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**UNECE/FAO STRATEGIC REVIEW
AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2005-2008**

(Item 10 of the provisional agenda)

Note by the secretariat

The present document presents:

- (a) an account of the strategic review process
- (b) the draft integrated programme of work of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission for the period 2005 to 2008, for review and endorsement by the joint session.

INTRODUCTION

1. The UNECE Timber Committee at its sixty-first session in 2003 and the FAO European Forestry Commission at its thirty-first session in 2002 agreed to carry out a strategic review of their joint integrated programme of work on forests and timber.
2. Member countries and stakeholders were invited to participate in the process by means of a questionnaire. Twenty-three responses were received, of which 15 from member countries. An extended Bureaux meeting held in Geneva on 1-2 April 2004 examined the replies and made proposals (see report on the website) to the annual joint bureaux meeting of the TC and the EFC in May 2004 (see report on the website).
3. The regular joint bureaux meeting on 7 May agreed with the objective, strategy for 2005-2008, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, programme elements and formal structure. The Bureaux approved the draft strategic plan reproduced in the annex and agreed that it be submitted for discussion and formal adoption to the joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission.
4. The integrated programme of work 2005-2008 will have increased emphasis on communicating and fund raising. A fund raising strategy is being prepared and will be circulated before the joint session for comments. In addition, significant inputs will be expected to UNECE cross-sectoral activities, and the external evaluation of UNECE's role and structure.
5. One topic remains under discussion, the future of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training. The regular joint bureaux meeting further made the following remarks:

“The meeting reiterated that the Joint Committee had done an excellent and innovative work while adapting its methods of work. Communication and reporting between the Joint Committee and its parent bodies could have been improved. Resources of the partner organisations, FAO HQ, UNECE and ILO, had been reduced and there was a need to prioritise activities. The meeting stressed the interest attached by countries to work area 4, social and cultural aspects of forestry, which would be maintained regardless of the discussion concerning the Joint Committee.

The meeting acknowledged the benefits of supporting a Network of committed practitioners, and the fact that the existence of such an institution could support funding applications. It stressed that the TC and the EFC, with the secretariats, were responsible for all activities under the integrated programme and it was essential that mechanisms be in place for them to exercise this responsibility.

The meeting decided that:

- The proposal to discontinue the Joint Committee as a permanent subsidiary body should be maintained;
- That the member countries should be invited to form a Network (exact title to be determined) and to indicate in what way the new Network could contribute to the implementation of the integrated programme;
- Work methods should be agreed which enabled the Network to contribute effectively to the integrated programme of work, while minimizing the requirements for secretariat resources and allowing the Bureaux and the secretariat to maintain full responsibility for the content and quality of the outputs;

- The Joint Committee Steering Committee should be requested to make proposals on the set up, structure, methods and activities of the new Network before the summer break. These proposals will be presented and discussed at the twenty-fifth session of the Joint Committee in the Netherlands in September. A joint meeting of the Bureaux on the occasion of the Joint Committee session in Groningen should agree on a format, for approval by the joint session.
- The Joint Committee should make proposals on the implementation of activities which are part of the present integrated programme of work and also of the MCPFE programme.

The meeting asked the secretariat to consult with ILO, when the new staff member is appointed, if and to what extent they would be in a position to contribute resources to the joint programme.”

6. Subsequently, the ILO staff member responsible (50% of his time) for forest and timber matters has indicated ILO's support for the goals of the Joint Committee and commitment to complete work under way at present. ILO wishes to cooperate in the future with UNECE/FAO on specific activities in the social and cultural area, on an ad hoc basis, but unfortunately does not have the resources to commit to maintaining secretariat services to a permanent intergovernmental body such as the Joint Committee.

7. The Joint Committee Steering Committee is preparing a proposal as requested by the bureaux. The joint session will be informed of discussions between the Joint Committee and the Chairmen of the TC and the EFC to be held on the occasion of the twenty-fifth session of the Joint Committee in September in the Netherlands.

The TC and the EFC are invited to review and endorse the integrated programme for 2005-2008 developed during the strategic review process.

