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**Review of 2019 activities, and activities and publications
planned for 2020****Note by the Secretariat***Summary*

This document describes how the 2018-2021 ECE/FAO Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work was implemented in 2019, and provides a tentative list of activities for 2020, the implementation of which is subject to the availability of funds.

The Committee and Commission are invited to endorse the document containing detailed information on all activities needed to implement the 2020 Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2019/12:FO:EFC/2019/12).



I. Review of 2019 activities

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

1. Forest resources

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, progress toward Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy

- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): organization (jointly with FAO) of a regional capacity building workshop for national correspondents from the Caucasus and Central Asia region in Tbilisi, Georgia (December 2018); cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the finalization of the national data collection and review;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat): finalization of national data collection and review;
- Development of concept and initiation of work on the joint FAO/UNECE/Forest Europe forest data platform;
- Development of the questionnaire and collection of data on forest damage and disturbance monitoring in the UNECE region.

(b) Analysis and assessment of the state of forests, sustainability of forest management and monitoring of the role of the forest sector in a green economy

- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global FRA and CFRQ: support to FAO FRA secretariat to analyze the global data;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat): support to Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava to analyze the pan-European data;
- Reporting on forest ownership in the region: publication of the “Study on forest ownership in the ECE region” by the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe (COST Action FACESMAP);
- Publication of the State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia and launch at a side event at UNFF14 (7 May 2019), in Geneva (29 May 2019), and during the Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia (28-31 May 2019, Kyrgyzstan). The publication is available in Russian and English;
- Publication of a study on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia, the publication is available in Russian and English.

(c) Cooperation and contribution to international processes on SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes

- Support to the UNFF Secretariat on reporting the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the related Communication Strategy; including support to the organization of the 11th session of UNFF;
- Cooperation with, and support to countries, organizations and international processes (e.g. Forest Europe) in the region on monitoring SFM e.g. participation in the Advisory Group, the final conference of, and support to the implementation of the project Distributed, Integrated and Harmonised Forest Information for Bioeconomy Outlooks - Diabolo);

- Advisory mission to organize the National Forest Policy Dialogue in Kazakhstan, (Nur Sultan, April 2019);
- Contribution to capacity building on C&Is under the UNDA project (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan);
- Publication of the Guidelines for the Development of a Criteria and Indicator Set for Sustainable Forest Management under the UNDA project, the publication is available in English and Russian;
- Organization of the 2nd meeting of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM in Vienna, Austria (November 2018).

2. Forest products and markets

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products

- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
- Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade;
- Improvement of the existing database;
- Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites.

(b) Analysis of markets for forest products, notably relevant policy aspects, including the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) and annual Market Discussion

- Publication of the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2018-2019;
- Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2019-2020;
- Preparation of the Market Discussion 2019 and the Market Statement 2019;
- Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
- Publication of a topical market analysis.

(c) Support of international processes in forest products

- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
- Review of international classifications, support to the Harmonized System 2022 revision;
- Organization of the meetings of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products.

3. Wood energy

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy

- Issuance of a new database on wood energy with 2017 data;
- Analysis of results of the Joint Wood Energy Enquire (JWEE) 2017;
- Dissemination of the 2017 JWEE data at relevant international meetings.

(b) Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy

- Dissemination of the outcomes of previous study on “Wood Energy in the ECE Region” at relevant international meetings;
- Provide input to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews on forests.

- (c) **Support of international processes in wood energy**
- Organization of meeting of the ToS on Wood Energy in Umea, Sweden on 03-04 June 2019.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

