forest-based sector



The Committee and Commission further invites ECE and FAO through the Joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section to **pursue-related activities containing research and stock taking elements**, as well as proposals for guidance tools and recommendations for member States, taking into account discussions held during the Joint Session



# Global and Regional Forest Policy Matters

The Commission and the Committee requested that the ECE and FAO do the following (within their existing mandates):

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Continue to support countries in the implementation of the **SDGs and the 2030 Agenda** as they relate to forests, and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030



Update member States and other stakeholders on the forest-related **global and regional policy developments**, to contribute to the achievement of SDGs and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 implementation and review processes



Continue forest monitoring and **outlook work** in the region

# Integrated Programme of Work

## Strategic Review of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

- The secretariat presented the plans and the timeline for the Strategic Review of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work.
- The Committee and the Commission endorsed the timeline as contained in Annex I.

## Report of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

- Mr. Matthias Dieter (Germany), Chair of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economic and Management, presented the report from the forty-first session, which was held from 27 to 29 March 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The Committee and the Commission took note of the information provided.

# Management of Teams of Specialists

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Established a new Team of Specialists (ToS) on **Boreal Forests**



Extended for the period 2020-2021 the mandate:

- i. ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management (SFM);
- ii. ToS on Sustainable Forest Products;
- iii. ToS on Forest Products Statistics;
- iv. ToS on Wood Energy;
- v. ToS on Forest Communication - Forest Communicators' Network;
- vi. ToS on Green Jobs - Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network.

Merged ToS on Forest Policy with the ToS on Forest Outlook

Agreed that the ToS on Green Jobs as parts of its work will also work on the visualization of case studies relevant to the Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry

# Review of 2019 activities, and activities and publications planned for 2020

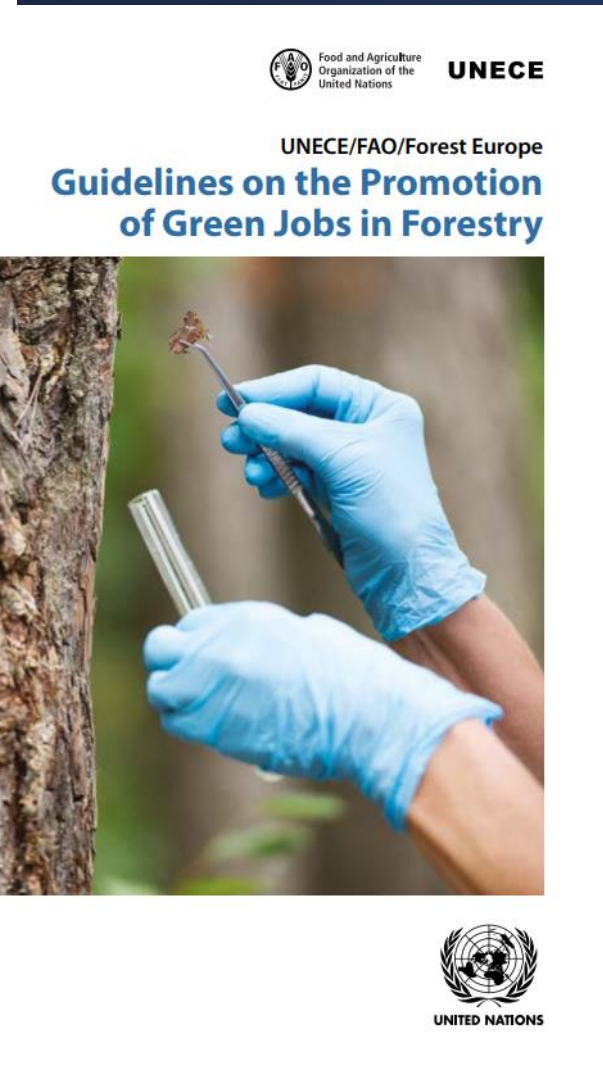
- The Committee and the Commission endorsed the activities for 2020 as contained in Annex III as well as the proposed publications planned for 2020 and 2021 as contained in Annex IV.



# Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry

The Committee and the Commission:

- Approved the Guidelines as contained ECE/TIM/2019/Inf.4; FO:EFC/2019/Inf.4;
- Invited member States to consider the use of the Guidelines and promote them at the national level;
- Invited the secretariat to support knowledge transfer, capacity building and the development of new opportunities to create innovative jobs in forestry





# Forest Landscape Restoration

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**ECCA30**

30 million hectares by 2030



The secretariat presented the section's activities on forest landscape restoration and introduced the regional initiative, ECCA30, which was launched during the Climate Action Summit in 2019.

ECCA30 is a regional effort of Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to restore 30 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), with FAO as one of the leading agencies will provide a framework for future work.



# Update on a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (LBA)

- The secretariat updated delegates on the status of the discussions on the possible resumption of the negotiations on the Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe
- The Committee and Commission took note of the information provided.





# Thank you!



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