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Report by the Chair of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) to the Executive Committee (EXCOM)

The Integrated Programme of Work (IPoW) of COFFI and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC)



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Dr. Guy Robertson, Chair
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Joint Programme of Work UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission

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WA1

- data, monitoring and assessment

WA2

- policy dialogue and advice

WA3

- communication and outreach

WA4

- capacity building

Achievements of 2019

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■ WA1: Data, monitoring and assessment

Outputs

- Studies: ***Forest Products Annual Market Review 2018-2019; Guidelines for the Development of a Criteria and Indicator Set for Sustainable Forest Management;***
- First regional overview of the forest sector in Caucasus and Central Asia with study on ***State of Forests of the Caucasus and Central Asia*** and ***Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia***

Impact

- Improved monitoring and assessment of forest sector
- ECE member States able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative and quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management.
- Contribution to the achievement of Global Forest Goal 1 of the UNSPF and SDG 15.



Achievements of 2019

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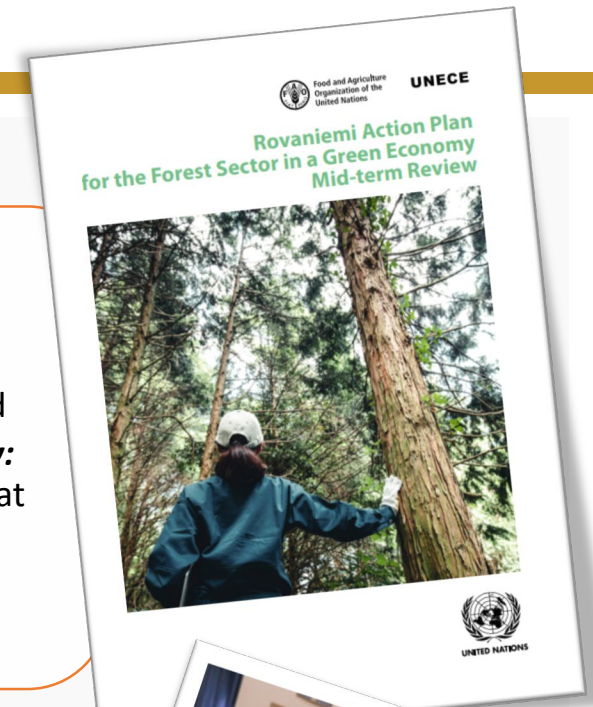
■ WA2: Policy advice and dialogue

Outputs

- **National Forest Policy Dialogue** in Azerbaijan
- **Guidelines on the Promotion of Green Jobs in Forestry** published
- **Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy: Mid-term Review** was published providing a review of actions that have been implemented.

Impact

- The National Forest Policy Dialogue in Azerbaijan led to the **development of a new National Forestry Programme** for the country, which provides a sound legal basis for forest management and ensures the development of institutional capacities.



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WA3: Communication and outreach

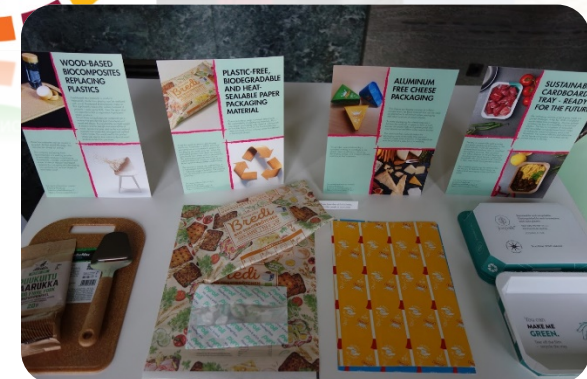
Outputs

- **International Day of Forests 2019: *Forests and education*** event
- **Forests for Fashion Initiative** – exhibition at UNEA4 and Climate Summit
- **Trees and Cities Challenge** was launched as a global campaign at Climate Summit
- **5th European Forest Week** celebrated with exhibition on *Forests and the Circular Economy: a future without plastics*



Impact

- **Half a million trees** committed for planting in different cities, including Bonn, Helsingborg, Tirana, Bacarena and Victoria.
- The Forests for Fashion Initiative, the International Day of Forests and the 5th European Forest Week resulted in **increased visibility and strengthened public support** for the value of sustainably produced wood and wood-based products.



Achievements of 2019

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■ WA4: Capacity-building

Outputs

- **Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia**
- **Bold call to action to bring 30 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes into restoration by 2030** in Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in support of the Bonn Challenge presented during the Climate Summit in New York.
- UNECE member of the **Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration**

Impact

- Commitments under the Bonn Challenge **increased to 3 million ha** in the Caucasus and Central Asia



Major activities planned for 2020

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■ WA1: Data, monitoring and assessment

Website on forest and forest sector data in the ECE region

Issuance of new database on wood energy with 2017 data

Focused analysis on impacts of biotic and abiotic disturbances on forests and markets for forest products

IMPACT/ OUTPUT

**Open-source,
transparent,
reliable forest
sector data for the
ECE region**

Major activities planned for 2020

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■ WA2: Policy advice and dialogue

Forest Sector Outlook study published

New Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests

- Will contribute to and streamline science and policy cooperation on boreal forests, increase collaboration with research organizations and improve awareness of boreal forests' global role

Forest Policy Dialogues in Kazakhstan

- Focus on the development of a strategic document for the forest sector at national scale

IMPACT/ OUTPUT

- **Open-source forest sector outlook models and study**
- **National Forest Strategies developed**
- **Science-policy cooperation on boreal forests strengthened**



Major activities planned for 2020

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■ WA3: Communication and outreach

IDF 2020: Forests and Biodiversity

Promoting the potential of sustainable wood products in the circular bioeconomy

- Various communication activities

Trees in Cities Challenge

- Showcase cities' progress on their tree-planting pledges on a dedicated website and through international fora

IMPACT/ OUTPUT

- **Accelerated commitments by mayors to plant more trees in cities**
- **Positive communication on the forest sector reaches people**
- **Improved public image of forest products**

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■ WA4: Capacity-building

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

- Technical workshops on forest landscape restoration and afforestation, and the organization of a Ministerial Meeting on forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe;
- Supporting countries under the ECCA30 initiative by providing a platform for policy dialogue and advice, and by delivering capacity building related to forest landscape restoration, data improvement, and forest resource assessment.

Strategic Review process

- Assess the 2018-2021 Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work taking into consideration the results of its implementation and past experience; and with the aim of developing a proposal for the IPoW for 2022-2025.

IMPACT/ OUTPUT

- **Bonn Challenges commitments extended to Eastern and South-East Europe**
- **Countries supported in their forest landscape restoration efforts**

Cooperation

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DECISIONS FOR EXCOM

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The Executive Committee is invited to approve the following decisions, which were endorsed by COFFI:

- **Programme of Work** of the Forests and Forest Industry Subprogramme for 2020
- **Activities for 2020** and proposed **publications** planned for 2020 and 2021
- Establishment and Terms of Reference of a **new Team of Specialists on Boreal Forests** and the modified Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook
- Renewal of mandate for the period 2020-2021 of the following Teams of Specialists: ToS on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management (SFM); ToS on Sustainable Forest Products; ToS on Forest Products Statistics; ToS on Wood Energy; ToS on Forest Communication - Forest Communicators' Network; ToS on Green Jobs - Joint ILO/ECE/FAO Expert Network.



Thank you!



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Chair

Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

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