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Sustainable forest management and SDGs 2030 in Africa SIDE-EVENT AT TICAD-7

Co-organized by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO),
the Forestry Agency of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, the City of Yokohama
and the Kanagawa prefecture

1. Date and time: Wednesday, 28 August 2019, 10:30–12:00

2. Venue: Room B02, Exhibition Hall, Pacifico Yokohama

3. Program

Opening addresses

- Dr Gerhard Dieterle, ITTO Executive Director
- H.E. Minister Rosalie MATONDO, Ministry of Forestry of Republic of Congo
- Mr Koji Hongo, Director General of the Forestry Agency of Japan
- H.E. Ambassador Hideo Suzuki, Assistant Minister for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Presentations

- Ms Cecile NDJEBET, President of REFACOF (African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests) on "Combatting rural community poverty in West and Central Africa through promoting and enhancing women-led forest landscape restoration (FLR)"
- Dr Claude KACHAKA SUDI, Regional Coordinator of RIFFEAC (Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions) on "Challenges of training on sustainable forest management (SFM) good practices in Congo Basin countries in relation to legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC)"
- Mr Hiroshi Nakata, JICA Senior Advisor on "Sustainable Forest Management in Diverse Africa - Tropical Humid to Semi-Arid"
- Mr Kazushi NAKAI, Assistant Manager, Material Procurement Group, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Production Unit, Yamaha Corporation on "Implementing the sustainable procurement of African blackwood in collaboration with Tanzanian local communities"

Q&A Session

Closing remarks Mr Masaaki Taniai, Member of House of Council

4. Working language: English with simultaneous Japanese interpretation

5. Background

Africa's diverse forests play essential roles for Africa's rapidly growing populations by supporting people's livelihoods and economic development and by producing a huge range of products and ecosystem services. Sustainable forest management and a wide use of forest products can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, including by combating climate change, halting biodiversity loss, promoting renewable energy, ensuring sustainable production and consumption, managing water resources, promoting inclusive economic growth and employment, and ending poverty in Africa.

Despite many efforts, however, deforestation and forest degradation continue at an alarming rate in many African countries, affecting people's livelihoods and living conditions and the capacity of countries to achieve the SDGs. ITTO and JICA are assisting African countries to make progress towards sustainable forest management and to restore degraded forest landscapes with the involvement of national and local governments, local communities, the private sector and research organizations. Many challenges remain in achieving the SDGs, however, requiring a holistic approach that responds to multiple needs by developing human resource capacities, ensuring the supply of vital forest goods and services, and tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. Such a holistic approach includes developing legal and sustainable supply chains for forest products.

6. Objectives

This side-event provides an important opportunity for sharing information with participants on the joint efforts of ITTO, JICA, the private sector, African countries and stakeholders. It will explore their experiences, lessons learned and best practices in sustainable forest management for ensuring the provision of essential economic, social and environmental forest goods and services.