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## Third Announcement

### Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023

21–22 November 2023

*Galaxy International Convention Center, Macao SAR, China*

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#### **Background**

The timber industry is facing major challenges. It must produce legal and sustainable timber products while also maintaining other important forest values. It must address issues in global timber supply chains arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. And it must bridge the widening gap between demand and supply as the world population grows and requirements escalate for construction timber and other wood products.

Given these and other challenges, it is essential to maintain and increase collaboration, and exchange views and information, among timber industry stakeholders worldwide—producers, buyers, processors and market players.

The **International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)** formulated its Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme with the aim of building legal and sustainable tropical timber supply chains through a multipronged, integrated approach of governmental frameworks, private-sector initiatives, financial resources and capacity building. In collaboration with partners, ITTO convened the international forum, *Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains*, in October 2019 in Shanghai, China—the first global dialogue on improving the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. As part of the LSSC Programme and given strong interest among actors in the global timber industry ITTO and the **Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)** have entered into a collaborative framework agreement to co-host the **Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum** to accelerate the development of legal and sustainable wood product supply chains.

#### **Objectives**

The aim of the **Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum** is to increase networking, collaboration and business exchange among timber industry stakeholders—producers, buyers, processors and market players—with a view to promoting sustainable forest management, creating legal and sustainable wood product supply chains, facilitating the legal and sustainable use and trade of wood products in a stable, transparent and predictable business environment, and contributing to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.

### **Forum structure**

The Forum will be held annually starting in 2023, and it will comprise two components:

- 1) The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum.
- 2) Several specialized sub-forums (see below).

### **In 2023, the Forum will:**

- Raise the profile of productive forests and their contributions to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.
- Identify challenges and opportunities for the recovery of the global wood industry.
- Review the role of the wood products sector in global supply chains and its contributions to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.
- Discuss issues relating to sustainable forest management and deforestation-free practices within the framework of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and the CPF initiative, Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World.
- Promote the sustainable production and consumption of legal and sustainable wood and other forest products in international and domestic markets.
- Review advanced technologies and machinery for timber processing and production.
- Discuss green finance, blockchain-based technologies and other tools to improve legal and sustainable timber supply chains.
- Make recommendations to promote partnerships for further building legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

### **Co-hosts & organizer**

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum will be co-hosted by ITTO and IPIM and organized by the Secretariat of the Global Green Supply Chain Initiative (GGSC). The specialized sub-forums will be co-organized by partner agencies; ITTO, IPIM and the GGSC Secretariat may also organize such forums.

The **theme** of the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023 will be “connect, cooperate and share to promote the recovery of the global tropical timber market”.

**Specialized sub-forums** will be organized by partner agencies to contribute to the theme of the main forum. These might be on selected topics related to timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; advanced technology and machinery for wood processing; green finance and innovative facilitating measures for green supply chains.

A **legal and sustainable timber industry display** will be organized in parallel with the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum, at a trial scale of 20–30 booths.

### **Other events and activities**

The Global Timber Index (GTI) annual report and the Blockchain-based Timber Tracking System technical report (outputs of ITTO-IPIM collaborative projects implemented by GGSC) will be released at the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023. Other business activities, such as B2B matchings, can be arranged.

### ***Date and venue***

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023 will be held on **21-22 November 2023** at the **Galaxy International Convention Center** in **Macao SAR, China**.

### ***Participants***

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023 is expected to attract around 500 participants from wood enterprises and trading companies, industrial and business associations, governments, international organizations, research institutions, etc.

### ***Sponsorship***

Select speakers and panellists will be sponsored for their participation of the forum.

### ***Languages***

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023 will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

***The draft agenda of the main forum, concept notes of 4 specialized sub-forums, as well as the general information notes for the 2023 forum are attached.***

***For forum registration click:*** <http://glstf2023.ggsnet.info/reg-step1-en.php>

### ***Information for recommended hotels:***

#### **ANDAZ MACAU (Galaxy)**

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Address: Galaxy Macau™ Integrated Resort, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 2888 0888

Booking Link: <https://www.galaxymacau.com/hotels/andaz-macau/?noRedirect=1>

#### **Hotel Okura Macau (Galaxy)**

(shuttle bus provided, around 5 mins to Galaxy International Convention Center)

Website: <https://www.okura-nikko.com/china/macau/hotel-okura-macau/>

Address: Galaxy Macau™, Estrada da Baia de Nossa Senhora da Esperanca, s/n, Cotai, Macau, China

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Booking Link: <https://www.okura-nikko.com/china/macau/hotel-okura-macau/rooms-suites/#hotel-okura-macau>

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# Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2023