It should agree on:

- *the objective,*
- *the strategy,*
- *expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement,*
- *the programme elements,*
- *activities and outputs, methods of work, and*
- *the draft mandates of teams of specialists.*

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UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission
Integrated programme of work on forests and timber

Objective

To contribute to achieving sustainable forest management, including the sound and legal use of wood, other forest products and services, throughout the UNECE region, and to ensure measurement of that progress.

To contribute to this objective, the TC and the EFC will promote cooperation between countries in the region and develop regional and sub-regional initiatives.

Strategy for 2005-2008

In order to support forest management, including the use of wood, other forest products and services, which is sustainable from the ecological, economic and social point of view, it is necessary to maintain a good balance between these three aspects. This balance should be based on a strong consensus about goals and methods among all stakeholders, and well integrated into the policy framework for other sectors (the cross-sectoral approach).

Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation, through the integrated UNECE/FAO programme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts, and information, sharing experience and defining standard measurement tools (indicators).

The main contribution of the programme is through developing and applying tools to analyse and monitor both policy and developments on the ground, collecting, validating and disseminating information and analysis, as well as stimulating the exchange of experience, and joint efforts to measure progress.

While all countries benefit from international cooperation, the programme recognizes the special needs of the countries of the CIS and south east Europe, where forest sector problems tend to be more acute and national capacity weaker.

Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

1. Improved practice of sustainable forest management, supported by an increased ability to measure sustainable forest management at the national and regional level.
 - 1.1. Percentage of UNECE countries with national forest programme (nfp) or similar holistic forest sector policy framework*
 - 1.2. Percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on indicators of sustainable forest management to the Fifth Ministerial Conference on the protection of Forests in Europe*
2. Improved policies to promote the sound use of wood, and increased ability to monitor it
 - 2.1. Percentage of UNECE countries with policies in place on sound use of wood, whether or not in the context of national forest programmes*
 - 2.2. Percentage of UNECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to UNECE/FAO/ITTO/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire*

3. Increased capacity of countries in CIS and south-east Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level, notably through developing appropriate policy measures

3.1. Number of experts from CIS and south-east Europe participating in subprogramme workshops and seminars, and considering these activities of adequate relevance and quality

3.2. Improvement in administrative capacity of CIS and south east European countries, as evidenced by the number of these countries adopting national forest programmes

Programme elements

The programme has five work areas and 23 programme elements as follows:

<u>Work area 1</u>	Markets and Statistics
1.1	Statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products
1.2	Analysis of markets for forest products, notably topical and policy relevant aspects
1.3	Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition
1.4	Monitoring and analysis of markets for certified wood products
1.5	Statistics on forest fires
<u>Work area 2</u>	Forest resource assessment and indicators of sustainable forest management in the region
2.1	Regional indicators of SFM
2.2	Regional contribution to global FRA
2.3	Support to development of national systems for forest monitoring
<u>Work area 3</u>	Sector outlook studies: analysis and follow-up
3.1	Implementation and follow up of EFSOS to be determined
3.2	Forest relevant cross-sectoral issues at the pan-European level
3.3	Sector policy aspects of increased use of wood energy
<u>Work area 4</u>	Social and cultural aspects of forestry
4.1	Role of women in forestry
4.2	The social dimension of SFM in Europe, e.g. safety and health aspects
4.3	Role of contractors
<u>Work area 5</u>	Policy and cross sectoral issues
5.1	Contribution to the regional dimension of the global dialogue
5.2	Monitoring recent developments in policies and institutions
5.3	Trends in policies and institutions for the sector in CIS and south east Europe
5.4	Trade and environment issues:
5.4.1	- extent and cause of illegal logging
5.5	Forest fires
5.6	Sectoral and cross-sectoral communication
5.7	Preparation of forest and forest products country profiles

Main activities and outputs, methods of work

The proposed main activities, outputs and methods of work, as well as partnerships and the allocation of Geneva based secretariat resources are attached. However, this operational information does not necessitate formal approval by intergovernmental bodies.

Formal structures:

UNECE Timber Committee

Meets annually in Geneva, as a forum for policy discussion and for discussion of market trends and outlook. It also reviews implementation of the work programme. Every four years, it meets in joint session with the European Forestry Commission, to carry out a strategic review of the whole integrated programme. The next joint session after 2004 will be in 2008 in Rome.

