

95th Executive Committee Meeting

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Overview: Forests in the ECE region

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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

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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

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- 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 end-user
 - Includes statistical, policy, trade barrier and market analysis



Forest Resources

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- 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

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- 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

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- Identification and promotion of green jobs in the forest sector and **guidelines** for member states on how to save jobs in this declining sector and develop new curricula



Communication and Outreach

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- 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

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- 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



Thank you!



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