## DRAFT AGENDA

21–22 November 2023, Macao SAR, China

Day 1 (Tuesday 21 November)	
Date	Events and Topics
9:00-9:15 Opening	VIP Tour to the Legal & Sustainable Timber Display
9:15-9:30 Opening	Group Photo Session
9:30-9:40 Opening	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks by the high-level official of Macao SAR.</li> <li>Opening remarks by the Executive Director of ITTO.</li> </ul>
Morning Sessions 9:40-10:40	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Moderator: TBC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Development status of the global timber industry.</i></li> <li><i>Timber industry and sustainable development.</i></li> <li><i>Opportunities and challenges in the global timber industry transformation.</i></li> </ul>
10:40-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
Morning Sessions 11:00-12:00	<b>High Level Segment: Global Timber Market Recovery under the Unprecedented Great Changing Time</b> <i>This session will involve dialogue between government and the industrial sector to jointly explore the main challenges and opportunities faced by the global timber sector in an unprecedented changing time and explore possible solutions to promote the recovery and prosperity of the timber market.</i> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director</b></p> <b>Panel Discussion (60m):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest ministers, leading entrepreneurs, head of international organizations, and renowned experts (6-8 speakers).</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b>
Morning Sessions 12:00-12:30	<b>Achievements Release</b> <i>Forum related achievements will be released.</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
Afternoon Sessions 14:00-15:20	<b>Session I: Contributions of Timber Industry to Climate Change Mitigation and Economic &amp; Social Development</b> <i>This session will further define the role of timber industry in mitigating climate change, driving employment for residents, and promoting local economic and social development.</i> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Alain Karsenty, Senior researcher of CIRAD</b></p> <b>Presentations (30m):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The economic, social, and environmental benefits amid the development of global timber industry.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Timber industry development ≠ deforestation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Forestry carbon sinks and the market development.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (45m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from government agencies, high-profile timber enterprises, industry and business associations, research institutions, etc. (6-8 speakers).</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (5m)</b></p>
<p><b>Afternoon Sessions</b> <b>15:20-16:40</b></p>	<p><b>Session II: Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains</b> <i>This session will focus on discussing the legal and sustainable issues of the global timber supply chains, so as to explore new paths for empowering the development of the timber industry through legal and sustainable supply chains, involving aspects such as laws and regulations, policy requirements, legality recognition, new technologies, incentive mechanisms, and third-party timber certification in different countries.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Siti Syaliza Mustapha, Deputy Secretary-General/COO of PEFC</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The development trend of legal and sustainable timber supply chains.</i></li> <li>• <i>Enterprise practices and experiences for establishing legal and sustainable timber supply chains.</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial incentives for legal and sustainable timber supply chains.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (45m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from government agencies, timber enterprises, financial institutions, certification organizations, etc. (6-8 speakers).</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (5m)</b></p>
<p><b>Afternoon Sessions</b> <b>16:40-18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session III: Global Cooperating and Sharing Platform for the Timber Industry</b> <i>This session will discuss the concerned issues that the global cooperation and sharing platform for the timber industry intends to address in the new global situation, so as to strengthen supply &amp; demand cooperation and information sharing for the international timber industry, and jointly promote the recovery and sustainable development of the industry.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Lu De, APFNet Executive Director</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (30m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The key challenges and difficulties of international cooperation in timber supply chains.</i></li> <li>• <i>The timber industry calls for global cooperation and sharing platform.</i></li> <li>• <i>Together towards the global cooperating and sharing platform: lessons learned from the GTI platform case.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (45m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from timber enterprises, business associations, research institutions, etc. (6-8 speakers)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (5m)</b></p>
<p><b>Afternoon Sessions</b> <b>18:00-18:10</b></p>	<p><b>Forum Wrap-up</b></p>
<p><b>Afternoon Sessions</b> <b>18:10-18:20</b></p>	<p><b>Press Release</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives of ITTO, IPIM, GGSC, and related stakeholders</li> </ul>

Day 2 (Wed 22 Nov)	
Date	Events and Topics
<b>Morning Sessions 9:00-13:00</b>	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 1: Timber Legality and Sustainability</b> <i>Discussions will focus on timber legality and sustainability, and the detailed agenda needs to be further specified by the partner agencies as the organizer of the parallel forum.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> representatives from government agencies, international organizations, leading timber enterprises, industry and business associations, research institutions, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 2: Resources, Markets and Trade of Legal and Sustainable Timber</b> <i>Discussions will focus on the sustainable development of global timber resources and the global legal and sustainable timber trade, and the detailed agenda needs to be further specified by the partner agencies as the organizer of the parallel forum.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> representatives from leading timber enterprises, industry and business associations, government agencies, international organizations, research institutions, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 3: Advanced Technology and Machinery for Timber Processing</b> <i>Discussions will focus on advanced wood processing technology and machinery, and the detailed agenda needs to be further specified by the partner agencies as the organizer of the parallel forum.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> representatives from leading timber enterprises, industry and business associations, research institutions, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 4: Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains</b> <i>Discussions will focus on all the possible measures to promote global legal and sustainable timber supply chains, including the green finance (e.g., “blockchain technology + green finance” mechanism), the subsidies, and other related measures. The detailed agenda needs to be further specified by the partner agencies as the organizer of the parallel forum.</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> representatives from government agencies, international organizations, leading timber enterprises, industry and business associations, financial agencies, research institutions, etc.</p>
	13:00-14:00
<b>Other Events 14:00-16:30</b>	<p><b>Side events will be organized by request:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminar on the women power of the timber industry</li> <li>• Seminar on Legal and Sustainable Timber from Brazil</li> <li>• Other side events</li> </ul> <p><b>Closed-door meetings for ministers, leading enterprises, and financial institutions</b> <b>B2B matchings</b> <b>Other events</b></p>
<b>21-22 November</b>	<p><b>Legal &amp; Sustainable Timber Display</b> <i>The exhibits mainly include raw timbers, floorboard, wooden doors, wood products, furniture, machinery, etc.</i></p>