FAO European Forestry Commission

Meets every two years, alternately in a HQ location (Geneva or Rome) and a member country.¹ It reviews recent developments in policy and institutions and acts as a policy forum. It identifies emerging policy issues in the region for the FAO Committee on Forests (COFO). It also reviews implementation of the work programme.

Bureaux

The Bureaux consist of the office-holders (Chairman and Vice-Chairs) of the TC and the EFC and the Chair of the Working Party. They meet at least annually, usually with representatives of MCPFE. The Bureaux decide on how the work programme is to be implemented.

Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

Meets annually in Geneva to provide guidance to activities in work areas 1, 2 and 3, as well as any other linked activity.

Teams of specialists

Several activities are implemented or guided by teams of specialists, which are time limited, voluntary groups of experts who work with the secretariat to achieve specified goals. Each team has time limited, specific terms of reference in a standard format. Drafts of these mandates are attached, although some await input from other partners, and are not final. The integrated programme has 7 teams as follows:

- Markets and marketing (work area 1)
- Monitoring forest resources for sustainable forest management in UNECE Region (work area 2)
- Gender and forestry (element 4.1)
- Best practices in forest contracting (element 4.3)
- Support and contribution to sustainable development of the forest sector in central and eastern Europe and in the CIS (element 5.3)
- Forest fire (element 5.5)
- Forest communicators network (element 5.6)

Partnerships

The TC and the EFC work wherever possible in partnership with other organisations. As of 2004, there are operational partnerships in place with MCPFE, Eurostat and ITTO, and cooperation with a very wide range of organisations. There is scope for developing and strengthening partnerships with

¹ For 2006, invitations have been received from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

several other organisations, including, among intergovernmental organisations the EU (DGs ENV, AGRI and INDUSTRY, COST Actions), EEA, ILO, EFI, and a wide range of NGOs, including WWF, IUCN, CEPI, CEI-Bois, CEPF, ENFIN. The modalities of cooperation should be determined and reported by programme element.

Integrated programme of work
Programme elements, outputs, and resources

		% Staff time (1)	Comple- menting inputs (2)	Core/ A/B (3)	Description	Outputs	Timing
WORK PROGRAMME							
1	Markets and statistics	23					
1.1	Statistics on production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products	10	Eurostat/ FAO/ ITTO	Core	Collect, through national correspondents and other sources, statistics on production, trade and prices of forest products and disseminate them. Improve statistics quality and coverage through co-ordination in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics.	(annual): • TIMBER database and FAOSTAT database • "Forest Products Statistics" • Data available on websites	Continuing
1.2	Analysis of markets for forest products, notably topical and policy relevant aspects	9	Interns, volunteer authors and speakers, FOPE	Core	Analyse markets for forest products and publish annual market analysis. Publish forecasts annually of short-term market trends with analysis of current developments following annual market discussions at Timber Committee. Publish additional market analyses as necessary.	• "Forest Products Annual Market Review"; Annual market discussions • "Forest Products Markets Prospects" • Periodic market reports in Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Papers • Special analysis • Data available on websites	Continuing
1.3	Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition	1	Loaned expert	A	Conduct workshops on marketing of forest products (including non- wood forest products and services) normally in central and eastern European, Mediterranean and CIS countries, in cooperation with FAO, other organizations, country hosts and donors	Workshops in countries to be determined and dates to be determined by availability of funding.	As funded
1.4	Monitoring and analysis of markets for certified wood products	1	Volunteer authors and speakers, FOPE	Core	Monitor and disseminate objective and current information on markets for forest products certified as being from sustainably managed forests, primarily on the basis of reports from the network of the officially nominated country correspondents.	• Discussion at TC session • Chapter in "FPAMR" • Website. • Periodic Discussion Papers	To 2008

