

Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (Part II)

A. Terms of Reference of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

1. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management is a subsidiary body of the Committee and the Commission and contributes to the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work of those two bodies. It does so by coordinating the Teams of Specialists and the activities of the Integrated Programme of Work as well as providing technical advice. It takes instructions from COFFI and the Commission and meets annually to:

(a) Provide guidance on the implementation of all areas of the Integrated Programme of Work;

(b) Supervise the work of Teams of Specialists and facilitate the exchange of information on their work; and

(c) Identify priorities for action and relevant emerging issues; and transmit suggested priorities and specific recommendations to COFFI and the EFC for consideration.

2. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management shall, for each Work Area, on the basis of a report from the secretariat, review and comment on the activities undertaken during the past year and the plans for the forthcoming year.

3. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management shall review, on an ongoing basis, the work of the Teams of Specialists and their contribution to the Work Areas as well as work between the Teams of Specialists to ensure the most effective and efficient implementation of their activities. It will:

(a) Receive and discuss the reports from the Teams of Specialists in order to enhance the understanding of their activities and assess their work plans; when needed, the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management may review and recommend updated mandates for endorsement by the parent bodies;

(b) Identify possible synergies; and facilitate the exchange of experiences between Teams of Specialists and delegations from member States; and

(c) Increase the visibility and impact of the work of Teams of Specialists among member States and within the relevant bodies in the United Nations.

4. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, as part of its work for the Committee and the Commission, shall:

(a) Propose priorities for activities in the Work Areas and on relevant emerging issues;

(b) Provide, upon request from the parent bodies, methodologies for use in economic analysis of the sector, as well as techniques for collecting, validating, analyzing and disseminating information and statistics;

(c) Initiate, upon request from the parent bodies, ad hoc projects in economics and statistics related to forestry, forest products and forest policies and institutions;

(d) Contribute and provide technical advice to the Committee and the Commission on issues under consideration by those bodies, including the preparation of studies on the status and future of forests and on the forest industry such as the Outlooks and the Forest Products Annual Market Reviews;

(e) Inviting other sectors to the sessions to discuss issues related to forest information and management matters of common interest, including best practices in sustainable forestry management and their impact on the overall sustainability of forests, natural resources management, and other issues such as biodiversity and climate change; and

(f) Inviting other international bodies, including the International Tropical Timber Organization, the Conference of European Statisticians, Forest Europe and Eurostat, to the sessions, with a view to coordinating activities and avoiding any duplication of effort.

5. The work of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management will be assessed after the next two sessions of this body.

B. Terms of Reference of the ECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

6. In order to support the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work, the following Teams of Specialists are established for the period 2018-2021.

Name of the Team	Contribution to the Programme of Work
Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on sustainable forest management monitoring for different ECE and FAO studies and reviews, sustainable forest management assessment and work on criteria and indicators
Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products	Work Area 1 and Work Area 4: to focus on forest products and markets, market statements
Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics	Work Area 1 and Work Area 4: to support the work on statistics in the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, in order for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management to focus on its coordinating function for Team of Specialists and Work Area review
Team of Specialists on Wood Energy	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to support the development of data and relevant advice on wood energy in the region
Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook	Work Area 1, Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to support the development of Outlook Studies
Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (Forest Policy Network)	Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on forest policies in the region and provide capacity-building
Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)	Work Area 3 and Work Area 4: to provide advice to the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in support of relevant events, campaigns and public relations efforts, support the dissemination of results of other Teams of Specialists
Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)	Work Area 2 and Work Area 4: to focus on green jobs and capacity-building activities in support of sustainable forest management

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

7. To strengthen the work on: (i) forest reporting, (ii) assessing the state of forests and sustainability of forest management and (iii) monitoring the role of the forest sector in a green economy in the region;
8. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the implementation of activities in Work Area 1 “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, with regard to the collection, harmonization, review, analysis and dissemination of quantitative and qualitative information on forests and sustainable forest management in the region.

