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95th Executive Committee Meeting

Ms. Marta Gaworska, Chairperson









Overview: Forests in the ECE region





The UNECE region covers...

• 43% of world's forests

about 60% of total wood provision

...and 30% of land in Europe is covered by forests





Our focus on the SDGs



Adapting our work to support 2030 Agenda

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Warsaw Integrated
 Programme of Work on
 Forests (2018-2021)

- Four areas of work
 - WA1: Data, monitoring, reporting and assessment
 - WA2: Policy advice and dialogue
 - WA3: Communications and outreach
 - WA4: Capacity-building



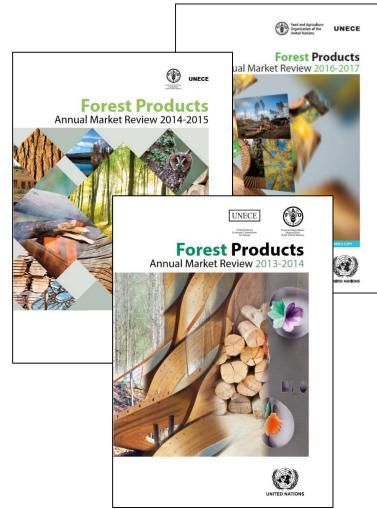




Forest Products Markets



- Forest Products Annual Market Review
 - 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 - Up-to-date and comprehensive analysis of markets for forest products in the UNECE region
 - Covers a range of products from forest to enduser
 - Includes statistical, policy, trade barrier and market analysis





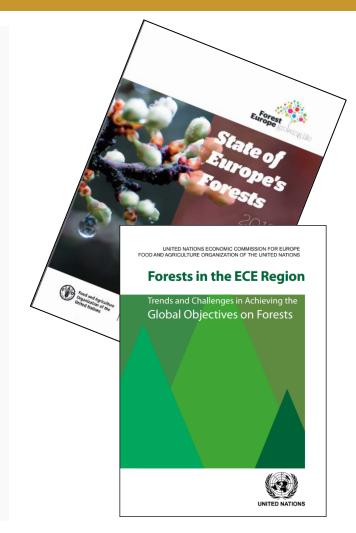




Forest Resources



- Creation of world's most complete and comprehensive database and repository about the status and trends in forests and forest management in countries of the UNECE region
 - State of Europe's Forests 2020
 - State of Forests in the Caucasus and Central Asia (English and Russian)
 - Various studies on forests in UNECE (e.g. forest ownership, forests and water)









Wood Energy

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Joint Wood Energy Enquiry: the only source of up-to-date information on the use of wood energy in the region

 Helps policymakers to assess and evaluate the real role of wood as a renewable source of energy





Policy Dialogue and Advice



- Forest Outlook Studies
 - provide decision makers and stakeholders with different future scenarios for the forest sector

- Green Economy
 - Guidelines on how to transform the forest sector in a greener and more efficient way







Green Jobs





Communication and Outreach



- Annual organization of awareness raising campaigns on the importance of forests (e.g. the International Day of Forests, national events)
- Educational videos, press releases, social media engagement, platform for exchange among countries and engagement with wider general audience









Capacity Building in Caucasus and Central Asia



- Countries in CCA will have developed and implemented a national criteria and indicator set for sustainable forest monitoring
- Commitment by member states to restore deforested and degraded lands in support of the international Bonn Challenge and the achievement of SDGs 13 and 15.
- Manual for the development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management









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Thank you!







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