1.5	Statistics on forest fires	1	EU/JRC	Core	Collect and disseminate statistics on forest fires through national correspondents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database "Forest Fire Statistics" Data available on websites 	Continuing
	Servicing ToS markets	1			See mandate		
2	Forest Resource Assessment and indicators of Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE region	23					
2.1	Regional indicators of SFM	10	MCPFE, EU, EEA, ENFIN	Core	Develop a set of data on the revised MCPFE indicator set, providing guidance on methods and definitions. Promote partnerships in this field	Report to Warsaw Ministerial Conference	To 2008
2.2	Regional contribution to global FRA	10	FORM	Core	Provide data on forest resources of Europe to the Global FRA process; participate in the Advisory Group of global FRA and in the development of assessment methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated data on forest resources of Europe" Data available on websites 	To 2008
2.3	Support to development of national systems for forest monitoring	2	EU	A	Contribute to regional efforts to build capacity of national systems for forest monitoring	Workshops, advice, access to best practice	As funded
	Servicing ToS FRA	1			See ToR and Mandate		To 2008
3	Sector outlook studies: analysis and follow-up	6					
3.1	Implementation and follow up of EFSOS to be determined	1	FOPE	A	Implement, to the extent possible, recommendations of EFSOS study applicable to the international level.	When EFSOS complete and reviewed by joint session in 2004, Bureaux should consider which recommendations should be followed up	As funded
3.2	Forest relevant cross-sectoral issues at the pan-European level	3	MCPFE, and donors	A	Present cross-sectoral issues identified by EFSOS to the forest sector policy community and to other relevant policy communities for information and discussion	Workshop	2004/5
3.3	Sector policy aspects of increased use of wood energy	2	FOPP, ECE/IREE, EU Enterprise	A	Analyse policy issues and disseminate conclusions, on the basis of EFSOS recommendations	Proposal for an output to be submitted to the joint Bureaux	As decided and funded

4	Social and cultural aspects of forestry	0					
4.1	Role of women in forestry Servicing ToS	0	FOPP, Sweden	A	Improve information on women in forestry, awareness of issues, and promote action See mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> case studies information about national experiences, in particular success measures and good practices national networks of women in forestry 	To end 2005
4.2	The social dimension of SFM in Europe	0	ILO (commitment)	B	Identify forest sector social and cultural issues requiring international activities, e.g. safety and health, society's demand on forests	Proposals to be developed and presented to Bureaux	As funded
4.3	Role of contractors Servicing ToS	0	FOPP, ENFE	A	Develop a set of guidelines on good practices for contractors See mandate	Guidelines on good practices for forestry contractors	To 2005
5	Policy and cross sectoral issues	14					
5.1	Contribution to the regional dimension of the global dialogue	0	To be determined	B	Regional activities related to UNFF and COFO outcomes, if called for by global level	Based on outcome of UNFF, Bureaux will decide whether activities are desirable	To be determined
5.2	Monitoring recent developments in policies and institutions	2		Core	EFC will monitor at its regular sessions, on the basis of national reports, recent developments in forest sector policy and institutions, including for national forestry programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion at EFC sessions, synthesis of contributions, subsequently published. Workshops on changing role of state forest services 	Continuing
5.3	Trends in policies and institutions for the sector in CIS and south east Europe Servicing ToS CIS/SEE	2 1	SEUR, FO	A	A strategy for the countries in transition is being developed by FAO. Future activities will be implemented in the framework of this strategy. See mandate	To be determined	To be determined

5.4	Trade and environment issues:						
5.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extent and cause of illegal logging 	3	FON, FOPE, ITTO, MCPFE donors	A	Improve knowledge and analysis of the extent and causes of illegal logging in the ECE region	Workshop in 2004, then to be determined	To be determined
5.5	Forest fires	1	GFMC, FOR, ISDR and others	A	Improve management of forest fire issues through exchange of information and coordination of response	Seminars regional plans for cooperation in combating fires	To 2008
	Servicing ToS	1			See mandate		
5.6	Sectoral and cross-sectoral communication	2	MCPFE, FCN, ETC, WPN	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve understanding of attitudes to wood and its substitutes as part of promotion of sound use of wood; Share and make available information and experience on best PR practice, as a contribution to the sound use of wood 	Study, link to workshop: Workshops, manuals of best practice	To 2005 As funded
	Servicing ToS FCN	1			See mandate		
5.7	Preparation of country profiles	1		A	Profiles of the forest and forest products sector of UNECE member countries, including sector institutions and policies.	"Forest and Forest Products Country Profiles" published as Study/ Discussion Papers	Periodic, depending on demands and resource availability
	Intergovernmental processes	10					
	Timber Committee sessions	4					Annual
	EFC sessions	3					Biennial
	Bureaux sessions	1					Annual
	Sessions of Statistics Working Party	2					Annual
	Communication	6					
	Dissemination of outputs: Yearbook, website, publications	4					
	Communication of results of integrated programme	2	FCN				