B. Activities and functions

9. Contribute to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 and the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire 2020; support the data collection process, analysis of the status and trends, and the drafting and reviewing of the final report.
10. Contribute to the work on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management agreed by Forest Europe and the Montréal Process.
11. Assist the preparatory process of the State of Europe’s Forests 2020: contribution to the reporting on quantitative indicators, analysis of information, coordination of inputs, authors’ contributions and dissemination of results.
12. Contribute to further work on the assessment of the sustainability of forest management.
13. Contribute to the work on the development of global and regional forest indicators to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.
14. Contribute to the development of the concept and modalities for a statistical data management system on forest resources, functions and services and sustainable forest management.
15. Provide input to other Work Areas on issues relevant to data, monitoring, reporting and assessment including related capacity-building, in particular to the United Nations Development Account project on “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia”.
16. Support international work and cooperation on monitoring of forest resources and sustainable forest management, including the European Union (i.e. Eurostat, the European Economic Area and the Joint Research Centre) and other organizations (i.e., the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, the International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests and the European Forest Institute) in this area.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

17. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings related to the global reporting framework – in cooperation with the FAO Forest Resources Assessment Team.

18. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings, especially those related to the activities “Further development and updating of policies and tools for sustainable forest management” and “Forest monitoring and reporting” under Forest Europe. Provide support in the organization of the workshop for authors and national correspondents in the region; review of and, whenever possible, involvement in writing, support the drafting of report on the State of Europe’s Forests. Involvement in dissemination of results.
19. Review of, and input to documents, reports, and meetings on the development of global and regional forest indicators to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.
20. Advice on issues relevant to the criteria & indicators processes in the region.
21. Advice on designing an improved statistical data management system on forest resources, their functions and services, and forest management.
22. Advice on the other data-related work within Work Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4, in particular related to the measurement of the forest sector contribution to a green economy and forest sector outlook studies.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Regular Team of Specialists meetings (including steering group and thematic sub-groups meetings). Participation in workshops with Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 national correspondents. Reviews and consultations, in person, via videoconference and electronic means. Review and, if feasible, preparation of background materials, discussion papers, enquiries. Other forms of work can be determined by the Team of Specialists, if needed.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
Team leader:	To be elected at the first Team meeting

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

23. To advise and support work on the sustainable development of forest products markets and related policies in the region.
24. To raise awareness on the role that sustainable forest products can play in greening economies and in providing sustainable products and livelihoods.

B. Activities and functions

25. Provide guidance and referral to the best available experts and/or sources of information for the organization of:
 - Market Discussions; and
 - Workshop(s) on all topics related to forest products including the role of forest products in a green economy, the use of wood for so-called “green buildings construction”, innovative wood products and other topics in line with the work programme.
26. Provide expertise and outreach to experts for drafting market-related publications and products, including the technical reviews contained in, and the production of, the Forest Products Annual Market Review.
27. Advise the secretariat on the organization of meetings related to the sustainable use of forest products.
28. Advise the secretariat on strategies to carry out the Programme of Work in the forest products marketing area, in particular to assist in strengthening the focus on innovative forest products and on improving knowledge on wood sustainability credentials.
29. Build links with standard/certifying organizations, as well as forest products trade associations, to promote the use of forest products as a sustainable material for construction and other uses.
30. Build linkages with non-forest bodies within the UN, including with the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management.
31. Build links, both informal and formal, with other Teams of Specialists in areas where cross-cutting issues are shared and where assistance and coordination can be mutually beneficial.
32. Build upon the work of previous capacity-building workshops and consider organizing similar events in association with regional bodies.
33. Organize an annual awareness raising workshop; subject to availability of funds.
34. Work with the secretariat to attract and enhance the involvement of the forest products industry, aiming at:
 - Holding a full day session focusing on market/industry issues;
 - Organizing industry visits; and
 - Organizing side events that involve the forest products industry sector.
35. Provide a network of expertise and advice, including on priorities.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

36. Market Discussions covering forest product market topics that are current and relevant to the region and contribute to the Market Statement.

37. Bi-annual meetings to discuss a list of recommendations on how to improve the content, structure and focus of the forest products marketing Work Area in general and the Forest Products Annual Market Review in particular (typically during the Team of Specialists meeting that is held at the time of Committee, Commission and Working Party meetings).