# **Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 1**

## **on Timber Legality and Sustainability**

22 November 2023, Macao, China

**Co-organized by**  
**ITTO** (International Tropical Timber Organization) and  
**ETTF** (European Timber Trade Federation)

**Room 1: (22 November 2023, 09:00-13:10)**

### **Background**

Several policy initiatives have been taken both in the public and private sector to promote demand and trade of timber and timber products from legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC), including the implementation of sustainable forest management and its independent certification, chain-of-custody certification and other measures to establish traceability of wood products to their origin in the forest, verification of legal compliance and the adoption of responsible public and private purchasing/procurement policies, green building standards, etc.

Forest-based enterprises and international trade add value to tropical forests and can contribute significantly to sustainable economies and livelihoods. There is evidence, however, that the share of tropical wood in major import markets is affected by the negative environmental image of tropical wood and by its substitution by non-tropical wood and non-renewable materials (e.g., plastics, non-wood laminates, concrete and metals). This suggests that some consumer markets are overlooking the significant benefits of tropical timber as a renewable, environmentally friendly resource.

For decades, tropical timber has grappled with numerous challenges and even threats as it struggles to maintain its stake in the international timber markets. From the threats of bans and boycotts in the seventies and eighties and now saddled with the latest challenges of complying with laws prohibiting the importation of illegal timber being imposed by major importing countries. It is now essential and urgent for tropical timber producing countries and the international tropical timber trade to adopt a positive and proactive approach to addressing the priority challenges of weak forest governance through clear and coherent strategies for reforming and strengthening forest governance and reining in illegal logging and trade more efficiently and effectively. This should form the basis for the development and implementation of a national timber legality assurance system (TLAS) that can withstand international scrutiny and meet legal requirements of all international markets, including the recent development with EUDR.

Sustainable forest management is one such solution because it generates legally and sustainably produced wood -the most environmentally friendly construction materials -and many other products and services. Sustainable use and trade of forest resources is central



to their conservation outside of protected areas as well as securing the livelihoods of forest dependents communities and the sustainable development of rural economies.

This specialized sub-forum will discuss issues related to timber legality and sustainability among different stakeholders and share knowledge on the application of existing tools and techniques to support achieving the objectives of LSSC.

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of this specialized sub-forum is to share experiences and to learn from different points of views voiced by actors along the supply chains of timber and timber products on aspects related to timber legality and sustainability.

The specialized sub-forum will be divided into two sessions: 1) Updates on legality and sustainability requirements in the supply chains of timber and timber products; 2) Application of advanced tools and technologies for timber legality and sustainability.

### **Session 1**

Concerned over illegal logging and its associated trade contribution to global deforestation and forest degradation and wishing not to be associated any longer with these persistent problems, major consumers have decided to enact laws to regulate their market, giving preference to legality and sustainability, such as EUDR.

More importantly, we need to know whether and how far will the impact of these regulations be on efforts to combat illegal logging, poor governance, deforestation and forest degradation in the tropics and whether there are any significant unintended consequences that may arise for the tropical timber trade and industry.

This will lead to a synthesis of lessons that can inform the development and implementation of timber legality policies, strategies and action plans by governments, private sector, civil society organizations, SMEs and local communities.

### **Session 2**

The Sub-forum will also highlight the role of advanced tools and technologies to support authorities and traders in identifying the legality and sustainability of traded timber and timber products. Selected timber identification tools developed by research institutions, universities and NGOs will be invited to share their technologies.

### **Participants**

150-200 participants are expected to represent government, business actors, trade and industry organizations, academics, and civil society. Ensuring diversity among stakeholders present at this event will allow for fruitful debate and strengthening of cross-sectoral collaboration and partnership.

## Roles and Responsibilities of the Co-organizers for Preparation and Carrying out the Specialized Sub-forum

- The Co-organizers, in consultation with the GGSC Secretariat as the forum organizer, will oversee the overall organization of the sub-forum.
- The Co-organizers will prepare the draft Session's agenda (including proposed Session's personnels: moderator, facilitators, speakers and rapporteurs) to be discussed and reviewed with the partner.
- The Co-organizers will share responsibility to invite Session's personnels. In coordination with GGSC and Macao IPIM, the Co-organizers will liaise with the invitees for their traveling and accommodation arrangement.
- The Co-organizers will prepare the Session's report to be submitted to the Forum Organizer.