- (a) **National Forest Policy Dialogues**
- Organization of the National Forest Policy Dialogue “National Forestry Plan revision and modernization of the forest management system” in cooperation with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in Baku, Azerbaijan on 21 February 2019;
 - Advisory mission to organize a National Forest Policy Dialogue meeting in Kazakhstan and to initiate the work on a Roadmap for a National Forest Strategy for Kazakhstan until 2030 in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan, 1 - 3 April 2019;
- (b) **Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan (RAP) for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**
- Promoting and monitoring of the implementation of RAP, as relevant;
 - Implementation of the RAP priority actions as agreed by the Working Party in 2019;
 - Dissemination of information on the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy (bio-economy and circular economy), as relevant e.g. Standing Committee on Agricultural Research “Workshop on International Cooperation in Research and Innovation for the Future European Forest-based Sector, 5 February 2019.
- (c) **Contribution to policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**
- (d) **Forest Sector Outlook**
- Organization of the workshop “Exchange of Experiences in Forest Sector Outlook Studies and Related Work” in Koli, Finland, February 2019, during which the preliminary results of the prioritized scenarios were presented and discussed among experts;
 - Organization of the meeting of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook, Koli, Finland, February 2019 to continue the technical discussion of scenarios and plan the next steps;
 - Organization of an interactive session during the 41st session of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management to present the results to member States and receive further guidance;
 - Coordination and organization of the development of the Forest Sector Outlook study;
 - Contribution to the study through research and drafting of chapter parts.
- (e) **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/UNECE/FAO Expert Network), 27 June 2019, Madrid Spain;
 - Organization of a workshop on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector on 25-26 June 2019 in Madrid, Spain;

- Promotion and dissemination of the study on the Forest Sector Workforce e.g. during the ILO 6th Conference on the Regulating for Decent Work Network on 8-10 July 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland;
- Promotion and dissemination of the study on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector and the report “Trends in green jobs in the forest sector in the UNECE region e.g. IUFRO World Forest Congress on 28 September – 5 October 2019, Curitiba, Brazil;
- Finalisation of the ECE/FAO/Forest Europe “Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry”.

(f) Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector

- Organization of the 5th meeting of the Forest Policy Network, 27 March 2019, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Organization of a Forest Landscape Restoration session during the Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia, 28-31 May 2019, Kyrgyzstan, which followed-up on the pledges under the Bonn Challenge which were made during a 2018 Ministerial Roundtable for the region.

(g) Tools for policymaking - studies and publications

- Publication of the Guidelines for the development of a Criteria and Indicators Set for Sustainable Forest Management in English and Russian, under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA capacity-building project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”;
- Publication of a discussion paper on “Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia” in English and Russian.

C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

(a) Organization of events and campaigns in support of SFM and forest products and services

- Organization of an exhibition on “Forests for Fashion” at the 4th UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya from 10-15 March 2019;
- The International Day of Forests (IDF) was celebrated on 21 March 2019 with several events. A Forest Breakfast and handicraft workshops were organized with the support of State Forests, Poland. An exhibition on innovative wood and cellulose products was organized in a paper cave with the Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI). Under the auspices of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development a side event “Forest Quiz Time!” was organized in cooperation with the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC). The Joint Section also contributed a speaker on forest education and pedagogy to the Roundtable “The Power of Knowledge for Change”;
- Organization of a side event to launch the study “State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia” at the fourteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF14), 7 May 2019, New York, United States;
- Organization of a publications launch event of the studies “State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia”, “Forests Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia” and “Guidelines for the Development of a Criteria and Indicator Set for Sustainable Forest Management”, including an Ambassadors’ Roundtable, 29 May 2019, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Organization of the annual meeting of the ToS on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network, 20-22 May 2019 in Oslo, Norway;

- Organization and coordination of the 5th European Forest Week on “Forests and the Circular Economy”, including side events during the joint session and a communications campaign.

(b) Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information is released

- Press releases published in 2019 (as of 31 July 2019): “Learn to love forests: Geneva encourages forest education to change the world for the better” (21 March 2019); “UNECE and FAO take stock of the state of forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia in first ever study” (07 May 2019); “UNECE and FAO issue guidelines to develop national forest monitoring systems” (23 May 2019); “Azerbaijan brings degraded land restoration commitments in Caucasus and Central Asia to 3 million ha” (31 May 2019).
- News releases published in 2019 (as of 31 July 2019): “Armenia harmonizes forest monitoring system” (20 February 2019); “UNECE and FAO support Azerbaijan in the revision of its National Forestry Program” (26 February 2019); “Forests for Fashion initiative sets new trends” (14 March 2019); “10 facts to fall in love with forests” (20 March 2019); “UN Deputy Secretary General celebrates the International Day of Forests in Geneva (21 March 2019);; “Countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus scale up ecosystem restoration” (28 May 2019).

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

(a) Organization of capacity-building workshops

- JFSQ correspondents meeting on improving knowledge about and responses to Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire was held from 23 to 25 January 2019, in Yokohama, Japan.

