Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) wishes to extend an invitation to you to attend the Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2023 scheduled to be held on 21-22 November 2023, in Macao SAR, China. This forum will be subsequently following the 59th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council on 13-17 November 2023 in Thailand.

We are excited that the ITTO Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme is making great progress in bringing together stakeholders in building legal and sustainable tropical timber supply chains through a multipronged, integrated approach of governmental frameworks, private-sector initiatives, financial resources and capacity building.

The GLSTF intends 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.

This forum will be co-hosted by ITTO and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and organized by the Secretariat of the Global Green Supply Chain Initiative (GGSC), in collaboration with a number of collaborating partners.

The theme of the GLSTF 2023 will be "Connect, Cooperate and Share to Promote the Recovery of the Global Tropical Timber Market". The GLSTF 2023 will comprise the main forum and four specialized sub-forums, as well as a timber industry display and other business activities including B2B matchings.

We expect to attract around 500 participants from wood enterprises and trading companies, industrial and business associations, governments, international organizations, research institutions in all regions in the world in building legal and sustainable supply chains and establishing a multi-stakeholder platform.

Against this background, ITTO extends this invitation to you to participate in the Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2023. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to Macao for this important and exciting event.