## Programme and Schedule

<b>Wednesday, 22 November 2023</b>	
09:00-09:10	<b>Opening Session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by <b>Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director</b></li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Thomas Goebel, ETTF Secretary General</b></li> </ul> [Moderator] <b>ITTO ED</b>
09:10-10:50	<b>Session 1: Updates on legality and sustainability requirements in the supply chains of timber and timber products</b> Speaker 1: ITTO member country's case #1 on timber legality and sustainability Speaker 2: ITTO member country's case #2 on timber legality and sustainability Speaker 3: European perspective on legality and sustainability Speaker 4: Global trends on timber trade and market requirements  <b>Panel Discussion (60 minutes)</b> [Moderator]: <b>ITTO ED</b>
10:50-11:05	Coffee Break
11:05-13:05	<b>Session 2: Updates on advanced tools and technologies for timber legality and sustainability</b> Speaker 1: Emerging Technologies of Wood Identification Tools Speaker 2: Filling the science and data gap in global supply chains Speaker 3: Tracing wood geographic origin with tree-ring isotopes Speaker 4: Integrating Tools into Chain of Custody and Due Diligence System Video presentation: Traceability system developed by a forestry private company  <b>Panel Discussion (45 Minutes)</b>  [Moderator]: <b>PEFC</b>
13:05-13:10	<b>Closing</b>

## **Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 2 on Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade**

22 November 2023, Macao SAR, China

### **Co-organized by**

**CTWPDA** (The China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association) and  
**ATIBT** (The International Tropical Timber Technical Association)

**Room 2: (22 November 2023, 09:00-12:00)**

The GLSTF will comprise two components: The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (main forum) and four specialized sub-forums. The specialized sub-forums will be organized by partner agencies, and in this year's GLSTF they will be on the second day with the following topics: sustainable timber resources, market and trade, timber legality and sustainability, advanced technology and machinery for wood processing, green finance and the sustainable development of the timber industry, etc.

The China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA) and the International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT) as partner agencies will co-organize the specialized sub-forum on sustainable timber resources, market and trade.

### **Background**

The world economy is experiencing an overall slowdown in economic growth and increased uncertainty due to high inflation and weakening demand as a result of multiple conflicts such as epidemics, conflicts and "de-globalisation trends". The pandemic caused a huge impact on the traditional timber industry over the past three years, and the global timber supply chain has undergone dramatic changes. What are the changes in policy, finance and market supply & demand in the countries of origin that affect the sustainability of the timber trade? What is the impact on the market? What should stakeholders in the global timber trade be more concerned about in the challenging future? This sub-forum will provide a platform to discuss these topics.

### **Objectives**

The specialized sub-forum on "**Sustainable Wood Resources, Markets and Trade**" aims to highlight the inextricable link between the sustainable management of wood resources and the fight against climate change. The course will cover the mechanisms of responsible forest management, the world's timber resources and an analysis of the international timber trade from the point of view of legality and sustainability.

Various topics to be discussed in this forum will provide an insight of global wood trade, food for thought, current and future challenges, and opportunities for positive actions. The aim is to catalyse a transformation that protects forests, promotes sustainability, and actively contributes to the fight against climate change.

## **Participants**

It is expected to attract around 150-200 participants from two organizations and member enterprises and companies. Stakeholders from related governments, enterprises and institutions are also welcome. Those participants can also participate in and contribute to the main forum on the first day, as well as the display and B2B activities.

## **Language**

Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English and French will be provided.

## **Co-organizers**

CTWPDA (China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association), established in 1985 upon the approval of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, is a non-profit organization voluntarily joined by enterprises, institutions engaged in the timber and wood products (including bamboo and bamboo products) processing and distribution industry.

ATIBT (Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux – International Tropical Timber Technical Association) established in 1951 at the request of the FAO and the OECD, aims to serve the tropical timber industry, from the forest to the end user. It plays a key role in the implementation of international projects dedicated to the sustainable and responsible management of tropical forests.

CTWPDA and ATIBT are partners with close collaborations and cooperation in promoting legal and sustainable timber and forest product supply chains, including the partnership as two co-organizers for the international forum, “Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains”, in October 2019 in Shanghai, China.

