



## **Third Announcement**

### **Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum, GLSTF 2024**

*11–12 September 2024*

*MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China*

#### ***Background***

Recent development shows that the timber industry needs to collaborate even more closely among stakeholders including timber producers, buyers, processing industry and market players nationally and internationally. It must address issues in global timber supply chains arising from the post-pandemic and other uncertainties and must bridge the widening gap between demand and supply for wood products. It is also essential to sustain and enhance collaboration and exchange views and information, among timber industry stakeholders worldwide with the aim of building a sustainable collaborative platform in promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The ITTO's Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme is aimed at building legal and sustainable supply chains. As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao SAR Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) are partners under a collaborative framework agreement to co-host the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF), to accelerate the development of legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The GLSTF inaugural forum 2023 was held on 21-22 November 2023 in Macao by the ITTO and IPIM in collaboration with the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC). The GLSTF 2023 was the first global forum under this partnership focused on measures to be considered to improve the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. This milestone event brought together nearly 700 participants from 36 countries. The GLSTF 2024 is scheduled in September 2024 in Macao, providing continuity on these efforts on an annual basis.

#### ***Objective***

The GLSTF 2024 aims to enhance networking, collaboration, and business exchange among timber industry stakeholders—producers, buyers, processors and market players to strengthen support for sustainable forest management, and the uptake of legal and sustainable wood product supply chains to facilitate the legal and sustainable use and trade

of wood products in a stable, transparent and predictable business environment while contributing to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.

### ***Date & Venue***

11-12 September 2024 at the MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China.

### ***Co-hosts & Organizer***

The GLSTF 2024 will be co-hosted by the ITTO and the IPIM and organized by the Secretariat of the GGSC. Specialized sub-forums will be co-organized by partner agencies and the ITTO, the IPIM and the GGSC.

### ***Forum Structure***

The GLSTF 2024 will have two components:

- 1) The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (main forum).
- 2) Four Specialized Sub-forums (sub-forums).

### ***Theme & Topics***

The theme of the GLSTF 2024 will be **“Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains”**.

The main forum will discuss topics related to reliable and stable timber resource supplies, trust and effectiveness along the timber supply chains and prospects for revitalizing global timber supply chains.

The specialized sub-forums will be organized by partner agencies, contributing to the theme, with selected topics on timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; advanced technology and machinery for wood processing; green finance and innovative facilitating measures.

### ***Legal and Sustainable Timber Industry Display***

A legal and sustainable timber industry display will be organized in parallel with the GLSTF 2024, at a scale of around 30 booths.

### ***Other Events & Activities***

The achievements of the Global Timber Index (GTI) and the Blockchain-based Timber Tracking System (BTTS) as well as others will be released at the GLSTF 2024. Other business activities and side events, such as B2B matchings, will be arranged accordingly.

### ***Participants***

The GLSTF 2024 is expected to attract around 700 participants from wood enterprises and trading companies, industrial and business associations, governments, international organizations, research institutions, etc.

***Languages***

The GLSTF 2024 will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

***The draft agenda for the GLSTF 2024 and the Concept Notes of Specialized Sub-Forum 1 - 4 are attached.***

***For forum registration click: <https://en.glstf.net/reg/reg-step1-en.php>***

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# Draft Provisional Agenda

## Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum, GLSTF 2024

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**Day 1 (Wednesday, 11 September)**

