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Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum—GLSTF 2024

11–12 September 2024

MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China

Background

Recent developments show that timber-industry stakeholders—timber producers, buyers, processors and market players, both nationally and internationally—need to collaborate even more closely to address issues in global timber supply chains arising from the pandemic and other uncertainties and to bridge the widening gap between the demand and supply of 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 to promote legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The aim of ITTO’s Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme is to build legal and sustainable supply chains. As part of the programme, ITTO and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) are working as partners under a collaborative framework agreement to co-host the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) as a means for accelerating the development of legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

ITTO and IPIM, in collaboration with the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC), convened the inaugural GLSTF in China, Macao SAR, on 21–22 November 2023. This milestone event, which brought together nearly 700 participants from 36 countries, was the first global forum held under the partnership focused on measures for improving the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. GLSTF 2024, which is scheduled to be held in Macao SAR, China in September 2024, will provide continuity for these efforts.

Objective

The aim of GLSTF 2024 is to enhance networking, collaboration and business exchange among timber-industry stakeholders with a view to strengthening support for sustainable forest management and the uptake of legal and sustainable wood product supply chains. In this way, it will 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

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

Forum structure

GLSTF 2024 will have two components:

- 1) The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (the main forum).
- 2) Four specialized subforums (subforums).

Theme & topics

The theme of 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 timber supply chains, and the prospects for revitalizing global timber supply chains.

The specialized subforums, which will be organized by partner agencies, will contribute to the GLSTF 2024 theme through the following topics: timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; advanced technology and machinery for wood processing; and 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 GLSTF 2024, with around 30 booths.

Other events & activities

The achievements of the Global Timber Index, the Blockchain-based Timber Tracking System, and other initiatives, will be showcased. Other business activities and side-events, including B2B matchings, will be arranged.

Participants

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

Languages

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

The draft agenda for GLSTF 2024 is attached.

To register for GLSTF 2024, go to <https://en.glstf.net/reg/reg-step1-en.php>

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Draft provisional agenda

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Day 1 (Wednesday, 11 September)

Time	Events and topics
08:30–09:30	Registration
09:30–10:00	Opening ceremony and group photo session Master of Ceremony: TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by high-level official of China, Macao SAR • Opening remarks by ITTO Executive Director
10:00–10:50	Keynote addresses Moderator: Mr Vincent U, President, Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting reliable global timber supply chains in the uncertain world: Forest ministers • Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of timber supply chains: TBC • Practices of private sector in promoting sustainable development: TBC
10:50–11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00–12:10	High-level segment: Together towards reliable and effective global timber supply chains Moderator: Ms Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director Panel discussion (60 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest ministers, leading entrepreneurs, heads of international organizations, and renowned experts (6–8 speakers)

	Q&A (10 min)
12:10–12:30	Achievements release GLSTF-related achievements will be released
12:30–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00–15:20	<p>Session I: Restoring reliable and stable timber resource supplies</p> <p><i>This session will focus on confidence, stability and partnerships along timber supply chains, including forest management, timber resource supplies, timber trade requirements and regulations (e.g. the European Union deforestation regulation—EUDR, log bans and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora), certification, legality verification, traceability and sustainability assurance systems</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Presentations (30 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying uncertainties and challenges in legal and sustainable timber supplies • Building partnerships in mutual recognition and trust between timber supply and demand sectors • Exploring ways and measures for promoting global legal and sustainable timber supply chains <p>Panel discussion (40 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of government agencies, timber enterprises, certification organizations, timber association, etc. (6–8 speakers) <p>Q&A (10 min)</p>
15:20–16:40	<p>Session II: Enhancing trust and effectiveness along timber supply chains</p> <p><i>This session will discuss how to achieve effective collaboration along global timber supply chains to reduce costs and increase efficiency. It will address aspects such as accurately matching supply and demand, technological integration and innovation, and market-facilitating measures</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Presentations (30 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the mismatch and imbalance between timber supply and demand • Promoting trade facilitation of timber and timber products • Accelerating technological integration into and innovation of the timber industry <p>Panel discussion (40 min):</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of governments, international organizations, timber enterprises, technology companies, timber associations, etc. (6–8 speakers) Q&A (10 min)
16:40–18:00	<p>Session III: Prospects for revitalizing global timber supply chains</p> <p><i>This session will explore transformative measures and solutions for revitalizing global timber supply chains, especially the idea of transboundary fusion to provide more possibilities and development potential, such as between timber clusters, special industrial zones, green finance and technologies, value chains, and ecosystem services</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Presentations (30 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing matchings and collaboration between special industrial zones and timber manufacturing clusters Developing ecosystem services and innovative technologies Exploring possible solutions towards better legal and sustainable timber supply chains and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals <p>Panel discussion (40 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of government agencies, high-profile timber enterprises, financial institutions, timber association, etc. (6–8 speakers) <p>Q&A (10m)</p>
18:00–18:10	Forum wrap-up

Day 2 (Thursday, 12 September)

Time	Events and topics
Morning sessions 9:00–12:00	<p>Specialized Subforum 1: Timber legality and sustainability</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus on responding to emerging timber trade requirements, including tropical timber producer responses to emerging timber trade requirements (e.g. EUDR), and national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Panel discussion: TBC</p>

	<p>Specialized Subforum 2: Resources, markets and trade of legal and sustainable timber</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus on the sustainable development of global timber resources and the global legal and sustainable timber trade</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC Panel discussion: TBC</p>
	<p>Specialized Subforum 3: Advanced technology and machinery for timber processing</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus on the latest technologies and products in the timber industry, sharing best practices in advanced technologies and equipment to promote legal and sustainable timber trade, probe common challenges and obstacles in collaborative innovation between upstream and downstream timber supply chains, and explore international solutions that promote the smart, low-carbon, digital development of the global timber industry</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC Panel discussion: TBC</p>
	<p>Specialized Subforum 4: Green finance and innovative facilitating measures for green supply chains</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus on possible measures for promoting global legal and sustainable timber supply chains, including green finance (e.g. the “blockchain technology + green finance” mechanism), subsidies, investing in industrial clusters and zones, and other related measures.</i></p> <p>Moderator: TBC Panel discussion: TBC</p>
12:00–14:00	Lunch break
<p>Afternoon Sessions 14:00–16:30</p>	<p>Side-events will be organized, on request, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2B matchings • Closed-door meetings for ministers, leading enterprises and financial institutions • Panel dialogue on “she power” for the sustainable development of global timber industry • Panel dialogue on global forestry youth leadership • Other
16:30-17:00	<p>Press conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of ITTO, IPIM, GGSC and other stakeholders
2 days	<p>Legal and sustainable timber display</p> <p><i>Exhibits will include raw timbers, floorboards, wooden doors, wood products, furniture, machinery, etc.</i></p>