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**JOINT FAO/ECE/ILO COMMITTEE ON FOREST TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING**

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**Review of the activities in subject area 3, vocational training and applied ergonomics**

**Item 8 of the provisional agenda**

Note by the secretariat\*

This document presents the activities in subject area 3 since the Joint Committee's twenty-fourth-session and draws the Committee's attention to a number of points for decision (in bold, italic type).

The Joint Committee is invited to:

- Review its past activities in this subject area and agree on activities for the future;
- Agree on the specific points drawn to its attention.

\*This document has been submitted late due to the need for extensive external consultations.

### **Review of the programme in subject area 3:**

#### **Vocational training and applied ergonomics**

(e.g. for workers, supervisors and managers, including applied ergonomics and occupational safety and health)

##### 3.1. Forestry workforce network

The FORWORKNET *Update* Newsletter is issued once a year. The next issue is expected in December 2004.

***Point for decision: For information only***

##### 3.2. EDUFOREST– the Forestry Education Network

France is organising a conference of forest training centres. The meeting, *The First International Conference of Forest Training Centres*, is planned to be held 23-25 February 2005. The information of the meeting will be disseminated by EDUFOREST and the preliminary programme will be presented at the session. The aspects of training and human resources development will be incorporated.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to comment and agree on the programme.***

##### 3.3 Public participation and partnerships in forestry

(i) Team of Specialists: *The use of forest products and services by the public.*

This theme is the third part of the team's mandate. The finalisation of the work has been delayed while funding possibilities are explored. Member countries approached have stated not to be in a position to fund the team's work. Without funding it will not be possible to accomplish the team's work.

***Point for decision:***

- ***If funding to accomplish the third part of the team's mandate is not available, it is proposed to terminate the work of the team.***

(ii) High-level meeting: *Strength in numbers' – harnessing the public interest and support for forestry.*

The proposed high level meeting will build on the team's earlier work on public participation and awareness raising as well as on the seminars on Forestry meets the public and Public

participation and partnerships. This activity is to be carried out in cooperation with the UNECE/FAO Forestry Communicators Network.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee might not be the suitable body to be the main organiser. It is proposed that the MCPFE or the Timber Committee take up this item with the support from the Joint Committee.***

3.4 Social and cultural dimensions of SFM

The seminar on Forestry our cultural heritage will be held on 13-15 June 2005 in Värmland County in Sweden. The Swedish organisers have circulated a first draft programme among partner countries and organisations for comments. The first announcement is expected to be circulated by the Joint Committee and MCPFE secretariats during the summer 2004. A second announcement will be published in October 2004.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to comment and discuss the programme to be presented at the session.***

3.5 Safety and health in public and small-scale private forest

Switzerland, France and the Swiss national accident insurance company SUVA confirmed their interest to jointly organise a seminar in 2006 or 2007. Messrs. M. Büchel and C. Salvignol will present a preliminary programme at the next session of the Committee.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to comment and discuss the programme to be presented at the session.***

3.6 Forestry workforce

(i) High-level meeting: *Making sustainable forestry work.*

The French organisers have offered to host this meeting in 2006 in Rhône-Alpes subject to the official agreement of the host country. A proposal will be presented at the Joint Committee session.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to comment and discuss the programme to be presented at the session.***

- (ii) Team of specialists: *Non-traditional employment/business opportunities in the forestry sector.*

The Steering Committee has been informed about a similar activity being carried out by EFI. Mr J. Ilavsky would contact the relevant project centre at the EFI. It was also agreed that the Joint Committee would be willing to support a seminar on this topic in cooperation with RPC EFI.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to agree on future activities on the basis of the information available at the session.***

3.7 Gender and forestry

The team of specialists on Gender and Forestry was established. The first meeting was held at FAO, Rome, on 23 April 2004. According to the mandate, the work of the team will last two years; there are 14 team members from 7 countries, IUFRO and FAO are also represented. In addition there are 16 interested experts willing to be involved in the team's work. The work programme will be implemented by three separate working groups: 1) Gender structures in forest organisations; 2) Gender structures in forest ownership; and 3) Gender and the perception of forests. The next meeting will be held in Düsseldorf, Germany on 22-23 November 2004.

***Point for decision:***

- ***The Joint Committee is invited to take note of the above information.***

3.8 Other topics

None.