	Administration, management, contribution to UNECE, FAO general activities etc.	18					
	Contribution to ECE cross sectoral activities, and internal division/ECE work	2					
	Contribution to FAO Forestry Department activities	2					
	Strategic thinking	2					
	Programme, budget, administration	5					
	Fund raising	3					
	Staff development	4					
	Total	100					

(1) i.e. % of Geneva staff time. There are 8.5 staff, so 1% = 0.85 work months/year, assuming 10 effective work months/staff member/year, which takes account of leave, sickness and leaves some margin for unplanned activities

(2) Other than normal country participation

- **Core programme: continuing activities for which there is a reasonable expectation that they could be carried out with present regular budget resources and normal country support and participation.**
- **Time limited topics for 2004-2008: activities for which extra budgetary funding or special partnerships should be sought. This category should be further subdivided as follows:**
 - Category A: activities which should have the highest priority for fund raising or which are already funded
 - Category B: activities for which funding should be sought.

DRAFT MANDATES OF TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS
(Lists of team members are posted on the website and available from the secretariat)

**UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETS AND MARKETING**
Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 1
Programme elements 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

A. OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the sustainable development of forest products markets in the UNECE region.

1. Provide a forum for discussion of forest products marketing in the UNECE region. In particular, contribute to the TC's annual market discussions and thereby advise the TC and EFC on forest products market developments.
2. Advise on implementation of Work Area 1, focusing on its products and publications and undertaking studies as appropriate.
3. Provide assistance in marketing in the UNECE region, especially to central and eastern European countries, through information collection, analysis and dissemination, including workshops.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Contribution to Timber Committee market discussions and workshop(s) on extent and cause of illegal logging and trade
2. Survey, and advise on market-related publications and products.
3. Study on possible effects on forest products markets of measures to ensure forest law enforcement and governance

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	Joint Session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004
DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	Subgroups with their leaders tackle the specific projects
REPORTING	To the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics and annual Bureaux meetings
TEAM LEADERS	Leader: Dr. Richard Vlosky; Deputy Leaders: Dr. Eduard Akim and Mr. Michael Buckley
RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER	Ed Pepke

<p style="text-align: center;">UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON MONITORING FOREST RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE UNECE REGION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 2 Programme elements 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3</p>

A. OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To advise the UNECE/FAO and FAO secretariats on the implementation of activities in Work Area 2 “Forest Resources Assessment and Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management in the Region”; ▪ To contribute to the coordination of reporting on C&I for SFM by MCPFE and Montreal process countries; ▪ To support the regional contribution to the global FRA ▪ To support development of national systems of forest monitoring ▪ To contribute to the institutional cooperation on monitoring of forests (EU, MCPFE, ENFIN, et al).
<p>EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUT: Outline (Enquiry) for Country Reporting on the pan-European Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management</p>

B. BACKGROUND	
ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	Joint Session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004
DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	Annual meetings of the Team of Specialists. Communication among ToS members between the annual meetings, communication with country focal points.
REPORTING	To the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics and annual Bureaux meetings
TEAM LEADER	The ToS Leader and his/her Deputy will be elected during the first (inaugural) meeting of the team in 2005
RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER	Alexander V. Korotkov

**UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
GENDER AND FORESTRY
Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 4
Programme element 4.1**

A. OBJECTIVES

Raise awareness of gender structures in forestry and use this information to promote good and equal opportunities for men and women in the sector.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Gender equality guidelines
2. Final report on gender and forestry, possibly submitted to the fifth MCPFE

B. BACKGROUND

**ESTABLISHED /
APPROVED BY**

The joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 59 October 2004 endorsed the proposal of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training's Steering Committee (16th session, October 2003 in Slovakia, Ref. Doc: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2003/2)

DURATION

From May 2004 and lasting 24 months to May 2006

**METHODS OF
WORK**

- Launch case studies into specific aspects of gender and forestry, including family-owned forests
- Review relevant data
- Disseminate information about national experiences, in particular success measures and good practices
- Develop criteria and indicators to reflect gender aspects in sustainable forest management
- Organise follow-up meeting to the seminar in Portugal focusing on gender in forestry. It should be used as an opportunity to monitor change in gender balance and equal opportunities
- Promote national networks of women in forestry.