Time	Events and Topics
08:30-09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening Ceremony and Group Photo Session</b> <b>Master of Ceremony: TBC</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>
10:00-10:50	<b>Keynote Addresses</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Vincent U, President, Macao SAR Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting reliable global timber supply chains in the uncertain world: Forest Ministers.</li> <li>• Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of timber supply chains: globally renowned expert.</li> <li>• Practices of private sector in promoting sustainable development: TBC</li> </ul>
10:50-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:10	<b>High-Level Segment: Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director <b>Panel Discussion (60m):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest ministers, leading entrepreneurs, heads of international organizations, and renowned experts.</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b>
12:10-12:30	<b>Achievements Release</b> The forum related achievements will be released.
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00-15:20	<b>Session I: Restoring Reliable and Stable Supply of Timber Resource</b> <i>This session will focus on discussing confidence, stability, and partnerships along the upstream of timber supply chains, including forest management, timber resource supplies, timber trade requirements and regulations (EUDR, Log-ban, CITES, etc.), certification schemes, legality verification, traceability and sustainability assurance systems.</i> <b>Moderator: TBC</b> <b>Presentations (30m):</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying uncertainties and challenges on legal and sustainable timber supplies.</li> <li>Building partnerships in mutual recognition and trust between timber supply and demand sectors.</li> <li>Exploring ways and measures in promoting global legal and sustainable timber supply chains.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from government agencies, timber enterprises, certification organizations, timber association, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
15:20-16:40	<p><b>Session II: Enhancing Trust and Effectiveness along Timber Supply Chains</b></p> <p><i>This session will discuss how to achieve effective collaboration along global timber supply chains to reduce costs and increase efficiency. This topic involves aspects such as accurate matching of supply and demand, technological integration and innovation, market facilitating measures, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: TBC</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (30m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridging the mismatch and imbalance between timber supply and demand.</li> <li>Promoting trade facilitation of timber and timber products.</li> <li>Accelerating technological integration into and innovation of the timber industry.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from governments, international organizations, timber enterprises, technology companies, timber associations, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
16:40-18:00	<p><b>Session III: Prospects for Revitalizing Global Timber Supply Chains</b></p> <p><i>This session will explore the transformative measures and solutions for revitalizing global timber supply chains, especially the idea of trans-boundary fusion will provide more possibilities and development potentials, such as the fusion of timber clusters and special industrial zones, green finance and technologies, value chain and ecosystem services (ESs), etc.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: TBC</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (30m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing matchings and collaboration between special industrial zones and timber manufacturing clusters.</li> <li>Encouraging innovative ways and means for industrial collaboration.</li> <li>Exploring possible solutions towards better legal and sustainable timber supply chains towards achieving the SDGs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from government agencies, high-profile timber enterprises, financial institutions, timber association, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
18:00-18:10	<b>Forum Wrap-up</b>

## Day 2 (Thursday, 12 September)

Time	Events and Topics
Morning Sessions 09:00-13:00	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 1: Timber Legality and Sustainability</b>  <i>Discussions will focus on responding to emerging timber trade requirements, including tropical timber producers' responses towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR), and national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains.</i></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.</i></p>
	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 3: Advanced Technology and Machinery for Timber Processing</b>  <i>Discussions will focus on the latest progress of new technologies and new products in the timber industry, sharing best practice of the advanced technologies and equipment in promoting legal and sustainable timber trade, probe common challenges and obstacles in collaborative innovation between upstream and downstream along timber supply chains and explore international solutions that promote low-carbon, digital, and smart development of the global timber industry.</i></p>
	<p><b>Specialized Sub-forum 4: Global Forest Sustainability and Supply Chain Finance</b>  <i>Discussions will focus on the New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability, involving Current Status of Global Forestry Investment and Financing, Challenges and Business Opportunities Brought by Global Forest Sustainability, Supply Chain Finance Innovation Protecting the Sustainable Future of Forestry. All the debates aim to seeks innovation in institutional mechanisms, policy systems, industrial models, and financial products, and explores systematic solutions for green finance to support the sustainable development of forestry</i></p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch Break (Self-arrangement required)</b>
Afternoon Sessions 14:00-17:30	<p><b>Side events will be organized on requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B2B matchings</li> <li>• Closed-door meetings for ministers, leading enterprises, and financial institutions</li> <li>• Panel Dialogue on She Power for the Sustainable Development of Global Timber Industry</li> <li>• Global Forestry Youth Leadership Workshop: Wood and Bamboo Sustainable Buildings</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>

16:30-17:00	<b>Press Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Representatives of ITTO, IPIM, GGSC, and other stakeholders.</i></li> </ul>
2 Days	<b>Legal &amp; Sustainable Timber Display</b> <i>The exhibits may include raw timbers, floorboards, wooden doors, wood products, furniture, machinery, etc.</i>

**Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 1**  
**on**  
**Timber Legality and Sustainability -**  
**Responses to Emerging Timber Trade Requirements**  
*12 September 2024, Macao SAR, China*

**Organized by**  
**ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organization)**  
*12 September 2024, 09:00-13:30*

**Session 1:**

Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR)

**Session 2:**

Updates on national forest certification scheme to support legal and sustainable supply chains

**I. Background**

Forest-based enterprises and international timber trade add value to tropical forests and can contribute significantly to sustainable economies and livelihoods. For decades, tropical timber has grappled with numerous challenges and even threats as it struggles to maintain its stake in the international timber markets. 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 preparing the readiness of tropical timber producers to respond to emerging requirements of the international timber trade.