(b) Implementation of the UN Development Account (UNDA) project: Accountability systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2016-2019):

- The 2nd national Workshop on “Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management for Armenia” was held 20-22 February 2019, in Yerevan, Armenia;
- The Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia was held 28-30 May 2019 in Kyrgyzstan. This was the concluding regional workshop under the UNECE/FAO, UNDA project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”. The final project report including the results will be published in 2019 and the project will be externally evaluated. The training material which was developed and applied under this project, the “Guidelines for the Development of a Criteria and Indicator Set for Sustainable Forest Management” was published officially and printed in English and Russian;
- A proposal to extend the project for 7 months until September 2020 was submitted to UN DESA, if the application is successful further activities will be implemented under the project and the evaluation of the project will be postponed to 2020.

E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

(a) Intergovernmental Meetings

- Organization of the meeting of the 41st session of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in Geneva, Switzerland (27 - 29 March 2019);
- Organization of “Forêt2019”, the joint 77th session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the 40th session of the European Forestry Commission in Geneva, Switzerland (4 - 7 November 2019).

(b) Bureaux Meetings

- Organization of Joint Bureaux meetings in Geneva, Switzerland (26 March 2019).

II. Tentative list of activities for 2020

A. Work Area 1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment

1. Forest resources

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on forest resources, functions and services, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy

- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ): cooperation with FAO and other CFRQ partners on the finalization of the final repository of FRA data;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests (jointly with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava, in coordination with the FAO FRA secretariat): production of the interactive database coordinated with the FRA repository;
- Review of collection process, national questionnaire on forest ownership in the ECE region, voluntary verification/update of the 2015 data on forest ownership;
- Production of a website on forest and forest sector data in the ECE countries.

(b) Analysis and assessment of the state of forests and the sustainability of forest management; and the monitoring of the role of the forest sector in a green economy

- Assessment of forest condition and the impact by biotic and abiotic disturbances; review of formats for international reporting on forest disturbance;
- 2020 reporting cycle of the Global FRA and CFRQ: support to FAO FRA secretariat to the finalization and dissemination of the main outputs;
- Joint 2020 pan-European reporting on forests: support to the Forest Europe Liaison Unit Bratislava and the FAO FRA secretariat to the finalization and dissemination of the main outputs;

(c) Cooperation with, and support to, international processes in SFM, including regional criteria and indicator (C&I) processes

- Support to the UNFF Secretariat on reporting the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the related Communication Strategy;
- Cooperation with, and support to countries, organizations and international processes (e.g. Forest Europe) in the region on monitoring SFM;
- Contribution to capacity building on C&Is under the UNDA project (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan), subject to the confirmation of the project extension;
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Monitoring SFM.

2. Forest products and markets

(a) Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products

- Preparation of historical data on forest products, species trade, and prices;
- Preparation of forecast data on forest products production and trade;

- Improvement of the existing database and expansion of available information;
 - Dissemination through FAOSTAT and ECE websites.
- (b) **Analysis of markets for forest products, notably relevant policy aspects, including the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) and annual Market Discussions**
- Publication of the FPAMR 2019-2020;
 - Preparation of data and the statistical annex for the FPAMR 2019-2020;
 - Preparation of tables and graphs for the Market Forecasts 2020-2021;
 - Preparation of the Market Discussion 2020 and the Market Statement 2020;
 - Dissemination of analysis at industry meetings;
 - Assessment of impact of biotic and abiotic disturbances on forest products markets.
- (c) **Support of international processes in forest products**
- Participation in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics and attendance at other international meetings;
 - Organization of the meetings of the ToS on Forest Products Statistics and the ToS on Sustainable Forest Products.

3. Wood energy

- (a) **Collection, validation and dissemination of statistics on wood energy**
- Preparation and issuance of 2019 Joint Wood Energy Enquiry;
 - Dissemination of the 2017 JWEE data at relevant international meetings;
 - Increasing visibility of ECE wood energy data.
- (b) **Analysis of energy-related issues, including demand for, and supply of, wood energy**
- Preparation of a new study on wood energy;
 - Provide input to the ECE Environmental Performance Reviews on forests.
- (c) **Support of international processes in wood energy**
- Presentation of the wood energy work at relevant international meetings and cooperation with relevant processes (e.g. International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, Wood Energy Days etc.);
 - Organization of meeting of the ToS on Wood Energy.

B. Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice

- (a) **Contribution to the policy-related components of activities under Work Areas 1, 3 and 4**
- Organisation of National Forest Policy Dialogues (NFPD) workshops in interested countries;
 - Monitoring of developments in global and regional forest policy process (UNFF; Forest Europe, SDG) and contributions, as relevant, to these processes;
 - Support the continued implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests by providing policy dialogues at the regional and national level.

- (b) **The role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy**
- Implement the Forest Sector Roadmap to the Circular Economy 2030*;
 - Exploring the issue of wood-based value chains in a circular bio-economy;
 - Promotion and dissemination of the social dimension of the circular and bio-economy:
 - Study on the Forest Sector Workforce;
 - “Guidelines on the promotion of green jobs in forestry”;
 - Publication and/or other communication materials (e.g. video, brochure) on the role of the forest sector in a circular bio-economy.
- (c) **Forest Sector Outlook**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Forest Sector Outlook;
 - Publishing and disseminating the Forest Sector Outlook Study in the ECE region;
 - Organization of capacity building in the area of forest sector outlook modelling.
- (d) **Monitoring and support of international processes relevant to policymaking for the forest sector**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS Forest Policy Network**;
 - Organisation of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in Eastern and South East Europe.
- (e) **Boreal Forests**
- Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on boreal forests***;
 - Publication of information products describing existing conditions in boreal forests and identifying important issues and opportunities in their management.

C. Work Area 3: Communication and outreach

- (a) **Organization of events and campaigns in support of SFM and forest products and services**
- International Day of Forests (IDF), 21 March 2020 (to be celebrated on 23 March 2020), Geneva, Switzerland;
 - Side event at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF15), May 2020, New York, United States of America;
 - Organization of the annual meeting of the ToS on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators’ Network****;
 - Communicating the potential of sustainable wood products in the circular bioeconomy across sectors through organization of events and exhibitions;
 - Communication campaigns (e.g. Trees in Cities Challenge, Forests for Fashion initiative);
 - Disseminate and promote the publications “Guidelines for the development of a criteria and indicators set for sustainable forest management”, “State of Forests of

* Subject to discussion and consideration by the Joint Session

** The integration of the ToS on Forest Policy into ToS on the Forest Sector Outlook is pending approval by the Joint Session

*** The establishment of ToS on Boreal Forests is pending approval by the Joint Session

**** FAO to provide a secretary to the ToS – pending approval by the Joint Session.

the Caucasus and Central Asia” and “Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia”.

- (b) **Dissemination of information via policy briefs, press briefs and ad hoc studies, whenever results are available and new information is released**
 - Promotion and dissemination of studies and publications.
- (c) **Press releases will be published to present the outcomes of workshops, events and publications. Outreach activities beyond the forest sector, disseminating information that highlights the relevance of forests and forest products to other sectors (e.g. energy events, biodiversity and environment meetings, sustainable construction and building, etc.)**
 - Events organized in the margins of main forest related as well as cross-sectional meetings.

D. Work Area 4: Capacity-building

- (a) **Forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge**
 - Technical workshop(s) on forest landscape restoration and afforestation;
 - Ministerial Meeting on forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe.
- (b) **Organization of capacity-building workshops**
 - Capacity building workshop for national correspondents on wood energy (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2019);
 - Capacity building event for national forest sector modelling for experts from CIS countries. Further capacity building events related to forest sector outlook if resources allow.
- (c) **Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**
 - Organization of the meeting(s) of the ToS on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector.

E. Monitoring and management of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work

- (a) **Intergovernmental Meetings**
 - Organization of the meeting of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management in 2020;
 - Organization of the seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry in 2020.
- (b) **Bureaux Meetings**
 - Organization of Bureaux meetings upon request of the Chairs of COFFI and EFC.
- (c) **Strategic review 2020**
 - Organization of a workshop on the review of the Warsaw Integrated Program of Work; Evaluation/assessment for the review in line with what is decided by COFFI/EFC in November 2020.

III. List of publications for 2020

Title	English	French	Russian
Forest Products Annual Market Review 2019-2020	E-600	F-50	R-150
Forecast for Forest Products Markets (2020)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Study Paper (2020)	E-600		R-150
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	English only, online publications		
Forestry and Timber Discussion Paper (2020)	E-600		