D. Background

**Established/
Approved by:** Joint sessions of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

Communication: The Team leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Teams of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics and Wood Energy.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

38. To advise and support work on forest products statistics, including data coverage and collection, validation and classifications used in the region.
39. To suggest and support proposals for increasing the reliability and visibility of forest products statistics.
40. To advise on implementation of activities in Work Area 1 relating to forest products statistics.

B. Activities and functions

41. Review materials such as the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the Timber Forecast Questionnaire and associated procedures, reviewing items in forest products statistics.
42. Develop methods to expand the scope to include production and trade of secondary wood products (Engineered Wood Products, furniture, joinery) and develop methodology for data collection on these products.
43. Investigate required changes in the Harmonized System classification; prepare for the implementation of 2022 Harmonized System and future potential changes to Harmonized System.
44. Follow up on the conversion factor questionnaire and study; develop conversion factors for secondary forest products (Engineered Wood Products, joinery).
45. Assist in the development of a forest food products section in collaboration with the Collaborative Forest Reporting Questionnaire and consider framework and specifications for non-wood forest products.
46. Support publication of the roundwood balance study and continue to develop methodology.
47. Strengthen capacities in statistics through a capacity-building workshop.
48. Disseminate information on forest products statistics further through the Team of Specialists’ network.
49. Advise on issues to coordinate with other members of the Eurostat/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/ECE Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.
50. Consider improving product definitions and collect metadata (including accuracy).
51. Consider development of price portal.
52. Recommend improvements to data systems, including data capture.
53. Review ways to promote data and make it more accessible.
54. Recommend methods for improving data reliability.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

55. Recommendations for revisions to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the Timber Forecast Questionnaire.
56. Submission of potential input for 2022 revision of Harmonized System and further revisions in later years.
57. A paper on the extent of potential double counting problem (including issue of forest/non-forest sources) and how to avoid it. Contact national data users for input.
58. Proposal for improvements for national and international practices in data validation and, if required, a working paper describing best practices.
59. A recommended procedure for estimating wood balance, including the desirable level of detail to include and conversion factors to use.
60. Contributions to studies on conversion factors, roundwood balance and double counting issue, in collaboration with other Teams.
61. Support to capacity-building workshop on statistics.

D. Background

- Established/ Approved by:** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
- Duration:** From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
- Methods of work:** Annual meeting. Further methods to be determined by the Team.
- Reporting:** Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
- Team leader:** To be elected at the first Team meeting.
- Communication:** The Team leader and secretariat should ensure close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products, the Team of Specialists on Wood Energy and the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Management. The Team should also seek to communicate and collaborate with other fora working in this area, and to collaborate with others (e.g. Forest Europe on criteria and indicators and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on harvested wood products).
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ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

62. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and support activities in Work Areas 1 and 2 on the methodology for, the implementation of and the follow-up to the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and specific studies related to wood energy.

63. To contribute to a better understanding of wood energy statistics as a basis for sound policymaking.

B. Activities and functions

64. Monitor and analyse the policy aspects of the use of wood for energy generation and the implications for the forest sector, including carbon accounting.

65. Provide guidance on the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry data collection and analysis process including on indicators, the structure of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry questionnaire, and the review of wood energy parameters (such as heating values and conversion factors).

66. Actively disseminate the publication and key messages synthesized in first issue of “Wood Energy in the ECE region” series.

67. Coordinate and complete a second issue of “Wood Energy in the ECE region” publication series.

68. Enhance capacity of member States to develop reliable wood energy statistics through knowledge sharing and capacity-building workshops.

69. Actively cooperate and partner with other organizations involved in wood energy with the aim of sharing and improving wood energy data and information.

70. Coordinate and communicate with other Teams of Specialists on areas where there is commonalities and beneficial to share information.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

71. Release of the second issue of series “Wood Energy in the ECE region” with the most recent available data.

72. Publication of scholarly manuscripts examining longitudinal trends in the data of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and socio-economic and environmental aspects of wood energy use in ECE member States, including its contribution towards the achievement of SDGs and mitigation of climate change.

73. Revision of the list of recommendations on the methods for, analysis and conduct of the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry.

74. Organization of one or two capacity-building workshops on wood energy statistics, possibly including the sharing of best practices for household surveys (to obtain data on non-commercial wood energy (such as private household use of wood energy)).

