



# 55<sup>ème</sup> Session du Conseil International des Bois Tropicaux (CIBT)



## Panel discussion « Women & Markets »

### REFACOF participation to the 55th International Tropical Timber Council : preparatory workshop

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## Introduction



- With the support of ITTO, REFACOF in collaboration with a local Women's Association AFME, organized in Lomé a 2-day workshop
- The opening ceremony was presided over by the Representative of the Minister of Environment, Sustainable development, and Nature protection Mr. **YENKE Kokoutse, Attaché de Cabinet**
- 24 women involved in forest management and related issues participated to the workshop among them:
  - 10 women's associations representatives and ONG from the 5 Regions of Togo
  - 1 representative of REFACOF board
  - 10 women from AFME



## Objectives



- The overall objective was to enable Togolese women and REFACOF to participate effectively in the fifty-fifth session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC)
- Specifically,
  - Inform Togolese women about the organization of the 55th session of the ITTC and involve them in the preparatory activities
  - Identify Togolese women-led initiatives to be presented during the CSAG Panel discussions to take place in December 5, 2019
  - Launch officially REFACOF Togo National Chapter



## Main Results



- Participants were delighted by the presentation of ITTO and have improved their knowledge on that Institution: its mission, objective, membership, governance bodies, programmes, project cycle and formulation, publications, etc.
- Knowledge and information shared on various initiatives carried out by women
- 6 Women including rural women to participate to the 55th ITTC identified
- REFACOF National Chapter officially launched
- A roadmap of 10 months duration elaborated



# Conclusion



- Though REFACOF Togo was already present in Togo and had already been on the ground for some time, REFACOF Togo's National Chapter is now officially launched with a clear roadmap for the next 10 months.
- The main activities of the roadmap are the following:
  - Organization of the information campaign nationwide on REFACOF Togo (mission, objectives, membership, on going activities and key results)
  - Organization of the strategic planning meeting to develop the 5-year strategic plan
  - Continuation of the implementation of on going initiatives and the development of a national project on forest landscapes restoration to facilitate access to forest resources for women and improve their tenure rights.



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