

II. ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook

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

A. Objectives

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

B. Activities and functions

2. Provide support and expertise to the secretariat to conduct a forest sector outlook study and related documents.
3. Present the findings of the studies in public forums, such as scientific and professional meetings.
4. Provide guidance on methods, analysis and conduct of forest sector outlook studies.
5. Provide support to the secretariat for enhancing member States’ capacities on forest sector outlook studies.
6. 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.
7. Advise on timeline for new outlook studies and identify potential contributors and donors.
8. Undertake research in support of forest sector outlook studies.
9. Facilitate exchange of experience with forest sector outlook modelling among member States and contribute to increased capacities at national level to conduct forest sector outlook studies.
10. Provide an overview on alternative forest sector models.
11. Consider other cost-effective tools and studies for analysing policy impacts on the forest sector, such as foresight studies.
12. Contribute to strengthen policy-related components of the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section’s work and publications and disseminate information in support of decision-making processes with regards to outlook studies and international forest policy developments (creation of policy briefs, sharing of informative materials).

C. Expected major outputs and contributions

13. Publication of the ECE/FAO Forest Sector Outlook Study and related documents.
14. Provide national level results of outlook studies, if resources are made available.

D. Background

Established/ Approved by:	Joint Sessions of ECE COFFI and FAO EFC, Geneva, Switzerland, 2019.
Duration:	From January 2020 to December 2021.
Methods of work:	Section 1.01 Annual meeting or other methods to be determined by the Team.
Reporting:	(i) Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
Team leader:	(ii) To be elected at first Team meeting