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**Registration link:** <http://glstf2023.ggscnet.info/reg-step1-en.php>

## Programme and Schedule

### Specialized Sub-Forum 2 Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade

22 November 2023, Macao SAR, China

2<sup>nd</sup> day (November 22, Wednesday)

Time	Topics
8:30-9:00	On-site Registration
9:00-9:10	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTWPDA (China Timber &amp; Wood Products Distribution Association)</li> <li>• ATIBT (Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux – International Tropical Timber Technical Association)</li> </ul>
9:10-10:10	<p><b>Session 1: Keynote Presentations</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: CTWPDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State of the world's wood resources. Current trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on the world's wood resources. Trends by continent.</li> <li>- Discussion on the challenges of deforestation and soil degradation.</li> <li>- How can wood resources be managed sustainably?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The managing of the resources. Reminder of the link between sustainable forest management and the fight against climate change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the principles of sustainable forest management</li> <li>- Discussion on how sustainable management can contribute to reducing carbon emissions</li> <li>- Certification, a market tool for Sustainable Forest Management</li> <li>- Cites and sustainable Forest Management</li> <li>- EUDR, the European regulation to fight deforestation</li> <li>- Success stories in sustainable forest management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Challenges and opportunities for the timber industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on the crucial role of tropical timber industry, markets and supply chains for the future of tropical forests</li> <li>- Highlight the challenges they face</li> <li>- Green economy, decarbonisation: what impact on the timber trade?</li> <li>- Diversification of timber species: LKTS</li> <li>- International standards for sustainable timber trade</li> <li>- Respect of the legality of the producer countries</li> <li>- Combating the illegal timber trade</li> <li>- Reminder of previous conclusions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

10:10-10:25	<b>Debate and Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of the discussion to participants</li> <li>• Answers to questions and exchange of ideas</li> </ul>
10:25-10:40	Coffee & Break
10:40-11:40	<b>Session 2: Panel of case studies and testimonies (resource and market approach). Global supply &amp; demand.</b>  <b>Moderator: ATIBT President</b> Presentations and Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current situation and future trends of Main markets and production areas</li> <li>- Case studies of countries or regions that have successfully implemented sustainable management of timber resources and good market initiatives.</li> <li>- Challenges and opportunities</li> </ul>
11:40-11:50	<b>Debate and Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of the discussion to participants</li> <li>• Answers to questions and exchange of ideas</li> </ul>
11:50-12:00	<b>Conclusion and Call to Action</b>

# **Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 3 on Advanced Technology and Machinery for Timber Processing**

22 November 2023, Macao, China

## **Co-organized by**

China National Innovation Alliance of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration  
(NFGA-WCU)

Indonesian Saw and Wood Processing Industry Association

China Forestry Machinery Association (CNFMA)

**Room 3: (22 November 2023, 09:00-13:10)**

## **Background**

The development of the concept of sustainable forest provides recyclable wood resources for the world, and maintains the stability, safety and sustainability of the global wood supply chain. In the past decades, in order to solve the natural defects of wood and further improve the utilization rate and added value of wood, wood processing technologies such as anticorrosion, impregnation, compaction, flame retardant and carbonization have appeared in the wood industry, and new wood products such as OSB, LVL and LSB have also emerged. However, with the concept of "carbon peak and carbon neutral", new requirements have been put forward for wood processing technology and equipment in terms of sustainable energy and waste wood recycling. The processing technology and equipment of existing wood enterprises cannot meet the new requirements and needs to be transformed and upgraded. This forum will invite well-known scholars, experts, equipment research and development entrepreneurs to share green, environmentally friendly, advanced wood processing technology and equipment, as well as related solutions.

## **Purpose and scope**

BBS aims to wood green supply chain, through new technology, new machinery enterprises optimize green supply chain management system, including from product design, wood production, supply and marketing, transportation and use, and recycling and reuse, etc., so as to improve wood and wood products related enterprises to green supply chain understanding of new products and technologies.

**Theme:**

Sharing advanced technology and machinery for evergreen industry

**The sub-forum will be divided into two parts:**

- 1) Current status and future development trend of green and sustainable technology.
- 2) New machinery and equipment to help wood industry green sustainable development.

**Participants**

It is expected that 150-200 university experts, scholars, key wood industry entrepreneurs from China, Malaysia, New Zealand, Laos, Thailand, Russia, Africa and other countries, as well as representatives of relevant business associations will ensure the attendance of this event.

**Roles and Responsibilities of the Co-organizers for Preparation and Carrying out the Specialized Sub-forum****Co-organized by:**

- The National Innovation Alliance of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration (NFGA-WCU)
- Indonesian Saw and Wood Processing Industry Association
- China Forestry Machinery Association (CNFMA)
  - The Co-organizers, in consultation with the GGSC Secretariat as the forum organizer, will oversee the overall organization of the sub-forum.
  - The Co-organizers will prepare the draft Session's agenda (including proposed Session's personnels: moderator, facilitators, speakers and rapporteurs) to be discussed and reviewed with the partner.
  - The Co-organizers will share responsibility to invite Session's personnels. In coordination with GGSC and Macao IPIM, the Co-organizers will liaise with the invitees for their traveling and accommodation arrangement.
  - The Co-organizers will prepare the Session's report to be submitted to the Forum Organizer.