Tropical timber producer countries need to regularly assess the situation of competitiveness of their products in international markets to ensure continued maintenance of production



and trade of sustainably managed tropical timber and timber products. Ensuring sustainable tropical timber trade requires optimizing the utilization and improving productivity of production forests, which will, in turn, benefit conservation and protected forests, in terms of reducing pressures and disturbances. A key requirement of sustainability is compliance with all relevant legal frameworks. When timber is legally and sustainably produced, processed, traded, and used, the industry enhances the value of standing forests, greatly reducing the risk of deforestation, and making a major contribution to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

The perception that illegal operations are widespread in tropical forests taints the image of the tropical timber sector in certain major import markets and while some markets have responded by tightening requirements for legality and sustainability to provide assurance for buyers and consumers for effective action in this regard. 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.

This specialized sub-forum will discuss issues related to timber legality and sustainability among different stakeholders in the context of the “EU Regulation 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council”, or EUDR for short. This regulation will have a significant impact on the tropical timber trade in the EU, and it also has serious implications in tropical timber producing countries. The producer countries need to strengthen their monitoring and controlling system to ensure only legal and sustainable timber traded along supply chains by means of promoting the development of national schemes forest certification.

## ***II. Terms of Reference***

### ***2.1 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 international timber trade requirements and national forest certification initiatives being developed by producer countries to ensure legality and sustainability of traded timber. Promoting the development of national schemes forest certification will facilitate respective authorities and business actors to deal with imposed trade requirements at both national and global scale.

The specialized sub-forum will be divided into two sessions: 1) Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR); 2) Updates on national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains.

### **Session 1: Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR)**

The wood product sector now faces significant challenges with the implementation of the EUDR. In-depth discussions are already underway in many countries and sectors on how best to meet the requirements of the EUDR without adding unnecessary costs or leading to discrimination against certain operators.

Session 1 will update the status of producer countries' readiness towards the full implementation of EUDR. Regulation is of course essential to build legal and sustainable supply chains, but trade regulations in major timber consuming markets need to be consistent, and tropical countries need support and investment in capacity building to allow their continuing market access. There is a need for smart regulations that do not unnecessarily add transaction costs that might undermine the relative competitive position of legal and sustainable timber.

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: Updates on national forest certification scheme to support legal and sustainable supply chains**

The Specialized Sub-forum 1 will also highlight the role of forest certification as the voluntary process whereby quality of forest management and production will be assessed against predetermined set of requirements to inform consumers about the sustainability of the forests from which wood and other forest products were produced.

In Session 2, the discussion will focus on national forest certification schemes development. Several selected producer countries will be invited to update their progress in developing the national forest certification. The potential of advanced technologies to be integrated for obtaining robust schemes will also be explored to support authorities and traders in identifying the legality and sustainability of traded timber and timber products along the supply chains.

### **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.

### ***2.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the organizer for Preparation and Carrying out the Specialized Sub-forum 1***

The organizer, in consultation with the GGSC Secretariat as the forum organizer, will oversee the overall organization of the sub-forum.

The organizer 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 organizer will share responsibility to invite Session’s personnels. In coordination with GGSC and Macao IPIM, the organizer will liaise with the invitees for their traveling and accommodation arrangement.

The organizer will prepare the Session’s report to be submitted to the Forum Organizer.