75. Improved quality and quantity of national reports to the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry.

76. Provide input to the chapter on wood energy for the Forest Products Annual Market Review.

D. Background

**Established/
Approved by:** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

Communication: The Team leader and secretary should ensure close communication and collaboration with the Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 1, “Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment”, Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”

A. Objectives

77. To advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the methodology, preparation and implementation of outlook studies. Serve as a repository of global, regional, subregional and national forest sector outlook studies; and facilitate exchange of knowledge.

B. Activities and functions

78. Provide support and expertise to the secretariat to conduct forest sector outlook studies in at least two of the ECE subregions.

79. Present the findings of the studies in public forums, such as scientific and professional meetings.

80. Provide guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.

81. Provide support to the secretariat for enhancing member States' capacities on forest sector outlook studies.

82. Identify scenarios based on: structural developments in the forest sector; long-term supply and demand of wood and other goods and services; as well as impacts and implications of international and national policy developments.

83. Advise on timeline for new outlook studies and identify potential contributors and donors.

84. Undertake research in support of forest sector outlook studies.

85. Provide an overview on alternative forest sector models.

86. Inform member States and regional economic integration organizations regularly about the status of ongoing outlook studies and the next steps of the process.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

87. Publication of North America Forest Sector Outlook study and Europe Forest Sector Outlook Study, and possibly a Russian Forest Sector Outlook study, by 2019, subject to availability of funds.

88. Provide national level results of outlook studies, if resources are made available.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting or other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Policy (Forest Policy Network)***Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 2 “Policy dialogues and advice” and Work Area 4 “Capacity-building”*****A. Objectives**

89. To contribute to the implementation of tools to support sound policy in the forest sector in the region.
90. To build capacity to support sound policies in the forest sector in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

B. Activities and functions

91. Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on:
 - The collection, review, and dissemination of information on forest policies, institutions and instruments in the region; and
 - The contribution to policy dialogues at the regional and national level (including National Forest Policy Dialogues).
92. Contribute to strengthen policy-related components of ECE and FAO studies.
93. Contribute to the implantation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, including by taking part in exchange of experience and lessons learned and providing technical advice and input especially to the odd-year sessions of the Forum (workshops, submissions to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat).
94. Contribute to achieving a balanced approach to the development of a bioeconomy and nature protection/conservation of biodiversity (study, linkage to outlooks).
95. Strengthen capacity-building and experience exchange, best practices and mechanisms to help in tackling national challenges, and promote communication and information exchange associated with implementation of international agreements (e.g. 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Aichi Targets, the Paris Agreement, the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy).
96. Contribute to the dissemination of information in support of decision making processes with regards to international forest policy developments (creation of policy briefs, sharing of informative materials).
97. Provide national experts with case studies, trainers and content for capacity-building activities.
98. Provide ad-hoc studies on request by countries.
99. Contribute to the work of other Teams of Specialists and build cooperation in this regard.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

100. Contribution to the experience exchange on forest policies implementation and development (to be developed in close cooperation with the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Europe) with a view to:

- (a) Contribution to the organization of national/regional policy dialogues (themes, speakers, etc.) and provide recommendations on the further development of national forest policy dialogues (contents, methods, etc.); and
- (b) Policy briefs.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.
Duration:	From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.
Methods of work:	Annual meeting or other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.
Team leader:	To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators' Network)***Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 3, "Communication and outreach" and Work Area 4, "Capacity-building"*****A. Objectives**

101. To improve the ability of the forest sector to communicate effectively within and outside the sector on the role of forests in sustainable development.

102. To advise the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and support communication activities in all Work Areas.

