

## Detailed schedule

# "COFFI Market Discussions 2022"

**03 November 2022 – 15:00-18:00 CET**

**Salle XXI – Palais des Nations**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

This document details the planning for Item 5 *“Forest economics and markets”* of the annotated provisions agenda for the eightieth session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI). The proposed structure and setup are the outcome of the secretariat’s consultation with the Core Group of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products.

The Market Discussion will be moderated by **Professor Chris Gaston** (University of British Columbia, Canada) and consist of two main segments:

Segment I: ***“Recent trends and possible near future market developments of key wood-based commodities”***

Segment II: ***“Selected policy measures and their possible medium to long term impacts on wood markets”***

Delegates participating in the Market Discussions will have several sources of information available:

- Draft Forest Products Market Statement (Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/4) ([link](#));
- 2021 data on forest products’ statistics from the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire ([link](#));
- 2022 and 2023 data from the Timber Forecast Questionnaire (a hard copy will be shared with participants in the meeting room);
- Country Market Statements ([link](#))
- Forest Products Annual Market Review (will be sent to registered participants prior to the session);

Member States are invited to make statements on the main issues and developments in their forest products’ markets and contribute to the discussion by specifically addressing the following issues:

- (a) Raw material supply security;
- (b) Wood in construction;
- (c) Biotic and abiotic disturbances of forests, their impacts on forest products markets and trade, and current and planned policy measures taken by countries to mitigate economic and ecologic impacts;
- (d) Forests and the forest-based industries in a circular bioeconomy;
- (e) Renewable energy policies and their impacts on forest products markets

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section will use the outcome of the COFFI market discussions to amend the draft COFFI Market Statement and review the amendments with a drafting group.

# Segment I: Recent trends and possible near future market developments of key wood-based commodities

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## Sawnwood markets

*Main findings of the International Softwood Conference and the International Hardwood Conference and overview on North American softwood markets*

**Ms. Silvia Melegari**  
Secretary General  
European Sawmill Organization – EOS

**Mr. Russ Taylor\***  
President  
RUSS TAYLOR GLOBAL

Q&A and statements

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## Wood based panel markets

*Wood based panel markets in North America and Europe – 2021, 2022 and beyond*

**Mr. Ivan Eastin**  
Associate Dean for Research and Professor  
University of Michigan

**Mr. Orifjon Abidov**  
Economic Adviser  
European Panel Federation - EPF

Q&A and statements

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## Pulp and Paper

*Pulp, paper and paperboard markets in the ECE region - 2021, 2022 and beyond*

**Mr. Michel Valois\***  
CEO  
Valois Vision

Q&A and statements

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## Wood Energy

*Hot, hotter, wood energy – Update on current trends and developments on wood energy policies and market trends in Europe and the Western Balkan for 2021, 2022 and beyond*

**Jean-Marc Jossart\***  
Secretary General  
Bioenergy Europe

**Branko Glavonjic**  
Professor  
Belgrade University - Faculty of Forestry

Q&A and statements

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## Segment II: Selected policy measures and their possible medium to long term impacts on wood markets

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### Europe: Harvesting less?

*“Main findings of the Assessment of Possible Production Leakage from Implementing the EU Biodiversity Strategy on Forest Product Markets”*

**Prof. Matthias Dieter**

**Head**

**Thünen Institute of International Forestry and Forest Economics**

Q&A and statements

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### The impact of certification on wood availability?

*Global and regional overview*

**Thorsten Arndt**

**Head of Communications**

**Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)**

Q&A and statements

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### Discussion and statements

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