### 2.3 Programme and Schedule

#### Thursday, 12 September 2024

Time	Events and Topics
09:00-09:15	<b>Opening Session 1</b>
	Remarks by <b>Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director</b> [Moderator] <b>Sheam Satkuru</b> [Rapporteur] <b>ITTO</b>
09:15- 11:10	<b>Session 1: Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR)</b>
	Speaker 1: ‘EUDR: The Latest Developments and Their Implications for Tropical Timber’ - 15 minutes Speaker 2: (Africa) Country’s response to EUDR implementation - 10 minutes Speaker 3: (Latin America) Country’s response to EUDR implementation - 10 minutes Speaker 4: ‘Vietnam at the Crossroads of EUDR Implementation’ - 10 minutes Speaker 5: ‘Impacts and Implications of EUDR Globally’ – 10 minutes <b>Panel Discussion</b> (60 minutes): Selected Panelists [Moderator] <b>Sheam Satkuru, ITTO</b> [Rapporteurs] <b>ITTO</b>
11:10-11:25	Short Break
11:25-13:15	<b>Session 2: Updates on national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains</b>
	Speaker 1: Updates on India national forest certification scheme in India – 10 minutes

	<p>Speaker 2: Updates on Ghana national forest certification scheme -10 minutes</p> <p>Speaker 3: '25 years on: The Case of the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme' - 10 minutes</p> <p>Speaker 4: Updates on Guyana national forest certification scheme - 10 minutes</p> <p>Speaker 5: 'Promoting Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains Towards Forest Certification Scheme in Thailand' - 10 minutes</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b> (60 minutes): FSC representative, PEFC representative and other selected panelists.</p> <p>[Moderator]</p> <p><b>Dr. M. Nurudeen Idrisu, ITTO</b></p> <p>[Rapporteurs]</p> <p><b>ITTO</b></p>
13:15-13:30	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Sheam Satkuru</b></p>

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**Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 2**  
**on**  
**Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade -**  
**Integration of New Patterns in Global Timber Market**  
**12 September 2024, Macao SAR, China**

**Co-organized by:**  
**China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA)**  
**and**  
**International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT)**

***12 September 2024, 09:00-12:00***

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 2 on Sustainable Timber Resources, Market and Trade. This Sub-forum aims to discuss key issues such as sustainable development and utilization of global timber resources, market expansion and trade facilitation, and delegates will also participate in the main forum, exhibition and B2B meeting. We sincerely invite you to gather with global industry elites to face the challenges and grasp the opportunities.

***Programme***

11 September 09:30-18:00: Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum, 2024  
12 September 09:00-12:00: Sub-Forum 2: Sustainable Timber Resources, Market and Trade  
12 September 14:30-16:30: Specialized Business Matchmaking

***Background***

The Sub-Forum on Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade of GLSTF 2023 was successfully held in Macao SAR, China on 22 November 2023, with fruitful results and a milestone in promoting the development of the global sustainable timber industry. Following the spirit of the inaugural forum, in 2024, CTWPDA, ATIBT and our partners will continue to deepen the issues of sustainable timber resource development and utilization, market expansion and trade facilitation to promote the sustainable development of the global timber

supply chain, strengthen the protection and management of timber resources, enhance the transparency and legitimacy of the timber supply chain, and build a more resilient, competitive and sustainable timber industry chain.

**Main content:**

**I. Focus on industry hot spots, talk about the way of development**

- Impact of epidemics, geopolitics and other factors on timber market supply and demand, trade patterns and prospects for future development trends to help companies make informed decisions.
- Challenges and opportunities for sustainable forest and timber development: Explore how to balance timber production and forest ecological protection, and promote sustainable development of the timber industry.
- Establishment of Timber Legality Verification and Traceability Systems: Share experiences and best practices in building timber legality verification and traceability systems, and discuss how new technologies can be used to improve supply chain transparency and credibility.
- Building a *New Quality Productivity* Timber Supply Chain: Explore how to use new technologies, new modes and new concepts to improve the technological content, intelligence level and value added of the wood industry chain and create a more resilient, competitive and sustainable wood industry chain.
- Interpretation of the new pattern and trend of the global timber market: In-depth analysis

**II. Leading experts gather to share their insights.**

Gathering authoritative voices from around the world and inviting senior experts involved in international tropical timber research, trade, investment and technology development, as well as policy makers from government regulatory agencies, to interpret the latest policy trends and clarify the direction of industry development. In addition, the event will invite world-renowned timber business leaders to share their successful experiences and discuss future strategies; representatives from authoritative industry associations to present industry development reports and forward-looking analyses; and scientists from top research institutes to share the latest scientific research results and guide industry development from a scientific perspective.