REPORTING

Intermediate reporting to UNECE/FAO; to Bureaux; and to both the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission when work is completed.

TEAM LEADER

Team leader: Gun Lidestav (Sweden); deputy team leader: Albertina Skaidrite (Latvia)

**RESPONSIBLE
SECRETARIAT
MEMBER**

Anna Springfors, (FOPE), FAO

**UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
BEST PRACTICES IN FOREST CONTRACTING
Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 4
Programme element 4.3**

A. OBJECTIVES

To develop guidelines on “Good Practices in Contract Labour in Forestry”

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Revision of the contents of the manual “Good Practice in Contract Labour in Forestry”;
2. Description of additional cases of Best Practice;
3. Guidelines for good practices in contract labour in forestry;
4. Workshop on “Good Practice in Contract Labour in Forestry”.

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	The joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004 endorsed the proposal of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training’s Steering Committee (16 th session, October 2003 in Slovakia, Ref. Doc: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2003/2)
DURATION	From May 2004 and lasting 18 months to December 2005
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the contents of the manual” Good Practices for Forest Service Providers”; • Identify and describe additional case studies of Best Practice to be included in the manual; • Develop guidelines based on the manual; • Develop training material for the implementation of the guidelines; • Organize a seminar on good practices in contract work in forestry.
REPORTING	Intermediate reporting to UNECE/FAO; to Bureaux; and to both the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission when work is completed.
TEAM LEADER	Mr. Edgar Kastenholz (Germany)
RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER	Joachim Lorbach, (FOPP), FAO

<p align="center">UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOREST SECTOR IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND IN THE CIS</p> <p align="center">Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 5, Programme element 5.3; and Work Area 1: Programme element 1.3</p>	
A. OBJECTIVES	
<p>Enhance effectiveness of international activities intended to support and contribute to sustainable development of the forest sector in central and eastern Europe and in CIS, notably through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a viable and efficient private sector, specifically addressing the needs of forest owners and small scale forest industry enterprises • Enhancing the capacity of public sector institutions especially to provide an effective policy and institutional framework; • Strengthening integration of forestry with other sectors taking into account the cross-sectoral issues; • Improving the sharing and exchange of data, information and knowledge; and • Identifying emerging issues and facilitating dialogue and discussion. 	
<p>EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS: The team will identify priority issues in CEEC and CIS and promote a transparent regional discussion of priorities and best practice in reforming policies and institutions in the sector. It will be consulted on the formulation of a strategy for FAO activities for the forest sector of countries in transition. It will advise the UNECE/FAO Secretariat, on the implementation of their programmes within the framework of the integrated programme of work. It will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the formulation of appropriate activities; • Provide feed back on the effectiveness of the various initiatives; • Assist in resource mobilisation in support of the various activities; • Contribute to the sharing of knowledge and information. 	
B. BACKGROUND	
ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	Joint Session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, October 2004
DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and recommendations to the secretariats, • Intensive communication among the members <p>Modalities of work (schedule of meetings, communications, possible subgroups or special projects) will be determined by the team at its first meeting. Partnerships will be established with relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations, notably MCPFE.</p>
REPORTING	Once a year: to the Joint Bureau Meeting of UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission
TEAM LEADER	To be chosen at inaugural meeting.
TEAM MEMBERS	Nominations will be invited from Governments and other stakeholders. The team should be balanced between stakeholders and regions.
RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT MEMBER	Volker Sasse, SEUR, Budapest.

