

**FOREST EUROPE Expert Level Meeting**  
**19 February 2020, Bratislava, Slovakia**

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**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Preparation of the Eighth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe**
  - 3.1 Draft ministerial declaration “The Forests We Want“
  - 3.2 Draft ministerial resolution “Improve the adaptation [and mitigation] of forests towards climate change”
  - 3.3 Preparation of the report – Implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Commitments
  - 3.4 Other aspects of the preparation of the Ministerial Conference
- 4. Information on implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme**
- 5. Any other business**
- 6. Closure of the meeting**

**Meeting hours:** Wednesday, 19 February 2020, 09:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00

**Venue:** Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, 811 07 Bratislava

**Reception:** Tuesday, 18 February 2020, 19:00, Hotel Saffron

## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by a high-level representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic.

The meeting will be chaired by the representatives of two co-chairing countries of the FOREST EUROPE process: Mr. Boris Greguška (Slovak Republic) and Mr. Thomas Haußmann (Germany).

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the established procedure, the co-chair of the Expert Level Meeting shall, at the beginning of the session, introduce the draft agenda and ask for its adoption. Preliminary time schedule is attached as Annex I to this document.

### 3. Preparation of the Eight Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

#### 3.1 Draft ministerial declaration “European Forests We Want/Need 2030“

The last ELM (held in October 2019) mandated the GCC, in cooperation with LUB, to prepare the draft ministerial declaration to be submitted to the Drafting Meeting.

The improved draft ministerial declaration will be submitted to ELM based on the outcomes of the Drafting Meeting held on 17-18 February 2020.

ELM is invited to consider the draft declaration and decide on further steps.

*Documents:*

*ELM1/2020/1/ Draft ministerial declaration „The Forests We Want“ (to be submitted from the back-to-back Drafting Meeting)*

#### 3.2 Draft ministerial resolution on improving the adaptation and mitigation of forests towards climate change

The last ELM discussed the draft ministerial resolution on adaptation of forests towards climate change and agreed to be submitted to the Drafting Meeting.

The improved draft ministerial resolution will be submitted to ELM based on the outcomes of the Drafting Meeting held on 17-18 February 2020.

ELM is invited to consider the draft resolution and decide on further steps.

*Documents:*

*ELM1/2020/2/Draft ministerial resolution “Improve the adaptation [and mitigation] of forests towards climate change” (to be submitted from the back-to-back Drafting Meeting)*

#### 3.3 Preparation of the report – Implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Commitments

The last ELM agreed on the structure of the Report on implementation of FOREST EUROPE commitments to be prepared for the Ministerial Conference. The ELM will be informed about preliminary assessment of the progress towards Oslo Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests, and implementation of Madrid ministerial commitments.

ELM is invited to discuss a first draft of available results and possible further steps.

*ELM1/2020/3/Progress towards Oslo Goals and 2020Targets\_supporting document*

### 3.4 Other aspects of the preparation of the Ministerial Conference

ELM should be also informed about the structure of the agenda of the Ministerial Conference in Bratislava at the end of October 2020. In addition, ELM will be informed on the progress in drafting the report State of Europe's Forest 2020.

ELM is invited to take note of the information provided.

### **4. Information on implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme**

ELM will be provided with an overview of activities of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme implemented during the period 2016-2020, including the information about the elaboration of pilot studies on the new indicators: 2.5 Forest land degradation; 4.7 Forest fragmentation; 4.10 Common forest bird species.

ELM is invited to take note of the information provided.

*Documents:*

*ELM1/2020/4/FOREST EUROPE Work Programme Implementation*

### **5. Any other business**

ELM is invited to decide on a request for observer status to FOREST EUROPE made by the Seed Training Culture and Nature Association.

Delegates are also invited to discuss any other issues that were not included under the agenda items.

### **6. Closure of the meeting**

## **LIST OF MEETING DOCUMENTS**

*ELM1/2020/1/Draft ministerial declaration “The Forests We Want” \**

*ELM1/2020/2/Draft ministerial resolution “Improve adaptation and [mitigation] of forests towards climate change” \**

*ELM1/2020/3/Progress towards Oslo Goals and 2020Targets\_ supporting document*

*ELM1/2020/4/FOREST EUROPE Work Programme Implementation*

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\*Both documents will be submitted from the Drafting Meeting held on 17-18 February 2020

## INDICATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

<b>19 February 2020</b>	
09.00–09.10	Opening of the meeting ( <b>Agenda Item 1</b> )
09.10–09.15	Adoption of the agenda ( <b>Agenda Item 2</b> )
09.15–10.15	Preparation of the Eight Ministerial Conference ( <b>Agenda Item 3</b> ) - Draft ministerial declaration on social aspects of SFM and European forests after 2020
10.15–10.45	Coffee break
10.45–12.00	Preparation of the Eight Ministerial Conference ( <b>Agenda Item 3 cont.</b> ) - Draft ministerial resolution on improving the adaptation and mitigation of forests towards climate change
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch break
13.00–14.30	Preparation of the Eight Ministerial Conference ( <b>Agenda Item 3 cont.</b> ) - Preparation of the report – Implementation of FOREST EUROPE Commitments - Other aspects of the preparation of the Ministerial Commitments Information on implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme ( <b>Agenda Item 4</b> )
14.30–15.00	Coffee break
15.00–15.30	Information on implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme ( <b>Agenda Item 4 cont.</b> )
15.30–15.50	Any other business ( <b>Agenda Item 5</b> )
15.50–16.00	Closure of the meeting ( <b>Agenda Item 6</b> )