**Supporting partners:**

Chinese Academy of Forestry Sciences, Northeast Forestry University, Central South University of Forestry Science and Technology, Nanjing Forestry University, South China Agricultural University, Beijing Forestry University



## Programme and Schedule

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, Room 3	
09:00-09:15	<p><b>Opening Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NFGA-WCU</li> <li>• Indonesian Sawing and Wood Processing Industry Association</li> <li>• CNFMA</li> </ul>
09:15-10:45	<p><b>Current status and future development trend of green and sustainable technology</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation 1:</b> New Technologies Empower the Recovery and Change of Global Wood and Wood Products Industry</p> <p><b>Presentation 2:</b> New Technologies and Applications for Green Manufacturing of Global Wood Products</p> <p><b>Presentation 3:</b> Current Status and Innovative Practice of New Technology of Furniture Panels</p> <p><b>Panel discussion and Q&amp;A (45 minutes)</b></p> <p>The Development Trend of Wood Processing Technology with the Background of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality</p>
10:45-12:15	<p><b>New machinery and equipment to help wood industry green sustainable development</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation 1:</b> Analysis on Application Prospect of New Remote Sensing Technology of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for Forestry Carbon Sequestration (15 minutes)</p> <p><b>Presentation 2:</b> Solar Intelligent Control Drying Technology Helps Wood Industry Energy-saving Upgrade (15 minutes)</p> <p><b>Presentation 3:</b> The New Green Coating Process for Wood Materials (15 minutes)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion and Q&amp;A (45 minutes)</b></p> <p>Future Development Trends of Wood Processing Machinery</p>
12:15-12:30	<p><b>Summary of meeting results</b></p> <p>Leading enterprises responsible for the collection of the source of legal new technology platform proposal</p>
12:30	<p><b>Close</b></p>

## Anticipated results

- (1) New technological force initiatives for the transformation and upgrading of the wood and wood products industry.
- (2) Proposals of leading enterprises for the legalization of centralized procurement sources.

# **Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 4 on Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains**

22 November 2023, Macao, China

## **Co-organized by**

Global Green Supply Chains (Macao) Federation

Luso International Banking Ltd. (TBC)

**Room 4: (22 November 2023, 09:00-12:00)**

## **Background**

It's essential for the legal and sustainable development of the timber industry to get all sources of funding, including the domestic government, private and official development assistance and other innovative facilitating measures. The climate finance data provided by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) shows that climate finance flows to forestry compared with other sectors - that forestry almost doubled between 2015 and 2019 but are still below the level of investment needed. There has been a substantial increase in climate-related development finance for all sectors since 2000, but little of this has been directed towards forestry, with the share of climate finance channeled to forestry not exceeding 4 percent of the total between 2009 and 2019.

Forests are of great significance in mitigating climate change, improving livelihoods of indigenous people, and protecting biodiversity. Human society benefits from forests and is highly dependent on them. The forest industry provides society with a large number of renewable, carbon-storage, and degradable wood products, making it the most environmentally friendly material. However, due to the lack of relevant financing and payments for environmental services, the sustainable development capacity of small and medium-sized forestry enterprises has been restricted.

The green finance and innovative facilitating measures, which will help reduce the burden on SMEs and motivate the private sector to adhere to green and sustainable principle is serving as a catalyst and accelerator for the legal and sustainable development of the timber industry, as well as an important engine for driving the green transformation of the timber industry. In the post-pandemic era, increasing such green finance is an important opportunity for green recovery, therefore, all the innovative facilitating measures are welcome to be put forward, including but not limited to the green finance, the forest fund, the official subsidies, etc.

## **Objective**

This forum will focus on exploring all the possible measures for promoting global legal and sustainable timber supply chains, including the green finance, payments for environmental services, and other related measures. Based on the timber enterprises' demand, more green finance and innovative facilitating measures will be put forward to support the timber industry's recovery.

## **Theme**

Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains

## **Organizers and partners**

The sub-forum will be co-organized by the Global Green Supply Chains (Macao) Federation and the Luso International Banking Ltd. (TBC). The Guangdong Doors Association of China will be the supporting partner.

## **Participants**

It is expected to attract around 100-150 participants. Those participants can also participate in and contribute to the main forum on the first day, as well as the display, side-events and B2B activities.

