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Item 4 (d) Joint Committee/ Commission matters:

Options for the review process of the
Integrated Programme of Work

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Options for the review process conduct of the Integrated Programme of Work

IPoW review will cover (no matter the process):

- Programme of work,
- Terms of Reference of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management,
- Composition and Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists and
- Guidelines for ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists.

Options for the review process conduct of the Integrated Programme of Work

Secretariat proposes 3 options for the review of the current Integrated Programme of Work (to be organized in 2024):

- (a) Secretariat-organized hybrid workshop(s);
- (b) External evaluation and draft IPoW prepared by secretariat;
- (c) Review by secretariat.

A. Secretariat- organized hybrid workshop (Preferred option of the JWP)

Secretariat-organized workshop with member States - two-day English-only hybrid format, similar to the review process conducted in 2020.

Participants will evaluate 2022-2025 IPoW during first part of workshop;

- (a) Based on the outcome of the first part, participants will be invited to develop a proposal for the IPoW for 2026-2029 will in the second part of the workshop.

Participation: The workshop will be open for officially nominated representatives from member States only, held in Geneva with online participation to review the first draft and taking into consideration initial comments received from member States.

Timing: The first workshop could be held back-to-back with the Joint Working Party session in 2024 to allow for a maximum number of in-person delegations. If necessary, a second such workshop could be organized back-to-back with the next COFFI session in November 2024.

Financial implications: None.

B. External evaluation and draft Integrated Programme of Work prepared by secretariat

External evaluation conducted by a third-party independent evaluator

Process and timing:

- (a) Independent evaluator thoroughly evaluates 2022-2025 IPoW regarding its relevance, coherence, efficiency and sustainability in the context of the needs of member States and the shifting global policy agenda. This could include but would not be limited to using a questionnaire to member States and observers, which could be followed up by interviews with stakeholders. Independent evaluator will draft report on the findings of the review;
- (b) The secretariat develops a proposal for the IPoW for 2026-2029 based on conclusions and recommendations by external evaluator, to be presented and discussed during 2025 Joint Working Party.

Financial implications: Around 20,000 USD which member States would need to pledge funds for as an Executive Committee (EXCOM) approved project for this external evaluation.

C. Review by the secretariat

Self-evaluation process conducted by the secretariat

Process and timing:

- (a) Secretariat will review the 2022-2025 IPoW in the context of the needs of member States, shifting global policy agenda and resources available in the secretariat. This could include but would not be limited to using a questionnaire to member States and observers, which could be followed up by interviews with stakeholders.
- (b) Based on the outcome of (a), secretariat will develop a proposal for the IPoW for 2026-2029 that would be presented and discussed during the 2025 Joint Working Party.

Financial implications: This option has financial implications for the secretariat and no budget implications for member States.



Thank you

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Discussion

The Committee and the Commission are invited to decide on the preferred option for the review process of the Integrated Programme of Work