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Seventy-second session - From 18 to 21 November 2014

Korston Hotel & Mall, Kazan, Russian Federation

Programme

Languages: English, French and Russian with simultaneous translation

Introduction

The seventy-second session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) will be held, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Russian Federation, in the city of Kazan, from 18 to 21 November 2014.

Participants at this meeting will review progress in the implementation of sustainable forest management in the ECE region and discuss:

- The role of forests in the post 2015 development agenda
- The contribution of forests to a green economy, through market discussions based on the upcoming Forest Product Annual Market Review
- The implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy
- How to measure the progress made by the forest sector towards a green economy
- Global and regional reporting on sustainable forest management
- Policy issues for the next round of forest outlook studies
- A regional contribution to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York, May 2015).

All related official documents are available at: <http://www.unece.org/forests/kazan2014.html>

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Provisional Programme

As of 7 November 2014

Time	Programme elements
Monday, 17 November 2014	
16:00	Departure by bus from the Korston Hotel & Mall for the Kazan Kremlin tour
Tuesday 18 November 2014	
9:30 - 10:50	<p>Opening of the 72nd session and welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ivan Valentik, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Head of the Federal Forest Agency of the Russian Federation</i> • <i>Representative of the Tatarstan Republic (tbc)</i> • <i>Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary</i> • <i>Mr. Marat Zajnullin winner of the XIth International Junior Forest Contest</i> <p>Introduction to Russian Forestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ivan Valentik, Head of the Federal Forest Agency of the Russian Federation</i> <p>Keynote speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Renate Christ, Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</i>
10:50 - 10:55	<p>Adoption of the agenda¹ Heikki Granholm (Finland), Chair, UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry</p>
10:55 - 11:25	<p>Information on Forest for Fashion Initiatives²</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to comment on the Forests for Fashion Initiative and share ideas on how to create alliances to promote sustainable wood-based fibers jointly with the Fashion Industry.</i></p> <p><i>The Committee is invited to discuss how the forest sector could promote a wider use of forest-based sustainable fibres in the context of a green economy.</i></p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paolo Naldini, Director of Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto in Biella, Italy</i> • <i>Lorenz Wied, Head of Strategic Projects at Lenzing AG, Lenzing, Austria</i>
11:25 - 13:00	<p>The Role of Forests in the post - 2015 Agenda³</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to take note of the information provided and discuss how the Secretariat can address the opportunities for using its extensive system of monitoring and evaluation of all aspects related to the state of forests, forest resources, forest services and sustainable forest management to support the accountability mechanisms for the post-2015 agenda.</i></p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christoph Dürr, International Forest Policy Advisor, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland</i> • <i>Simon Milledge, Forest Team Leader and Principal Researcher, Natural Resources Group, IIED</i> • <i>Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, Forest Affairs Officer, UNFF secretariat</i> • <i>Maxim Lobovikov, International Consultant</i>

¹Item 1 of the agenda for the seventy-second session – Document [ECE/TIM/2014/1](#)

²Item 2d of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/6](#)

³Item 4 of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/8](#)

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13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 - 18:00	<p>Market Discussions⁴</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to review the draft market statement.</i></p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jarno Seppälä, Head of Forest Industry Consulting and Bio-solutions, INDUFOR, Finland</i> • <i>Nikolai Ivanov, Vice President, Union of Timber Manufacturers and Exporters, Russian Federation</i> • <i>Bruce Glass, Forest Economist for The Campbell Group, LLC</i> • <i>Richard Vlosky, Director of the Louisiana Forest Products Development Centre and Program Leader of the Forest Products Program at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Centre, School of Renewable Natural Resources</i>
19:00 - 21:00	Reception
Wednesday 19 November 2014	
10:00 - 13:00	<p>Follow-up to the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy⁵</p> <p><i>The Committee is invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Take note of the activities mentioned in this document.</i> – <i>Provide guidance on further work to be undertaken to support the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan.</i> – <i>Report on their national approach to the green economy in the forest sector.</i> – <i>Request the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section to conduct a survey of the member States' governments and other forest sector stakeholders in the region and prepare a report on their activities in relation to the green economy in the forest sector for the next joint session of the Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission "Silva2015" to be held in Engelberg, Switzerland, in November 2015.</i> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kenan Kilic, Division Manager, General Directorate of Forestry, Turkey</i> • <i>Janusz Zaleski, Deputy Director General, State Forests National Holding, Poland</i> • <i>Maxat Yelemessov, Head of the Department of Forestry and Special Protected Natural Reserves, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i> • <i>Marta Gaworska, Advisor, State Forest Holding, Poland</i> • <i>Helen Goodland, Principal, Brantwood consulting, Canada</i> • <i>Edgar Kastenholz, Secretary, European Network of Forest Entrepreneurs</i>
13:00 - 15:00	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>The Market Statement Drafting Committee will meet at 13:00 (room tbd) in order to finalize the market statement taking into account the Committee's input</p>
15:00 - 17:45	<p>Measuring and communicating the contribution of the Forest Sector to a Green Economy⁶</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to provide guidance on the scope and organization of work aiming to create a practical and relevant set of indicators to present to Silva2015, so that the forest sector can be properly represented in rapidly emerging green economy measurement frameworks.</i></p>

