

**Joint Meeting of
the Executive Committee of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC)
and the Bureau of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI)**

01 November, Engelberg, Switzerland

REPORT

The EFC Executive Committee and the COFFI Bureau met jointly on 1st November, 19.00 – 20.30 in the Kursaal Conference Centre, meeting room Titlis.

This report presents the decisions taken by the Bureaux¹, which was attended by the following members:

EFC Executive Committee:

- Rob Busink (The Netherlands), Chair
- Christine Farcy (Belgium), Vice-Chair.
- Andrey Filipchuk (Russian Federation), Vice-Chair
- Kenan Kiliç (Turkey), Vice-Chair

COFFI Bureau:

- Christoph Duerr, (Switzerland), Chair
- Guy Robertson (USA), Vice-Chair
- Marta Gaworska (Poland), Vice-Chair

From the joint secretariat were present:

- Marco Keiner, Acting Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE,
- Eva Muller, Director, FOE, FAO Forestry Department
- Roman Michalak, Acting Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, COFFI Secretary,
- Ekrem Yazici, Deputy Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, EFC Secretary,
- Florian Steierer, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, JWP Secretary.

On invitation, Johannes Hangler (Austria), Chair of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, also attended the meetings as an observer.

The Bureaux meeting was chaired by Christoph Duerr and Rob Busink.

¹ Bureaux refer to the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Forests and Forest Industry and the Executive Committee of the European Forestry Commission meeting jointly.

Agenda item	Information provided and discussion	Decisions taken	Action required
1. Adoption of the agenda	The COFFI Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the Bureaux members. He introduced the agenda which was adopted by the bureaux members.		No action required
2. Adjustment of the tentative timetable	<p>The COFFI and EFC Chairs proposed the modification of the Tentative timetable of the Annotated provisional agenda of the joint session of COFFI/EFC - Silva2015. EFC chair mentioned that the reason of the proposed modification is to get inputs and feedbacks from the integrated programme of work agenda items before deciding on the next joint session of EFC and COFFI and election of EFC officers.</p> <p>It was proposed that EFC items 8(e) and 8(f) be proceeded after the Item 6 (c), UNECE/FAO Integrated Program of Work, in the morning session on 5 November 2015. The bureaux member reviewed the proposed arrangement and agreed.</p>	It was decided to move EFC agenda items 8 (e) and 8 (f) from Wednesday afternoon session (4 November 2015) to Thursday morning session (5 November 2015).	Secretariat will revise the chairs brief accordingly
3 Preparations for Silva2015 and EFW	<p>The COFFI and EFC Chairs, and the secretariat briefed and updated the Joint Bureaux members on the recent status of a programme and arrangements for the joint session of COFFI/EFC - Silva2015 and the 3rd European Forest Week. COFFI chair referred to the Silva 2015 Handbook and explained all details of the arrangements.</p> <p>The COFFI and EFC Chairs, and the secretariat responded to and clarified questions and comments of the bureaux member.</p>	No decision required	No action required
4. Review of the agenda for the 38th Session of the UNECE/FAO Joint Working Party on Forest Economics, Statistics and Management (JWP).	<p>Johannes Hangler, the Chair of JWP, presented the draft agenda of the next JWP, which is scheduled for 22-24 March 2016, as well as on possible themes of events organized around this session.</p> <p>The bureaux members welcomed and discussed the proposed agenda and possible topics for the events organised around the session.</p> <p>The joint bureaux concluded that it would be better to have the workshop before the JWP session. The bureaux discussed the possible topics and recommended ecosystem services, climate change, forest market monitoring, and SDGs as potential topics to round table discussions and the workshop.</p> <p>Based on discussions, JWP session is tentatively scheduled to take place from 23-24 March 2015. On 21 March the international day of forests will be celebrated.</p>	No decision taken, the joint bureaux recommendations and feedbacks will be conveyed to JWP bureau for their final decision.	Secretariat will inform JWP bureau about COFFI/EFC joint bureaux comments and feedback. The COFFI/EFC bureaux will be informed about the next draft of the JWP agenda.

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5. Any other Business	Secretariat informed the COFFI bureau members about progress on ECE Strategic Framework 2018-2019 and asked the COFFI bureaux members to endorse the revised document which was prepared in line with the guidelines provided by the Controller for preparation of the Strategic Framework for the biennium 2018-2019.	The COFFI Bureau members decided to endorse the revised draft Strategic Framework 2018/2019 for the UNECE subprogramme 7 (see Annex 1).	UNECE Secretariat will submit the endorsed Strategic Framework 2018/2019 to the UNECE Programme Management Unit.

Annex1: revised draft Strategic Framework 2018/2019 for the UNECE subprogramme 7