

FORUM ATIBT 2024

Radisson Blu Hotel Antwerp. October 3 and 4, 2024

Provisional Program

"Innovation and sustainability in the tropical forestry sector "

With innovation and sustainability in the tropical forestry sector as its central theme, particularly through the implementation of the European Regulation against Imported Deforestation and measures taken at CITES level, this forum will provide us with a unique platform to discuss current challenges and emerging opportunities in the management and conservation of tropical forest resources. Join us in Antwerp for enriching exchanges, inspiring presentations, and fruitful partnerships at this must-attend event for the tropical timber industry and the sustainable management of tropical forest basins.

The upcoming ATIBT Forum receives support from the Tropical Timber Trade Facility (TTT), a project on behalf of the German government and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

October 2, 2024

15h –17h30 : ATIBT General Assembly

This General Assembly will be an opportunity to bring together members of the association and its partners, to discuss the functioning of the ATIBT and its main challenges.

This General Assembly will, as usual, also be open to non-members wishing to learn more about our organization. Only members will be able to vote.

18h : Welcome cocktail

October 3, 2024

8h30-9h : Welcome of participants

9h Opening of the ATIBT Forum

A word from the Antwerp authorities

A word from the ATIBT President

A word from the UEL representative

Words from international forestry institutions

Words from the ministers

9h30-12h : The European Regulation against deforestation and other regulations. Three round table discussions followed by Q&A sessions :

1. Where do we stand 3 months before the start of the EUDR ?
2. How are producer countries and companies preparing ?
3. An overview of regulations on other continents. US update (LaceyAct), the case of China

12h30-13h30 : Buffet lunch on site

13h30-17h : The future of sustainable tropical forest management: the challenges facing the industry in the coming years.

Three round tables followed by Q&A sessions :

1. CITES : Current situation of competent authorities in the EU and producer countries
2. What are the key issues for the next CITES COP?
3. Presentations of ATIBT's LKTS actions
4. A new approach to management plans in the Congo Basin.

17h30-18h30 : High-Level Round Table (by invitation)

20h30 : Gala Evening

Octobre 4, 2024

7h30: Departure for the guided tour of the port of Antwerp

8h30-10h30: the guided tour of the port of Antwerp and return to the hotel

11h-13h: Innovative finance in the tropical timber sector.

Carbon sequestration and biodiversity maintenance, consequences of sustainable forest management. A presentation of ATIBT's actions on various topics relating to biodiversity and carbon sequestration. Debates will be organized with industry experts.

11h-12h: Biodiversity – Presentation of the recently concluded study

12h-13h: Carbon Finance – State of the market, ATIBT's initiatives

13h-14h : Buffet lunch

14h-15h: Vocational training and sustainable forest management in the Congo Basin

15h : Closure of the ATIBT Forum.

Simultaneous translation in French / English / Mandarin will be provided.