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Programme of work of the subprogramme for 2018-2019

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Forestry and Timber subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2018–2019. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE EXCOM) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Document Information System (IMDIS) used by the Secretariat for the planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the subprogramme. The results of the implementation of the programme of work will be submitted to the Committee in the Programme Performance report for the biennium 2018–2019.

2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (outputs – outcomes – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.

3. The outputs/activities in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2018–2019. They fall into the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) other substantive activities; and (c) technical cooperation, including advisory services, training courses, seminars, workshops, and field projects.

4. The outcomes/expected accomplishments, with corresponding indicators of achievement and performance measures are presented in Annex I in the form of a logical framework.

5. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex II. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex III.

II. Objective, strategy and external factors

6. The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen sustainable management of forests in the ECE region.

7. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division. The subprogramme develops and applies analytical and monitoring tools to support evidence-based policymaking on sustainable forest management and the sustainability of forest industry. The subprogramme collects, validates and disseminates information and the results of research and analysis; facilitates the exchange of national experiences and best practices and monitors progress on key forest-sector indicators. The subprogramme provides a platform for policy dialogue on related issues while taking into account a rapidly changing policy environment, notably in climate change and bioenergy. Implementation of the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy will contribute to promoting the role of the forest sector in a green economy and in mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

8. The subprogramme promotes the sustainable management of forests and the sound and legal use of forest products (including raw material, energy, and forest ecosystem services), based on appropriate policies and institutions. Priorities for 2018-2019 will be guided primarily by the outcomes of the joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission (Las2017). The subprogramme supports the implementation in the ECE region of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (2017-2030) and the related Global Forest Goals approved by the General Assembly in April 2017 (see A/RES/71/285). The subprogramme also supports the development of cross-sectoral and cross-institutional policies promoting sustainable forest management, and enhanced forest governance in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by supporting sustainable management of forests and the sustainability of the forest industry, by monitoring the status of forests and forest products and their effect on climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, provision of sustainable energy and fibres, etc.

9. As part of the implementation strategy of the subprogramme, ECE carries out its work in partnership with FAO, and in cooperation with the European Forest Institute, Forest Europe and other relevant regional organizations. The subprogramme provides regular input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry.

10. To support forest management, including the provision of forest services and the use of wood and forest products which are ecologically, economically and socially sustainable, the subprogramme: (a) encourages all relevant stakeholders to participate in and implement the activities of the subprogramme and (b) takes a cross-sectoral approach to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors. Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a national responsibility, so the subprogramme and its partners support national-level efforts by: (a) developing and disseminating concepts, information and specific studies, (b) sharing experiences and capacity-building and (c) by defining measurement standards and policy tools.

11. External factors on which the subprogramme relies on are the (a) active country and stakeholder participation; (b) partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), including the provision of staff and non-staff resources, to implement

the integrated ECE/FAO programme in this field; and (c) in kind and cash support from member States to the implementation of planned activities.

III. Outputs/activities to be delivered during the biennium 2018-2019

A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies: ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings

1. Annual sessions of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (14 half-days)
2. FAO European Forestry Commission (10 half-days)
3. Joint Meetings of the Bureaux of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission (12 half-days)
4. Annual sessions of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (10 half-days)
5. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products (2 half-days)
6. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics (4 half-days)
7. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy (4 half-days)
8. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring of Sustainable Forest Management (8 half-days)
9. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (4 half-days)
10. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook (4 half-days)
11. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communication Network) (8 half-days)
12. Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists on Green Jobs (4 half-days)

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

1. Documents for the annual sessions of the Committee, including reports on market conditions for forest products and on support for the international forest dialogue (20)
2. Reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2)
3. Contribution to substantive reports for the FAO European Forestry Commission (4)
4. Annotated agenda of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management (2)
5. Reports of the annual sessions of the Joint Working Party (2)

B. Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications

1. Forest Products Annual Market Review (2)

2. Forecast of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry: Forest Products production and trade (2)

(ii) *Non-recurrent publications*

1. Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers on topics to be identified (3)
2. Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers on topics to be identified (6)

(iii) *Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits*

1. Information brochure on sustainable forest management (1)

(iv) *Press releases, press conferences*

1. Annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2)

(v) *Documentation for interagency meetings*

1. Substantive reports for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, including on forest resource information, markets and statistics, and on sector outlook studies (6)

(vi) *Technical material*

1. Maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2)
2. Maintenance of database on forest resources, ownership and management (2)
3. Maintenance of database on forest products production, consumption and trade, including prices (2)
4. Maintenance of database on wood energy (2)
5. Maintenance of database on forest policies and institutions (2)

(vii) *Seminars*

1. Seminars/workshops organized jointly with FAO and other partners for policy makers, experts and relevant stakeholders from countries in the ECE region, on topics related to the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work (6)

C. Technical cooperation

(i) *Training courses, seminars and workshops*

1. Capacity-building workshops for policy-makers, experts and relevant stakeholders for countries in the ECE region, on topics related to the ECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work (4).

Annex I

The expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures for 2018-2019

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>		<i>Performance measures</i>			
			<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>
(a) Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector to support sustainable forest management	(i) Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management	Target	71	69	69	69
		Estimate		69	69	68
		Actual			69	68
	(ii) Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management	Target	75	69	69	69
		Estimate		69	69	68
		Actual			73	68
(b) Increased national capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe in sustainable forest management	Number of new measures taken by member States to apply measurement standards and monitoring tools on sustainable forest management developed by ECE	Target	2			
		Estimate				
		Actual				

Annex II

Details of proposed publications for 2018-2019

A. Recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Forest Products Annual Market Review (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	F, R	E400 F50 R50
2	Forest Products Annual Market Review (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	150	E	F, R	E400 F50 R50
3	Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	30	E		---
4	Outlook for Forest Products Markets (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	30	E	F	---

B. Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
01	Study Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	100	E		E400 F50 R50
02	Study Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	100	E	F, R	E400 F50 R50
03	Study Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	F, R	E1000 F200 R200
04	Discussion Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	100	E	---	---
05	Discussion Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	100	E	---	---
06	Discussion Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	80	E		E600 F50 R50
07	Discussion Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	80	E	---	---
08	Discussion Paper on Topic to be Identified (2018)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Print and electronic	A4	45	E		E500 F50 R50
09	Discussion Paper – On Topic to be Identified (2019)	ECE/TIM/2013/2, Annex IV, Para 2	Electronic	A4	80	E	---	---

Annex III

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/226	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
69/8	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
69/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
69/11	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
69/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
69/83	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
69/111	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
69/142	Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond
69/143	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
69/225	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
69/272	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/184	Information and communications technologies for development
70/201	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
70/204	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
70/205	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
70/222	South-South cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2015/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2015/15	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
67/200	International Day of Forests
70/199	United Nations Forest Instrument
71/285	United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

2. Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
2015/33	International arrangement on forests beyond 2015