**III. Create a platform for exchange and cooperation opportunities**

By creating an efficient communication and collaboration platform, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Communicate face-to-face with industry elites from around the world and make quality contacts.
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the latest industry information, policies and regulations, and market trends.

- Demonstrate corporate image, promote products and services, and seek opportunities for collaboration.

**Participants**

- Industry representatives such as timber forest landowners, log suppliers, sawmill suppliers, mills, traders, etc.
- Furniture manufacturers, builders and other timber downstream enterprises.
- Government departments, industry associations, consulting organizations, research institutes, etc.
- News media

**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.

**Collaborating Partner:**

TRAFFIC

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## Programme and Schedule

Time	Topics
08:30-9:00	On-site Registration

<b>Opening ceremony: Welcome Speech</b>	
09:00-9:10	<p>Message from the Organizers:</p> <p>CTWPDA (China Timber &amp; Wood Products Distribution Association)</p> <p>ATIBT (Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux – International Tropical Timber Technical Association)</p>
<b>Keynote speeches</b>	
09:10-10:10	<p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p><b>Topic I: Interpretation of the new global timber market situation and trend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New order of global timber market and opportunities for China</li> <li>• Reshaping the global timber trade pattern</li> <li>• Reconstructing the Global Timber Supply Chain: Challenges and Opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Topic II: Challenges and Opportunities of Global Green Wood Supply Chain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Practices of Sustainable Wood Supply Chains</li> <li>• Synergistic development of timber production and forest ecological protection</li> <li>• Carbon Neutrality: Contribution and Value of SFM</li> </ul> <p><b>Topic III: Wood Supply Chain under New Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building an efficient and collaborative smart wood supply chain</li> <li>• Green development, wood industry first: exploring a new model of low-carbon recycling economy</li> <li>• Accurate, efficient and flexible: intelligent technology empowers wood product upgrading</li> <li>• China Wood, World Products: Building an Internationally Competitive Wood Product Brand (TBC)</li> </ul>
10:10-10:25	<p><b>Panel Discussion and Questions (15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussions</li> <li>• Q &amp; A with participants</li> </ul>
10:25-10:40	Coffee Break
<b>Case studies (resources and markets)</b>	
10:40-11:40	<p>5-7 minutes presentation per panelist followed by group discussion</p> <p>Case Studies: Opportunities and Challenges in Supply Markets (2-3 case studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• South America</li> <li>• Africa</li> </ul> <p>Case Study: Opportunities and Challenges in Demand Markets (2-3 case studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Export market barriers</li> <li>• Policy changes</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market consumption changes</li> <li>• Joint discussion: How to build a global green wood supply chain.</li> </ul>
11:40-11:50	<b>Panel Discussion and Questions (15 minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussions</li> <li>• Q &amp; A with participants</li> </ul>
11:50-12:00	<b>Conclusion and Closing (10 minutes)</b>

**Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 3**  
**on**  
**Advanced Technology and Machinery for Timber**  
**Processing -**  
**Creating Innovative Furniture and Smart Green**  
**Homes**

*12 September 2024, Macao, China*

**Organized by:**

**China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA)**

**and**

**Indonesian Sawmill and Woodworking Association**

***Background***

With the continuous expansion of the global furniture market, solid wood furniture and wood-based panel type furniture, as the two main types of furniture, are facing unprecedented opportunities and challenges in development. Solid wood furniture is favored for its natural texture and environmental characteristics, while wood-based panel type furniture wins market share with its cost-effectiveness and design flexibility. At present, the manufacturing technology of solid wood and wood-based panel type furniture is undergoing rapid innovation and development. Technological innovation has driven the transformation from manual to CNC machines, intelligent production lines, improving production efficiency and product quality, while reducing material waste and environmental pollution. Driven by environmental regulations and consumers' demand for a healthy lifestyle, sustainable development has become a key to the industry.

