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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eightieth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 2 November 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

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II. Annotations

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/1

The meeting of the eightieth session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) will be opened by the Chair of the session.

Delegations will adopt the agenda of the meeting.

2. Thematic focus: “Urban forests in context”

Keynote speech and panel discussion

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/3

The keynote speech on “Urban forests in context” will be followed by a panel discussion and case study presentations on the various aspects of urban and peri-urban forests, including national and regional context, climate mitigation, finance, planning and policy contexts. The detailed programme will be published on the meeting web page at <https://unece.org/info/Forests/events/365296>.

Delegates will be invited to take note of the information provided and share experiences from their countries.

3. Matters arising since the last session

Documentation: E/ECE/1494

(a) United Nations, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present developments at the United Nations and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) having an impact on the work of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry.

The secretariat will discuss possible forest-related topics in line with the chosen themes for the 70th session of the ECE to be held in 2023.

(b) Recent developments in other organizations

Other organizations will be invited to provide information about their activities and any developments with an impact on the Committee’s work.

The Committee will be invited to consider their possible impact on its work.

4. The global and regional policy context

(a) United Nations Forum on Forests 2022

Delegates will be informed about the seventeenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its outcome.

Delegates will be invited to discuss the possible contributions of the work of the Committee to UNFF processes.

(b) Twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Forestry and 2022 World Forestry Congress

Delegates will be informed about the twenty-sixth session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Committee on Forestry and the 2022 World Forestry Congress.

Delegates are invited to discuss decisions and synergies that are relevant to the work of the Committee.

(c) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2022

The secretariat will present the event organized by the Joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section and the FAO secretariat on “Urban Forests for Future-Proof Cities” at the March 2022 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region as an example of a concrete action that can accelerate progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Delegates are invited to make recommendations on the possible contribution of the Committee to the next session of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region in 2023.

(d) Fostering exchanges and cooperation among regional and international organizations on forest-related work relevant to the work of the Joint Forestry and Timber Section

At the June 2022 session of the Joint Working Party, several delegations stressed the importance of international cooperation and coordination for work in forest-related areas. At the request of the Joint Working Party, the secretariat added the item on fostering exchanges and cooperation among regional and international organizations to the Committee agenda.

Delegates and invited organizations are invited to make recommendations on the possible strengthening of cooperation.

5. Forest economics and markets

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/4

The COFFI Market Discussions will focus on trends and drivers of forest products markets in the ECE region in 2021 and 2022. A forecast on expected market developments for the coming year will be given. Topics of the discussion will include, but are not limited to, supply and use of industrial roundwood and global trends in trade of major wood products.

The discussions will be supported by data and information provided through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire 2021, the Timber Forecast Questionnaire 2023, price statistics, country market statements, as well as the Forest Products Annual Market Review 2021–2022.

Delegates will be invited to share information on market developments in their countries, participate in the Market Statement Drafting Group and adopt the Market Statement.

6. Report on and implementation of the 2022-2025 Integrated Programme of Work and related decisions

(a) Report of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

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

The Chair of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management will present the report of its forty-third session which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1 to 3 June 2022.

The Committee will be invited to endorse the report.

(b) Review of 2022 activities and planned activities for 2023*Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/5*

Delegates will be updated on activities implemented in 2022 under the Integrated Programme of Work. They will also be presented with a provisional list of outputs and publications for 2023.

Delegates will be invited to approve the document.

(c) Programme of work for 2023 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2024*Documentation ECE/TIM/2022/6**ECE/TIM/2022/INF.2*

The secretariat will present the draft programme of work for 2023, including the publications programme (ECE/TIM/2022/6). This document is based on the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect.20)) which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in December 2021 and submitted for consideration by the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The programme of work document reflects the annual budget format presented in 2020 in line with General Assembly resolution 72/266, with enrichments reflecting General Assembly resolutions 74/251, 75/243 and 76/245.

Delegates will be invited to adopt the programme of work and recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval.

In 2021, the ECE Executive Committee adopted a document entitled “Sequential review of the proposed programmes of work of ECE subprogrammes” (2021/8). In line with the sequential review procedure, the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry will be invited to consider the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Forests and Forest Industry subprogramme for 2024” (ECE/TIM/2021/INF.2) and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary.

