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**Update on evaluation activities**

**Amendment to the 2016-2017 Evaluation Workplan**

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### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The UNECE Biennial Evaluation Workplan 2016-2017 (see ANNEX) includes the following 4 evaluations (one at the programme-level and three at the sub-programme level):

1. Review of UNECE efforts to promote cross-sectoral collaboration and an integrated approach to sustainable development work (programme-level);
2. Assessment of the relevance of the 2014-2017 UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work to the needs of member States and the challenges in the forest sector;
3. Review of the case studies of the application of best practice guidance for coal mine methane management;
4. Review of UNECE work on measuring sustainable development and related areas.

2. The plan was approved prior to a decision of the UN Office for Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) to undertake a thematic evaluation of Regional Commissions in 2016. It was decided by OIOS that the focus of the 2016 OIOS thematic evaluation of Regional Commissions is statistical work. In particular, the objective of the evaluation is “to determine, as systematically and objectively as possible, the relevance and effectiveness of regional commissions’ statistical work in support of measuring the achievements and the implementation of internationally agreed development goals.”

3. The inception report of the OIOS evaluation notes that “the evaluation will identify the lessons learned and good practices that could be applied in supporting member States with implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 development agenda.” Therefore, information on how UNECE statistical work is contributing to the measurement of sustainable development will be contained in the OIOS evaluation.

4. In light of the above, it is proposed to cancel evaluation n.4 from the 2016-2017 Evaluation Work Programme, as overtaken by the OIOS evaluation. It is also suggested that inter-divisional aspects of the statistical work promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and an integrated approach to sustainable development work be addressed and highlighted in the context of Evaluation n.1 of the UNECE Evaluation Work Plan.

5. Resources freed by cancelling Evaluation n.4 will be used to support other internal evaluations of UNECE.

#### **For Decision:**

**EXCOM approval is sought to delete from the 2016-2017 Evaluation Workplan, the evaluation entitled “Review of UNECE work on measuring sustainable development and related areas”. Further, EXCOM may wish to request that inter-divisional aspects of the statistical work promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and an integrated approach to sustainable development work be addressed in the “Review of UNECE efforts to promote cross-sectoral collaboration and an integrated approach to sustainable development work (programme-level)”.**

## Annex

### ECE Biennial Evaluation Workplan 2016-2017

	Evaluation Title	Purpose	By Whom	Resources (Financial & Human)	Schedule (Q/Y)	Type
<b>No.</b>	<b>Internal Evaluations</b>					
<b>1</b>	Review of UNECE efforts to promote cross-sectoral collaboration and an integrated approach to sustainable development work	The Evaluation will review the role of the OES to promote cross-sectoral collaboration, and identify opportunities for enhancing an integrated approach to sustainable development in UNECE	Consultant	\$18,000 (external consultant) P5 – 3 months G6 – 0.5 month	Q1 / 2017	Programme-level
<b>2</b>	Assessment of the relevance of the 2014-2017 UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work to the needs of member States and the challenges in the forest sector	The Evaluation will review the relevance of the ECE/FAO Integrated programme on Forestry to member States and identify challenges in the forest sector in the ECE region	Consultant	\$10,000 (external consultant) P5 – 0.5 months P4 – 1 month	Q2 / 2016	Subprogramme-level
<b>3</b>	Review of the case studies of the application of best practice guidance for coal mine methane management	The Evaluation will review the effectiveness and impact of ECE's case studies on coal mine methane management	Consultant	\$10,000 (external consultant) P5 – 2 months G6 – 0.5 month	Q3 / 2017	Subprogramme-level
<b>4</b>	Review of UNECE work on measuring sustainable development and related areas	The evaluation will review the effectiveness and impact of the UNECE work on measuring sustainable development and related areas (such as environmental indicators, climate change related statistics, development goals, etc.)	Consultant	\$10,000 (external consultant) P5 – 1 month P3 – 2 months G6 – 0.5 month	Q4 / 2016	Subprogramme-level
				<b>Consultancy</b>	<b>Unit Monthly Cost<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
				<b>P5 – 6.5 months</b>	<b>\$21,116</b>	<b>\$ 48,000</b>
				<b>P4 – 1 month</b>	<b>\$17,933</b>	<b>\$ 137,254</b>
				<b>P3 – 2 months</b>	<b>\$14,950</b>	<b>\$ 17,933</b>
				<b>G6 – 1.5 months</b>	<b>\$12,133</b>	<b>\$ 29,990</b>
				<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 18,200</b>
						<b>\$ 251,377</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on Standard Salary Costs Version 7 Year 2015.