In order to promote the innovative application of wood processing technology and mechanical equipment in the furniture industry, and to promote the development of the industry in a more efficient, environmentally friendly and intelligent direction. Under the framework of the Global Legal and Sustainable Wood Industry Summit 2024 (GLSTF2024), the Forum continues to be held in Macau to continue to contribute to these goals.

### **Purpose**

The Sub-forum 3 aims to strengthen contacts, cooperation and exchanges between upstream and downstream furniture stakeholders, it will provide in-depth industry insights for related companies from the aspects of technological innovation, mechanical equipment, industrial integration, environmental protection, and sustainability, and promote the sustainable development of the industry.

### **Theme**

Creating Smart Green Homes, Building an Ecological Future

### **Date and venue**

Time: 9:00-12:30 on 12 September 2024

Location: MGM COTAI, Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Cotai, Macau, China

## **Programme and Schedule**

### **Day 2 (Thursday, 12 September)**

Time	Events and Topics
09:00-9:15	<b>Opening</b> Remarks by China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA) Remarks by Indonesian Sawmill and Woodworking Association
09:15-10:45	<b>Session I: Green Innovation and Sustainable Development of Solid Wood Furniture</b> <b>Keynote Speech</b> Share 1: Material Selection and Technological Transformation of Solid Wood Furniture Share 2: Application of Intelligent Manufacturing Technology in the Solid Wood Furniture Industry Chain Share 3: New Development Model of Solid Wood Furniture Industry under the Concept of Green Sustainability <b>Panel Discussion (45m)</b> <b>How New Technology Aids the Transformation and Upgrading of Solid Wood Furniture Industry Clusters (45 minutes)</b> 1 moderator + 5 panelists
10:45-12:15	<b>Session II: Technical Integration and Product Innovation in the Whole House Customization Ecological Chain</b>

	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Xing Xiaobo, The Vice-Chairman of CWPIA</b></p> <p>Share 1: New Equipment Aids High-Quality Development of the Home Industry</p> <p>Share 2: Environmental Protection Panels Lead New Trends in Whole House Customization</p> <p>Share 3: Application of Industry 4.0 in Customized Home Production</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion (45m)</b></p> <p><b>How Intelligent Manufacturing Technology Reshapes the New Ecology of the Whole House Customization Industry (45 minutes)</b></p> <p>1 moderator + 5 panelists</p>
12:15-12:30	<b>Conclusion and Closing</b>

### ***Participants***

The Sub-Forum 3 will invite 200 renowned domestic and foreign scholars, experts, leading enterprises in the home and furniture industry, R&D companies of new technologies and equipment, and representatives from related business associations to attend this event.

### ***Organizational structure***

#### **Co-organized by:**

China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA)

Indonesian Sawmill and Woodworking Association

#### **Collaborating Partners:**

Guangdong Custom Home Association

Guangzhou Custom Home Business Association

Hubei Custom Home Association

Zhongshan Office Furniture Business Association

Foshan Mechanical Cat Business Co., Ltd.

Qingfeng County Furniture Association

### ***Anticipated results***

1) Integrate advanced technology and equipment from around the world and within China, advocating for exemplary enterprises to expand internationally, thereby enhancing and upgrading the global timber and wood products industry.

2) Concentrate on the supply chains of panel and solid wood furniture, filling gaps and complementing the existing structure, leveraging the conference platform to transition from exporting products to exporting production capacity, thereby reinforcing international collaboration on supply and demand.

**Concept Note of Specialized Sub-Forum 4**  
**on**  
**Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures**  
**for Green Supply Chains -**  
**New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability**  
*12 September 2024, Macao, China*

**Organized by:**

**Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation**

**Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)**

**Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area-Green Finance Alliance (GBA-GFA)**

***Background***

In GLSTF 2023, a sub-forum was held on “Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains”, which is the first specialized forum for green finance of the timber industry in Macao. This Sub-forum was organized by Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation (Macao Federation) and Luso International Banking Ltd, aiming at establishing an inter-promotional industrial environment of “Finance + Industry + Ecology”.

