

FORESTA 2023: Joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission

**Item 4(c)
COFFI Market Discussions 2023**

21 November 2023

10:00 – 13:00 CET

San Marino, Kursaal Convention Centre, Room Arengo



Sources of information:

- *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2022-2023* and *Data Briefs* on sawn softwood, pulp and paper and wood energy ([link](#))
- Country Market Statements ([link](#))
- Draft Market Statement (Documentation: ECE/TIM/2023/4) ([link](#));
- 2022 data on forest products' production and trade from the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire ([link](#));
- 2023 and 2024 data from the Timber Forecast Questionnaire (a hard copy will be shared with participants in the meeting room);

We invite statements by member States on the main issues and developments in their forest products' markets and c addressing the following items:

- Raw material supply security;
- Wood in construction;
- 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;
- Forests and the forest-based industries in a circular bioeconomy;
- Renewable energy policies and their impacts on forest products markets

The secretariat will utilize the outcome of the market discussion to propose updates and amendments to document ECE/TIM/2023/4 - FAO:EFC/2023/4 and will share these ahead of the meeting of the drafting group on finalizing the Market Statement.

AGENDA

Moderation: Ms. Kathy Abusow (President and CEO - Sustainable Forestry Initiative)

Forest Policies

Update on European and North American Forest policies with focus on legality and sustainability requirements for wood products (Lacey Act and European Regulation on deforestation-free products)

Ms. Katie Fernholz*, President, CEO, Dovetail partner

Mr. Jeremy Wall, Independent Specialist, deputy leader of the ToS on sustainable Forest Products (formerly Principal Administrator EU Commission DG Growth)

Q&A and statements

Policies and market trends in the Russian Federation

Update on policies and production and trade of selected forest products

Mr. Nikolay Ivanov, Vice-President, Segezha Group PJSC

Q&A and statements

Sawn softwood

Overview on sawn softwood market trends in the UNECE and beyond

Mr. Russ Taylor*, President, RUSS TAYLOR GLOBAL

Q&A and statements

Latest trends in global trade flows

Update on international trade of industrial roundwood and sawn softwood

Mr. Amir Rashad, Chief Executive Officer, Timber Exchange

Q&A and statements

Wood based panels

Wood based panel markets in North America and Europe – 2022, 2023 and beyond

Mr. Ivan Eastin, Professor, CINTRAFOR, University of Washington.

Mr. Orifjon Abidov*, Economic Adviser, European Panel Federation (EPF)

Q&A and statements

*remote or recorded presentation

Pulp and paper

Pulp and paper - current trends and future prospects of the UNECE's sector in the global context

Mr. Michel Valois, Director, Valois Vision Marketing,

Q&A and statements

Wood energy

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

Mr. Francisco Aguilar*, Professor, Department of Forest Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

Mr. Branko Glavonjic, Professor, Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade University

Q&A and statements

Discussion, statements and closing remarks

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