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Compilation of all key questions for guidance and discussion

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Compilation of all key points for guidance, discussion and decision

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This overview list compiles the agenda's key points that are tabled to the Working Party for guidance, discussion, and decision to facilitate the preparation of discussions. All documents to be reviewed and discussed can be found at: <https://unece.org/info/events/event/364263>.

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Agenda Item 1

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Agenda Item 2

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2021/2–FO:EFC/2021/2

Documentation: E/ECE/1494

The Joint Working Party will be invited to consider possible impact on its future work.

Agenda Item 3

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/Inf.1

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2021/2

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/2

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2019/2–FO:EFC/2019/2

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2018/2

The Joint Working Party will be invited to discuss the proposed amendments and decide on the way forward.

Agenda Item 4

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/Inf.2

The Joint Working Party will be invited to comment on the work presented as well as upcoming activities in this area.

A. Key points for guidance and discussion

18. The Joint Working Party is invited to:

(a) Advise the Joint Section on the content of the planned series of studies on circularity concepts in forest-based industries, as presented by the secretariat.

(b) Advise the Joint Section if the draft generic definition of a circular economy suggested by the Taskforce on Measuring Circular Economy requires modification, and terms used additional clarification.

(c) Provide the Joint Section with guidance on the presented draft definition of a circular economy in the forest sector.

(d) Inform the Joint Section about member States' priorities and needs in application of circular models in the forest sector and the tools that ECE and FAO could develop to support them.

Agenda Item 5 (a)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/3

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I. Forest Resources

D. Key points on forest resources for guidance and discussion

21. The Joint Working Party is invited to:

(a) Take note of the data collection processes for global and regional reporting, comment on the implementation of the 2020 cycle and make recommendations for future work in this area;

(b) Take note of the tools developed for sharing forest sector related information, such as the FAO FRA data platform, the Joint ECE/FAO/Forest Europe pan-European database, the ECE/FAO INForest knowledge platform and the ECE Statistical Database, and provide advice on possible follow-up;

(c) Actively engage in the discussion and provide input and feedback to the ongoing project on reporting and assessment of forest damage and disturbance in the ECE region;

(d) Review the work of the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management and make recommendations for its work.

II. Forest products production, trade, and consumption

C. Key points on forest products data collection for guidance and discussion

45. The Working Party is invited to:

(a) Provide guidance to the secretariat on which source of trade data to give preference when processing the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ);

(b) Comment on the list of proposals for the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization revision for 2027;

(c) Propose revisions to the JFSQ for 2023;

(d) Comment on the deadlines for the JFSQ and the Timber Forecast Questionnaire (TFQ) and the data processing and exchanges planned for 2022;

(e) Comment on the outcome of the discussions on Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange.

F. Key questions on market assessment for guidance and discussion

60. The Joint Working Party is invited to:

(a) Provide feedback on the improvements of the Review proposed by the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Products and discuss possible ways forward;

- (b) Discuss whether to phase out printed versions of the Forest Products Annual Market Review (FPAMR) and, in the future, move to exclusively online, machine readable versions;
- (c) Consider a longer-term perspective to produce the FPAMR through a sound financial basis for expert contributions to the various chapters;
- (d) Advise the secretariat on how to best discuss forest products markets in 2022.

D. Key points on wood energy data assessment for guidance and discussion

67. Delegates are invited to:

- (a) Provide feedback on the data collection process with the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry;
- (b) Advise how to improve the wood energy database, the display of data and its dissemination;
- (c) Consider hosting a capacity building event on wood energy data collection;
- (d) Provide guidance on further cross-sectoral cooperation on wood energy matters by the secretariat.

Agenda Item 5 (b)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/4

I. Forest Policy Advice

D. Key point on forest policy advice for guidance and discussion

22. The Working Party is invited to provide guidance to the secretariat on how it could support the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda, accelerated action and delivery of the scope of the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025 and implementation of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Strategic Plan.

II. Forest Sector Outlook

C. Key points on forest sector outlook for guidance and discussion

28. The Working Party is invited to:

- (a) Provide feedback on the Forest Sector Outlook Study 2020–2040;
 - (b) Inform the secretariat how the current outlook study will be used at national level, including any national activities currently under way by member States;
 - (c) Consider offering support to the secretariat in dissemination of the results of the outlook study.
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Agenda Item 5 (c)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/5

J. Key points on communication for guidance and discussion

21. The Working Party is invited to discuss:

a) The possible amplification of the Joint Section's work by actively engaging on its social media channels, and continuing to send inputs to the Forest Information Billboard and other outlets;

b) How the Joint Section could increase its outreach with the help of member States, for example via dedicated national multiplier points to distribute communication and other material produced by the Joint Section through and to national outlets and partners;

c) How the Team of Specialists on Forest Communication could be engaged more frequently, regularly and effectively for communication on the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025.

Agenda Item 5 (d)

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/6

VI. Key points on capacity building for guidance and discussion

15. The Working Party is invited to:

(a) Comment on the work on improving capacities in member states on data collection;

(b) Provide feedback on the proposed capacity-building workshop on wood energy data collection;

(c) Consider hosting a capacity-building event on wood energy data collection;

(d) Provide feedback on the secretariats work on capacity building in general.

Agenda Item 6

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/Inf.4

Documentation: ECE/INF/2020/5

The Joint Working Party is invited to:

(i) Take note of the forest and forest product related activities by ECE and FAO in the ECE region not covered by the Integrated Programme of Work;

(ii) Adopt the initial list of activities;

(iii) Encourage its members to take note of the recommendations in the report on "Measuring and Monitoring Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals" and consider their possible application at the national level.

Agenda Item 7

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

The Joint Working Party is expected to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the forty-fourth session.

Agenda Item 8

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

For information

Agenda Item 9

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

None at the time of writing

Agenda Item 10

Documentation: ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/1

The Joint Working Party will be invited to adopt the report of its session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