**UNECE / FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
FOREST FIRE
Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 5
Programme element 5.5**

A. OBJECTIVES

- To promote scientific methods in forest fire management and forest fire policy;
- To provide guidance to member states on forest fire management and forest fire policies;
- To organise and prepare seminars, workshops and educational programmes; and promote a continuous exchange of information and experience among country forest fire specialists from the policy, managerial and research spheres.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. Follow up the recommendations of the International Wildland Fire Summit, particularly in the consolidation of the Global and Regional Wildland Fire Networks
2. Bi-annual publication of *International Forest Fire News* (IFFN)

B. BACKGROUND

ESTABLISHED / APPROVED BY	The joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Geneva, 5-9 October 2004 endorsed the proposal of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training's Steering Committee (16 th session, October 2003 in Slovakia, Ref. Doc: TIM/EFC/WP.1/2003/2)
DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations dealing with forest fire questions in the region (FAO, Silva Mediterranea, UN-ISDR, IUFRO, the European Union and others) • Cooperation with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR), Wildland Fire Advisory Group and the Global Wildland Fire Network • Criteria for harmonization and reporting of forest fire statistics
REPORTING	To annual Bureaux meetings and to both the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission when work is completed
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Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 5
Programme element 5.6**

A. OBJECTIVES

To improve the ability of the forest and forest products sector to communicate effectively, within and outside the sector, and to raise the awareness of sector policy makers of the potential of modern effective communication tools.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

- Guide on best practices in forest sector communication (2005);
- Workshop/seminar in communication in forest sector policy (based on earlier outputs by FCN, including studies of public perceptions, “train the trainers” workshops, best practices guide, etc.), with participation of sector policy makers and analysts;
- Assistance to UNECE/FAO secretariat in improving communication about integrated programme, and to team of specialists on gender in forestry and other teams, as requested;
- Report on consumer attitudes towards forest products (completion expected for 2005).

B. BACKGROUND

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DURATION	From 2005 to 2008
METHODS OF WORK	Meetings, workshops and policy advice
REPORTING	To annual Bureaux meetings
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LIST OF ACRONYMS ABBREVIATIONS

FAO	FO	Forestry Department
	FON	Forest Policy and Information Division
	FOP	Forest Products and Economics Division
	FOPE	Economics Service (Forest Products and Economics Division)
	FOPP	Forest Products Service (Forest Products and Economics Division)
	FOR	Forest Resources Division
	FORM	Forest Resources Development Service (Forest Resources Division)
	SEUR	Subregional Office for Europe
CEI-Bois	European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (industry association of EU countries) http://www.cei-bois.org/	
CEPF	Confederation of European Forest Owners (umbrella organization of national forest owner organizations in the European Union) http://www.cepf-eu.org/	
CEPI	Confederation of European Paper Industries (organisation, representing 19 European countries and some 900 pulp, paper and board-producing companies across Europe, from small and medium-sized enterprises to multinationals) http://www.cepi.org/	
EEA	European Environment Agency (help achieve improvement in Europe's environment and to support sustainable development through the provision of reliable information to policy makers and the public) http://www.eea.eu.int/	
EFI	European Forest Institute (promotes research of forests, forestry and forest products at the pan-European level) http://www.efi.fi/	
ENFE	European Network of Forest Entrepreneurs	
ENFIN	European National Forestry Information Network	
ETC	European Timber Council	
EU (DGs ENV, AGRI and INDUSTRY, COST Actions)	COST _Cooperation in Science and Technology Network	
FCN	Forest Communicators Network - UNECE/FAO Team of specialists	
GFMC	Global Fire Monitoring Center (early warning, monitoring and information system to promote fire policies and management) http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/	
ILO	International Labour Organization (social and labour issues in sectoral activities) http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/sector/sectors/forest.htm	
IREED	Industrial Restructuring, Energy and Enterprise Development Division (UNECE)	
ISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (promotes increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development) http://www.unisdr.org/	
IUCN	The World Conservation Union (promotes sustainable use of natural resources) http://www.iucn.org/	

ToS	UNECE/FAO Team of specialists
WPN	Wood Promotion Network (North America's largest coalition of wood product and allied industry companies and associations, representing more than two-thirds of North American wood production) http://www.woodpromotion.net/index.asp
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature International http://www.wwf.org/