⁴Item 2a of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/3](#)

⁵Item 2b of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/4](#) and [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.1](#)

⁶Item 2c of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/5](#)

Time	Programme elements
	Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kit Prins, International Consultant</i> • <i>Andrea Bassi, CEO, KnowlEdge Srl</i> • <i>Alessandra Alfieri, United Nations Statistics Division</i> • <i>Evgeny Kuzmichev, Senior Consultant, FLEG 2 Program, World Bank Russia Country office</i> • <i>Marina Smetanina, Program Coordinator, World Bank Russia Country Office</i>
19:00 - 21:00	Quiz on Forest Products Markets (exhibition area, tbc)
Thursday 20 November 2014	
10:00 - 10:15	Global and regional reporting on forest and sustainable forest management⁷ <i>The Committee will be briefed on the status of these two processes, the related activities undertaken by the secretariat and plans for the future.</i>
10:15 - 10:45	Contribution to the 11th session of UNFF⁸ <i>The Committee is expected to take note of the preliminary results and plans for the report.</i> Presentation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kit Prins, International Consultant</i>
10:45 - 11:05	Study on Forest Ownership in the UNECE region⁹ <i>The Committee is invited to:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Provide comments and suggestions on the scope and organization of the process on forest ownership and tenure reporting in the ECE region,</i> <i>b. Indicate key issues related to forest ownership and tenure in the ECE region that have to be addressed in the new reporting,</i> <i>c. Comment and advise on the form and the content of the joint questionnaire on forest ownership in the UNECE region.</i> Presentation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Diana Feliciano, Researcher, School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen</i>
11:05 - 11:20	Policy issues for the next round of outlook studies¹⁰ <i>The Committee is expected to review the draft set of policy issues in the light of existing and emerging policy making needs.</i>
11:20 - 11:50	Rules of procedures for the Committee¹¹ <i>The Committee is invited to review the draft rules for a possible adoption at Silva2015.</i>

⁷Item 3a of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.2](#)

⁸Item 3b of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.3](#)

⁹Item 3c of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/7](#) and Document [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.4](#)

¹⁰Item 3d of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.5](#)

¹¹Item 6 of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/12](#)

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11:50 - 12:05	<p>Report of the UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management¹²</p> <p><i>The Committee will be briefed by the Chair of the Working Party Mr. Johannes Hangler, Deputy Director of the Forestry Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria.</i></p>
12:05 - 12:20	<p>Review of 2014 activities and planned activities for 2015¹³</p> <p><i>The Committee will hear how the UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 was implemented in 2014 and review the tentative list of activities for 2015, the implementation of which is subject to availability of funds.</i></p>
12:20 - 12:30	<p>Biennial Evaluation Report for 2012-2013 (UNECE Forestry and Timber Subprogramme)¹⁴</p> <p><i>The Committee is invited to endorse the evaluation report.</i></p>
12:30 - 13:00	<p>Implementation of the UNDA Project and Fire Project¹⁵</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to comment on the progress of the projects and provide input and advice for the continuation of the UNDA project.</i></p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yana Trofimova, UNDA Consultant • Johann Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Centre
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Election of officers¹⁶</p> <p><i>The Committee is expected to elect the Bureau for its seventy-third session.</i></p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>Date and place of the next session¹⁷</p> <p><i>The Committee will be informed of the dates and place of the next joint session of the Committee with the FAO European Forestry Commission, Silva2015, in Engelberg, Switzerland, from 2 to 6 November 2015</i></p>
15:30 - 15:35	<p>Any other business¹⁸</p> <p><i>Any other issues may be raised by member States under this agenda item</i></p>
15:35 - 18:00	<p>Adoption of the report of the joint session report and closure¹⁹</p> <p><i>The Committee will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat. The Chair will close the session.</i></p>
Friday 20 November 2014	
08:00 - 17:00	<p>Field trip to the Sabinsky Forestry District (departure from and return to the Korston Hotel). One of the buses is expected to drop participants, who wish so, directly at the airport at 17:00.</p>

¹²Item 5a of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2014/2](#)

¹³Item 5b of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/9](#)

¹⁴Item 5c of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/10](#)

¹⁵Item 5d of the agenda, Document [ECE/TIM/2014/11](#) and [ECE/TIM/2014/INF.6](#)

¹⁶Item 7 of the agenda

¹⁷Item 8 of the agenda

¹⁸Item 9 of the agenda

¹⁹Item 10 of the agenda