Those recommendations which are agreed by the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Forests and Forest Industry subprogramme for 2024.

(d) Report on forest landscape restoration in the region*Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/7*

The secretariat will present the National Policy Guiding Principles on Forest Landscape Restoration and update delegates on forest landscape restoration activities during the past year.

The Committee will be invited to take note of, and discuss the work undertaken and provide guidance on the possible follow-up activities on forest landscape restoration in the region.

As a follow-up to the pledges made by countries under the Bonn Challenge during the 2018 and 2021 ministerial meetings on Central Asia and the Caucasus region as well as in Eastern and South-East Europe, delegations will be invited to report on progress in their work on forest landscape restoration.

(e) Preparation for the 2025 cycle of the Global Forest Resources Assessment and Joint pan-European data collection on forests and sustainable forest management

The secretariat will inform delegations about the preparatory work for the 2025 cycle of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020 and provide an update on the pan-European reporting on forests and sustainable forest management process. Both processes are coordinated and carried out by FAO, ECE and Forest Europe, with the participation of other forest-related organizations and processes. As in the previous cycle, the global and regional (pan-European) data will be featured on the same data platform.

The Committee will be invited to take note of the preparatory work and discuss the recent progress on implementing sustainable forest management in the region.

(f) Progress report on forest damage and disturbance work

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/INF.4

The secretariat will report on the progress made under the ongoing project “Improve capacities of the UNECE member States on assessing forest damage/disturbance in the UNECE region” and highlight key findings from the scientific-technical symposium hosted by the delegation from Austria in Vienna, Austria on 29-30 September 2022 on forest disturbance.

Delegates will be invited to discuss preliminary findings from the project, provide feedback and recommendations on its continuation.

(g) Urban forestry matters

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/8

ECE/TIM/2022/3

The secretariat will review activities in urban forestry during the past year and provide a summary of the findings. The secretariat will also inform delegates about the Sustainable Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry Policy Brief and the Draft Opportunities for Action Plan. Both documents were developed under a project and are presented for information.

Delegations are invited to discuss the urban forestry work and provide recommendations.

(h) Update on boreal forest work

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/9

The secretariat will update delegates on the boreal forest work since the previous session and plans for work in the coming months following the postponement of the planned 2022 ministerial meeting.

Delegates are invited to take note of the policy brief and provide guidance for further work, including the possible development of an overview study on the state of boreal forests.

7. The contribution of forests and forest products to a circular bioeconomy

Documentation: ECE/TIM/2022/10

ECE/TIM/2022/INF.3

The Committee will be informed about the work on forests and the circular economy, and the discussions held during the June 2022 Joint Working Party session. The secretariat will present the draft sectoral study.

The Committee is invited to review the draft and the key points selected.

8. Capacity-building and technical assistance

Delegates will be informed about ongoing capacity-building and technical assistance projects.

The Committee is invited to provide comments.

9. Election of officers

The Committee will elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of the eighty-first session. At the seventy-ninth session, the following individuals were elected to hold office until the end of the eightieth session: Chair, Ms. Maria Sokolenko (Russian Federation); and Vice-Chairs, Mr. Peter Blombäck (Sweden); Ms. Marta Gaworska (Poland); and Ms. Maureen Whelan (Canada).

10. Date and place of the next session

The secretariat will inform member States about the date and place of the joint session of the eighty-first session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the forty-second session of the FAO European Forestry Commission.

11. Any other business

None at the time of writing.

12. Adoption of the report

The Committee will adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

III. Tentative timetable

Wednesday, 2 November 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title</i>
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Thursday, 3 November 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title</i>
10:00 – 13:00	Item 3	Matters arising since the last session
	Item 4	The global and regional policy context
15:00 – 18:00	Item 5	Forest economics and markets

Friday, 4 November 2022

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title</i>
10:00 – 13:00	Item 6	Report on and implementation of the 2022-2025 Integrated Programme of Work and related decisions
15:00 – 18:00	Item 7	The contribution of forests and forest products to a circular bioeconomy
	Item 8	Capacity-building and technical assistance
	Item 9	Election of officers
	Item 10	Date and place of the next session
	Item 11	Any other business
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