## Programme and Schedule

November 22nd, Tuesday	
Time	Events and Topics
<b>9:00-9:05</b>	<b>Group photo session</b>
<b>Opening Session</b> <b>9:05-09:20</b>	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GGSC Macao Federation</li> <li>• Luso International Banking Ltd. (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>9:20-10:20</b>	<b>Keynote presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current status and trend of digitization and green finance supporting sustainable development.</li> <li>• PES, biodiversity certificates and other green finance instruments for responsible forest concessions.</li> <li>• Green financial innovation mechanism for carbon stock of harvested wood products.</li> <li>• Green finance cooperation under international cooperation mechanisms.</li> <li>• The action plan for green finance to promote the construction of Africa-China-Europe green supply chain.</li> </ul>
<b>10:20-10:40</b>	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
<b>10:40-11:50</b>	<b>Panel discussion: Green finance and innovative facilitating measures for promoting legal and sustainable development of timber industry</b>  This section will focus on the green finance needs of stakeholders, discuss the opportunities and challenges faced by companies in financing for the timber industry, and discuss policies and cooperation measures to promote the legal and sustainable development of the global timber <i>industry through green finance</i> .  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from government agencies, financial agencies, high-profile timber enterprises, industry and business associations, etc. (6-8 speakers)</li> </ul>
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	<b>Possible achievements</b> <i>Possible achievements could be made, including a message on green finance for promoting green supply chains between stakeholders from Africa, China, and Europe.</i>

## GENERAL INFORMATION NOTES

### GENERAL

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2023 is scheduled to be convened in Macao SAR, China on 21-22 November 2023.

All meetings of the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2023 along with the Legal & Sustainable Timber Display will be held at the Galaxy International Convention Center, Macao SAR.

### LANGUAGES

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2023 will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. The 4 Specialized Sub-forums will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English and French.

### REGISTRATION

All participants attending the Forum are required to register at the online link below.

<https://www.itto.int/events/2023/11/22/global-legal-sustainable-timber-forum-glstf-2023/>

Registration facilities will be provided during the following dates and times:

20 November 2023 (Mon.) 10:00 – 20:00 at Galaxy International Convention Center and Andaz Hotel

21 November 2023 (Tue.) 08:00 – 12:00 at Galaxy International Convention Center

For late registration i.e., after 12:00 on 21 November 2023, please contact the forum staff or come to the information center in the Galaxy International Convention Center.

For safety and security reasons, badges must be worn to gain access to the conference venue and the various meetings. Badge categories will therefore be given to participants upon arrival.

All participants are requested to wear the badges issued to them during all meetings as well as at all official functions.

## **VENUES OF MEETINGS**

The GLSTF 2023 will be held on 21–22 November 2023, in Macao, China, at the Galaxy International Convention Center (GICC), which is surrounded by restaurants, other hotels, shopping malls, banks, pubs and recreational facilities. The hosts/organizer offices will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Galaxy International Convention Center (GICC). The detailed allocation of meeting rooms will be informed in due course.

Schedules and venues of meetings will be posted on the notice board at the Galaxy International Convention Center (GICC). All participants are advised to consult the notice board for the most up-to-date schedules of meetings which may be amended or revised at short notice to suit the changing circumstances. Please come to information center for individual messages and the latest documents issued during the Session.

## **COMMUNICATION**

All correspondence participating the Main forum and 4 Specialized Sub-forums shall fill in the online registration link below:

[https://www.itto.int/events/2023/11/22/global\\_legal\\_sustainable\\_timber\\_forum\\_glstf\\_2023/](https://www.itto.int/events/2023/11/22/global_legal_sustainable_timber_forum_glstf_2023/)

For questions regarding the online registration, please contact the following email address.

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## **AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS**

Participants who wish to use audio-visual material (using video tapes, PowerPoint slides, overhead projector, etc.) at the Forum during their presentations are requested to inform the GGSC Secretariat not later than 8 November 2023 of their requirements. Participants will be advised accordingly regarding the availability of equipment and time as well as the feasibility for such use at the Sessions.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**Side events:** At the request of duly accredited bodies and depending on time availability, the Hosts/Organizer may authorize the organization of side events for presentation of lectures or discussion panels on issues related to GLSTF 2023 objectives in the afternoon sessions on day 2, 22 November 2023.

**B2B matching activities:** Matchmaking between relative parties can be arranged in conjunction with the main and specialized sub-forums. For interested parties, please fill in the “Onsite Matchmaking” section through online registration link.

**The Legal & Sustainable Timber Industry Display Area:** 30 standard booths will be organized at the same time,

## **HOTEL RECOMMENDATION**

A list of recommended hotels is shown below.

Please note that the hosts/organizer assume no responsibility in case of unavailability of rooms or changes of room rates.

Due to the high demand during the peak season in Macao, it is highly recommended to make your reservation as soon as possible, well ahead of the meeting date.

### **ANDAZ MACAU (Galaxy)**

Website: <https://www.galaxymacau.com/hotels/andaz-macau/?noRedirect=1>

Address: Galaxy Macau™ Integrated Resort, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 2888 0888

Booking Link: <https://www.galaxymacau.com/hotels/andaz-macau/?noRedirect=1>

### **Hotel Okura Macau (Galaxy)**

(shuttle bus provided, around 5 mins to Galaxy International Convention Center)

Website: <https://www.okura-nikko.com/china/macau/hotel-okura-macau/>

Address: Galaxy Macau™, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, s/n, Cotai, Macau, China

Booking Hotline: +853-8883-8883

Booking Link: <https://www.okura-nikko.com/china/macau/hotel-okura-macau/rooms-suites/#hotel-okura-macau>

