

# West Africa: ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

5 ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND MOZAMBIQUE

INVITED:

- Ghana
- Liberia
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- The Gambia

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10:30 – 10:40 Objectives – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO

10:40 – 11:00 Round Table Introductions

- Is it the first time you are filling the questionnaire? If not, how long have you been filling the questionnaire?

11:00 – 11:45 Presentations and Discussion

*11:45 – 12:00 Virtual Coffee Break – Informal Online  
Discussions*

12:40 – 13:30 Discussion: Specific issues faced by countries and opportunities for improving data



# QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMISSION

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Questionnaires
Ghana													10
Liberia													7
Mozambique													5
Nigeria													0
Sierra Leone													0
The Gambia													1

**None: Nigeria, Sierra Leone**

**1: The Gambia (2013)**

**Mozambique (5)**

**Ghana (10), Liberia (7)**

# DATA LIMITATIONS

We can't estimate roundwood fuel or ind. Roundwood production

Repeat data

Nigeria production of ind. Roundwood has been repeated or estimated for at least 15 years (~10 million m<sup>3</sup>)

20% of all ind. Roundwood in Africa

Sawnwood (2 million m<sup>3</sup>) -> 25% of Africa prod of sawnwood

THREE MAJOR QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T BE ANSWERED WITH OUR DATA

1. Sustainable forest management or resources exhaustion?
2. Industrial level situation? Increase of industrial efficiency, stagnation or decrease?
3. Trend?

# DATA LIMITATIONS

## CONVERSION FACTORS:

Sawnwood -> 1,82 (1m<sup>3</sup> sawnwood, we need 1,82 m<sup>3</sup> of ind. roundwood)

Veneer -> 1,9 (1m<sup>3</sup> veneer, we need 1,9 m<sup>3</sup> of ind. roundwood)

Plywood -> 2,3 (1m<sup>3</sup> plywood, we need 2,3 m<sup>3</sup> of ind. roundwood)....

# QUESTIONS for DISCUSSION TODAY

- Please help us understand the best way to request data. Should we send a formal data re-request letter? If yes, to whom should the letter be addressed?
- Are you satisfied with the completeness and quality of data you entered? What are the major issues and how could they be resolved?
- Do you have any specific recommendations for improving data on removals, production or trade?
- Specifically, do you have any recommendations for improving customs data on forest products in your country?
- What are the strengths of the data collection system in your country? Have you made any recent innovations which have improved the quality and quantity of available data?
- Describe the main weaknesses and limitations of the existing national system for collecting, analyzing and disseminating data on forest products.
- Describe how (website, publication etc) data on forest products are used and distributed to other organizations, the public, the press, etc. How frequently are they distributed?
- Please list any known users of forest product statistics in your country?

# QUESTIONS for DISCUSSION TODAY

- Do you have any suggestions for practical and cost-effective measures to improve the collection, processing and regular dissemination of forest products data in your country.
- If data on removals, production and trade, are released at separate times, please indicate past or anticipated release date for each type of data.
- What technical topics would you like to have included in capacity building workshops? For example, estimation or imputation methods, principles of sampling, data management, or technical aspects of the forest product industry.
- Do you have any plans or proposals related to data collection over the next 1 to 5 years? If so, how can FAO/ITTO/UNECE/EUROSTAT best support those proposals?
- How can FAO/ITTO/UNECE/EUROSTAT help you improve the quality of forest products data in your country? Please provide possible examples.