In GLSTF 2023, representatives from the Macao government, international organizations, and financial institutions jointly witnessed the signing ceremony of the "Green Finance Facilitating Green Supply Chain Cooperation Agreement" between the Macao Federation and three of China's most important home furnishing and building materials industry clusters. This is to leverage the advantages of the Macao Federation in digital traceability, capital matching, and international cooperation, so as to organize enterprises and industrial parks in producing countries to carry out "forest-to-consumer" cooperation.

The forestry industry has long supply chains and covers a variety of products. Sustainable forest management and green supply chains are "nature-based solutions" to combating forest deforestation and degradation. However, investing in forestry is insufficient because of the long payback period, low returns, and strong externalities. Currently, a large amount of costs arising from fulfilling social responsibilities are borne by the private sector itself. The ecological value of forest products is difficult to realize, which restricts the development of small and

medium-sized forestry enterprises. How to solve the problem of "where does the money come from"? How to motivate the supply chain finance to invest in the forestry sector? How to promote the realization of the ecological value of forest products through financial services? The resolution of these issues requires the joint efforts of governments, social organizations, financial institutions, and enterprises, and other stakeholders to form a systematic solution for supply chain finance to support the global forest sustainability.

The theme of Sub-Forum 4 in GLSTF 2024 will be "New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability". This Sub-forum will be co-organized by the Macao Federation, Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI), and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area-Green Finance Alliance (GBA-GFA). This Sub-forum will take the sustainable development of global forests as a specific scenario, inviting policy makers, forestry enterprises, business associations, technology companies, certification bodies, and philanthropic funds, to jointly explore the construction of global ecological partnerships that empower both finance and sustainable forestry development. It aims to provide industry demonstrations for green finance to support sustainable development.

### ***Objectives***

This forum aims to establish a high-level dialogue platform between financial institutions and forestry stakeholders, inviting representatives from international organizations, multilateral trust funds, multilateral development banks, policy banks, commercial banks, enterprises, business associations, and certification bodies to discuss and exchange ideas. It seeks innovation in institutional mechanisms, policy systems, industrial models, and financial products, and explores systematic solutions for green finance to support the sustainable development of forestry. Meanwhile, this sub-forum aims to provide a platform for financial institutions and enterprises that adhere to sustainable management. It seeks to explore new business opportunities, discover new potential, and jointly build a better future for sustainable development.

### ***Theme***

New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability

### ***Scale***

Around 100 participants will be expected to attend this Sub-forum 4 as well as the main forum, sustainable timber display, and B2B events of the GLSTF 2024.

### ***Date & Venue***

Date: The morning of 12 September 2024

Venue: MGM Cotai, Macao SAR, China

### ***Organizational Structure***

	Organization
<b>Co-organizers</b>	Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area-Green Finance Alliance (GBA-GFA)
<b>Collaborating Partners</b>	Macau Association of Banks Macau Chinese Bank (TBC) UFIAG -Gabon (TBC) UFIGA-Gabon Chinese Wood Industry Association in Cameroon Doors Association of Guangdong Henan Qingfeng Home Furnishing Association

## Programme and Schedule

### Day 2 (Thursday, 12 September)

Time	Topics
09:00-9:05	<b>Group photos</b>
09:05-09:20	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Moderator: TBC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks by President of Macao Federation</li> <li>Opening remarks by President of GBA-GFA</li> <li>Opening remarks by Representative of CAFI</li> </ul>
09:20-10:10	<b>Session I: Current Status of Global Forestry Investment and Financing</b> <b>Moderator: GGSC to find moderator</b> <b>Keynote Speech:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Status of Green Finance Supporting Global Forest Sustainability by Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> </ul> <b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from the banks and private sectors (6 speakers)</li> </ul>
10:10-11:00	<b>Session II: Challenges and Business Opportunities Brought by Global Forest Sustainability</b> <b>Moderator: TBC</b> <b>Keynote Speech:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The "Golden" Opportunity of Forest Sustainability</li> </ul> <b>Panel Discussion:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from timber enterprises (6 speakers)</li> </ul>
11:00-11:50	<p><b>Session III: Supply Chain Finance Innovation Protecting the Sustainable Future of Forestry</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: TBC</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speech:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply Chain Finance Empowering Forest Sustainability</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from international organizations (6 speakers)</li> </ul>
11:50-12:00	<b>Possible Outcomes and Ceremonies</b>