## **The Macau Roosevelt**

(shuttle bus provided, around 10 mins to Galaxy International Convention Center)

Website: <https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/home>

Address: Nos. 924 e 998 da Avenida dos Jogos dasia Oriental- Aos acessos do imvel, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8291 3115

Booking Link:

<https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/page/802a4f26-ff28-40dd-8b67-2712efb6bc59>

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

### **(A) Immigration Requirements**

Participants are advised to contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of China regarding immigration requirements. For your information, the Border Control Department of the Macao Public Security Police Force keeps a record of the entry and exit of non-local residents on computer, as well as on their passport, travel document or other appropriate document, indicating the limit of stay granted. If necessary, the Department will also collect bio data so as to confirm or verify identities. The Public Security Police Force is a department responsible for immigration control in the Macao Special Administrative Region.

### **(B) Entry Requirements**

For entry to the Macao SAR, non-residents are required but not limited to meet the following requisites as well:

- ❖ In possession of a passport, travel document or other document accepted for the purpose of immigration control, and the document should be valid for at least 90 days beyond the period of intended stay in the Macao SAR;
- ❖ By means of a visa or other special advance procedures, or under the circumstances that such procedures are exempted, obtain the corresponding administrative authorization upon arrival at the Macao SAR;
- ❖ Confirmed that there is no entry refusal reason as prescribed by law upon actual entry to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Visitors are required to possess a valid onward or return ticket unless they can prove that they reside on the Mainland of China or in the Hong Kong SAR. The exemption is not applicable to Chinese passport or Hong Kong SAR passport holders who transit Macao to another country or region;



Proof of possessing at least MOP5000 as means of subsistence in Macao if the period of intended stay is 7 days, at least MOP10,000 if the period of intended stay is 8-14 days.

Anyone requiring further information please contact the Chinese Embassy or the Consulate-General in their country of residence, or at the designate Chinese Embassy or Consulate-General. For more information, please visit the Macao government website:

<https://www.gov.mo/en/services/ps-1474/ps-1474b>

(C) “Visa” and “Entry Permit” Exemption

**Nationals of the following countries and regions may enter the Macao Special Administrative Region with valid passports without visas or entry permits:**

Asia: Brunei, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

Europe: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

The Americas: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Dominica, Grenada, Mexico, Republic of Argentina, Republic of Ecuador, Uruguay, U.S.A.

Africa: Cape Verde, Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania

Oceania: Australia, Kiribati, Samoa, New Zealand

(D) Visitors Who are not Exempted from a Visa and Entry Permit

**Visitors who are not exempted from a visa and entry permit are required to:**

Apply for an “Entry Permit” (aka “Visa-upon-arrival”) at any of the border checkpoints of the Border Control Department of the Public Security Police upon arrival at Macao; or

Apply, by a representative, to the Residence and Stay Affairs Department in advance for “Authorization to Enter and Stay”; or

Apply for a 'visa' of the Macao Special Administrative Region in advance through a diplomatic mission of the People's Republic of China or a representative office accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (visa sample) (Note: Starting from 1 July 2010, visitors from Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are required to apply for a Macao visa in advance through a Chinese embassy or consulate).

❖ Application for an "Entry Permit" (aka "Visa-upon-arrival")

Persons who intend to enter the Macao Special Administrative Region but have not applied in advance to any diplomatic mission of the People's Republic of China or representative office accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China for a 'visa', or to the Residence and Stay Affairs Department of the Macao Public Security Police Force for Prior Authorization to Enter can apply for Authorization to Enter and Stay (so-called 'visa-upon-arrival') at the Visa Room of the checkpoint upon arrival at Macao. They will also be granted Authorization to Stay for a maximum of 30 days once the application is approved.

For relevant information, please refer to the website of the diplomatic missions of China:

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/wjb\\_663304/zwig\\_665342/](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwig_665342/)

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MACAO

### General

Macao consists of the Macao Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane. Three bridges connect the peninsula and Taipa, while reclamation brings the two islands together. The area of Macao continues to expand, now spanning over 30 square kilometers. Despite its small size, it accommodates almost 700,000 people, making it one of the densest cities in the world. 90 percent of Macao population is Chinese, and the rest are Portuguese and Filipino. The official languages are Chinese and Portuguese, but most people can communicate in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

### Climate

Macao's climate is temperate throughout the year. The average temperature is about 23°C. October and November are the ideal months to visit Macao, with mild temperatures and dry weather.

### Time Zone

Macao is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

### Electricity

Electricity in Macao is at 230V, 50Hz. The power plugs used in Macao are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type. It is suggested to check before using an electrical appliance.



### Currency

The Pataca (MOP) is Macao's official currency. Roughly 8 Patacas is equivalent to 1 US Dollar.

Currency exchange in Macao is easy. The service is available at the airport, piers and most hotels.

There are also plenty of banks and bureaux de change.