B. Activities and functions

103. The Team of Specialists provides advice in the communication field to benefit the forest community by:

(a) Supporting forest-related ECE/FAO intergovernmental bodies in reaching out to relevant constituencies, within and outside the forest sector;

(b) Providing a forum for international interaction and cooperation in forest related communications;

(c) Developing the professionalism of forest communicators by introducing and encouraging state of the art and innovative communication approaches, strengthening networking and supporting capacities in the region;

(d) Providing advice for communication activities around the International Day of Forests and European Forest Weeks, upon request by the organizers;

(e) Raising awareness of the significance of forests and sustainable forest management in achieving the SDGs;

(f) Contribution to the communication and outreach strategies of ECE, FAO and the United Nations Forum on Forests, in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030, in particular its communication and outreach strategy;

(g) Conducting a survey among forest communicators on current trends and the latest developments and communication challenges in the sector;

(h) Sharing information and experience with forest communicators' networks established by FAO in other regions;

(i) Supporting capacity-building activities in cooperation with all other Teams of Specialists, as appropriate;

(j) Providing advice for communication campaigns and strategies to communicate outputs of other Teams of Specialists to a target audience, upon request by the respective Team of Specialists;

(k) Developing further approaches and tools for educational work on forests by continued involvement of the Forest Pedagogics Group;

(l) Cooperating with the Forest Europe Liaison Unit and other relevant institutions, organizations, processes and initiatives, on matters relevant to forest communication;

(m) Identifying other communication work of relevance to forests as well as information-sharing platforms developed by civil society; and

(n) Developing a proposal for a possible survey on the public perception of forests and the forest sector in the ECE Region for submission to potential donors.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

104. An annual proposal for communication activities and messages for each International Day of Forests.

105. Proposals for communication activities around the European Forest Weeks, as appropriate.

106. Proposals for highlighting the significance of forests and sustainable forest management for achieving the SDGs.

107. Contributions to the development and implementation of the communication and outreach strategies of ECE, FAO and the United Nations Forum on Forests in support of the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030.

108. A report on communication challenges for the forest sector, based on a survey conducted among forest communicators by the end of 2018.

109. A revised version of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe by the end of 2019.

110. An information note on activities carried out with the other regional communicators' networks with a focus on global interconnection and outreach – to be included in the annual Team activities' report.

D. Background

Established/ Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Approved by:

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Networking, meetings, workshops, advice on forest communication related issues, including for awareness campaigns.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network)***Reference to the Integrated Programme of Work: Work Area 2 “Policy dialogue and advice” and Work Area 4, “Capacity-building”*****A. Objectives**

111. To contribute to the improvement of working conditions and the development of Green Jobs in the forest sector.

112. To advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and member States and regional economic integration organizations on employment-related issues such as needed competencies including education and training for the forest sector in the context of a green economy.

113. To review forest sector workforce issues at policy, management and operational level, in order to recommend priorities and communicate their importance.

B. Activities and functions

114. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders (e.g. the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Forest Europe) on a joint definition of Green Jobs in the forest sector.

115. Identify and describe forest workforce-related trends and developments (trend monitoring) and analyse the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with the sustainability of this workforce.

116. Analyse the green jobs potential as well as the green jobs curricula in the forest sector, define the needed competencies as a basis for education and training for adopted regional policies and provide support for the implementation of these policies at all levels.

117. Improve the monitoring and analysis of the forest sector workforce including those involved with new green forest jobs while taking into account occupational health and safety.

118. Develop recommendations for the consideration of member States on preventive and remedial actions in order to ensure the sustainability of the forest workforce, including ways to attract young people to work in the forest sector and to improve the gender balance.

119. Advise and support the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section on the organization of meetings and workshops related to forest workforce issues in the context of a green economy.

120. Identify present and future skill requirements for forestry professionals, map and describe forest jobs and related education curricula in collaboration with other relevant organizations.

121. Contribute to development and sharing of best practice for environmentally efficient, productive, safe and sustainable forest operations.

122. Monitor and analyse at the policy level the impact of green economy policy on employment in the forest sector, possibly with a cross-sectoral approach.

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

123. Periodic qualitative and quantitative surveys of major trends and challenges associated with the sustainable forest workforce and green jobs in support of existing reporting activities in the forest sector.

124. Trend scenario workshops on the future forest workforce, for instance in collaboration with the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook.

125. Policy briefs outlining rationales for choosing particular workforce policy strategies.

126. Reviews and recommendations addressing main forest sector workforce issues.

D. Background

**Established/
Approved by:** Joint session of the Committee and the Commission, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Duration: From January 2018 to December 2019. Renewable to 2021.

Methods of work: Annual Team meeting, scenario trend workshops, online surveys (national contact points), and other appropriate methods to be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

Team leader: To be elected at first Team meeting.