

FORUM ATIBT 2024

Radisson Blu Hotel Antwerp. October 3 and 4, 2024

Provisional Program

October 2 2024

15h-17h30 : ATIBT Annual General Meeting – Room Orlov

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 – Room Diamond

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8h30-9h : Welcome coffee/ Registration – foyer

9h : Forum opening remarks (protocol order to be finalized) – Room Esperanza

- A word from Luc ARNOUITS, Vice-President of the Port of Antwerp
- A word from Françoise VAN DE VEN, President of ATIBT
- A word from an international forestry institution (Hervé MAIDOU, Executive Secretary COMIFAC)
- A word from Flore KOUMBA PAMBO, PFCB Co-facilitator, representing Gabon's Minister of Water and Forests
- A word from SEM Abou DOSSO Ambassador of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Belgium
- A word from M. Jules DORET NDONGO, Minister of Forests, Cameroun

SESSION 1 The European regulation against deforestation. How is the tropical forestry sector preparing?

9h30-10h15 : Round Table 1.1 - EUDR status at ~~3 months~~ 14 months of implementation – Room Esperanza

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Introduction

Overview : Antoine HAOUCHINE, European Commission (Env F1 Unit)-In virtual

Panel

- André DE BOER, ETTF
- Alessandra NEGRI, LCB
- Michel VAN DEN BOSSCHE, Customs
- Antoine HAOUCHINE, European Commission

Questions/Réponses

10h15-10h30 : Break

10h30-11h30 : Round Table 1.2 - The point of view from exporting countries (non-EU) - Room Esperanza

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Panel

- Ashley AMIDON, Executive Director, IWPA
- Elvire Joelle MAILLY ZOUZOU, Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Water and Forests, General Conservator of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- MOUNCHAROU Djayou Georges Collins, Republic of Cameroon
- Jean Marie NTOUTOUME, SG UFIGA
- Li PEIXIN, Director of Markets, Shanghai Timber Industry Association (STTA)

Questions and answers

11h30-12h30 : Round Table 1.3 - How are players in the EU preparing? – Room Esperanza

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Panel

- Michel BERGER, PEFC General Secretary,
- Maylis BORELLI, ATIBT
- Kim CARTENSEN, FSC Executive Director,
- Ingrid HONTIS, Fedustria

Questions/réponses

12h30-13h30 : Lunch - Rooms Aurora et Diamond

SESSION 2 - Forest management in the Congo Basin in the context of market trends

13h30-15h30 : Round table 2.1 - CITES: What impact for producer countries? How countries are mobilizing and preparing for the next CITES COP – Room Esperanza

Moderator : Françoise VAN DE VEN

Introduction

Ivonne HIGUERO, Secretary General CITES

Presentations :

- Background and issues: Franck MONTHE (ATIBT)
- CITES in the COMIFAC space, role, responsibility and challenges: Hervé MAIDOU, (SE COMIFAC)
- Belgian customs and the control of Annex 2 timber: Brenda SANCTORUM (Customs Antwerp)
- CITES EU: Application of domestic measures for the sustainability of species listed in Appendix II of the CITES Convention: Barbara SOTO-LARGO MORENO, President SRG/EU

Panel

- Frédéric DJENGO, Directeur Forêts, RDC
- Paulette EBINA, Directeur Forêts République du Congo
- Ingrid HONTIS, FEDUSTRIA/Belgium
- Gabriel MOLA MOTYA, President FIB/DRC

- Flore KOUMBA PAMBO, Chair of the CITES Plant Committee and CBFP co-facilitator
- Honoré TABUNA, environmental commissioner, CEEAC

Questions/Answers

15h30-17h00 : Round table 2.2- Evolution of management plans: from harvesting to silviculture and the role of LKTS – Room Esperanza

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Introduction

Forest management 2.0; experiences with the elaboration of the first management plan for the second rotation; experiences with reforestation in forest concessions; approach to valorizing lesser-known species.

Panel

- Nicolas BAYOL (FRMi), Chairman of the ATIBT Forestry and Industry Commission
- Stéphanie DAULLE (TEREA), Forest management expert
- Crispin ILUNGA-MULALA MUSHAGALUSA (Gembloux), PhD student reforestation
- Jean GERARD (CIRAD), Wood expert
- Hugues Serges MOUIDY BOUNGUENDZY (MINEF Gabon), Director General of Forests
- Yannick NKOULOU (ATIBT), Project Coordinator UFA Reforest
- Markus PFANNKUCH (Precious Woods), Co-CEO
- Armand STOCKMANS (Stockmans Wood Products), General Manager

17h00 : Coffee break - networking

17h30-18h30 : High-level round table (by invitation) – Salon Orlov 1 et 2

Moderator : Sven Walter (FAO)

The aim of this round table is to bring together representatives of the European Commission, CITES and SRG, as well as government representatives from African countries, COMIFAC and ECCAS, for frank and direct exchanges on the crucial subjects of CITES, EUDR and the tropical timber sector in general.

17h30-18h30 : China Market Roundtable

18h30-19h00 : Networking

20h00 : Gala dinner

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7h15 : Meeting point for bus departure

7h30-09h45 : Visit to the Port of Antwerp

9h45-10h : Back to the hotel/Coffee break

SESSION 3 – Sustainability and Innovation

10h00-11h00 Round Table 3.1: Sustainable Forest management as a means of preserving biodiversity in the tropical forests of the Congo Basin – Room Esperanza

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Introduction

- Biodiversity in certified companies - Joeri ZWERTS - University of Utrecht
- Incentives for good practice - Presentation of the Organization for Biodiversity Certificates OBC - Fabiola FLEX- Adryada - OBC
- High Integrity Forest investment initiative HIFOR -- Sophie DIROU - WCS

Panel

- Maylis BORELLI (FFEM/ZSL biodiversity activities) ATIBT
- Sophie DIROU - WCS
- Fabiola FLEX - Adryada/OBC
- Karl PINCHERELLE – European Parliament
- Tom Van Loon - Interholco
- Joeri ZWERTS - University of Utrecht

Questions/Answers

11h00-12h00 Round Table 3.2 : Update on Forest Carbon Projects

Moderator : Claude Garcia

Resource : Pierre Schueller (Terea)

Introduction

Carbon projects in forest in Central Africa - Pierre SCHUELLER TERA

Presentations

- European public policy on carbon regulations - Karl PINCHERELLE - European Parliament
- Major reforestation projects in Côte d'Ivoire - Elvire Joelle MAILLY ZOUZOU, Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Water and Forests, General Conservator of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
- The limits of the CRCF on forest carbon projects and presentation of the Nature Based Solutions Coalition - Fabiola FLEX- Adryada/OBC

Panel

- Vincent Istace, CIB Olam
- Karl PINCHERELLE
- Markus Pfannkuch, CEB/Precious Woods
- Elvire Joelle MAILLY ZOUZOU- Ministère Forêts, RCI
- Fabiola FLEX- Adryada/OBC
- Pierre SCHUELLER - TERA

Questions/answers

12h00-13h00 – Theme 3.1: The role of vocational training in sustainable forest management in the Congo Basin – *Salon Esperanza*

Moderator : Hortense ELLA-MENYE BATINDEK (ATIBT)

Introduction

Elise MAZEYRAC (ATIBT) "Importance of continuous training".

Presentations/Moderator's questions

- Jacques XU (Bonus Harvest) "The experience of a company".
- Alain TIOTSOP (ATIBT) "Experience in the Republic of Congo",

Questions/Answers

14h00-15h00 : FORUM CLOSES

Simultaneous translation in French / English / Mandarin will be provided