



Forest Product Statistics Capacity Building Workshop 25 – 29 October 2021



The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) are hosting a capacity-building workshop on forest product statistics. The overarching goals of the event are to improve the quality and quantity of forest product statistics and to increase the integration and coordination of work in forest statistics in West and Central Africa.

Monday October 25th, Plenary, Full group (interpretation French-English and English-French provided).

1. Opening

- 10:30 – 10:40 Welcome and Introduction – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO
10:40 – 10:50 Welcome and Introduction – Sven Walter, Forest Products and Statistics Team Lead, FAO
10:50 – 11:00 Welcome from COMIFAC Executive Secretariat – Chouaibou Nchoutpouen, Deputy Executive Secretary

2. The Importance of Forest Product Statistics

- 11:00 – 11:15 State of the Forest of the Congo Basin: Sharing Data Collection Experience from Central Africa - Quentin Jungers, OFAC
11:15 – 11:30 Data for Evidence-based Decision-Making: Challenges and Opportunities – Richard Eba'a Atyi and Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR
11:30 – 11:45 Tightening the Link between Improved Forest Products Statistics and Legality – Jean Marie Noiraud, FLEGT FAO
11:45 – 11:55 Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA): Partner Data on Forests – Forest Resource Assessment Team, FAO

11:55 – 12:10 *Virtual Coffee Break – Informal Online Discussions*

3. Forest Product Statistics: Tools and Methods

- 12:10 – 12:35 The Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and Regional Data Availability – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO
12:35 – 12:55 The Relevance of Forest Product Statistics for the Forest Industry - Olman Serrano, President, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT)
12:55 – 13:15 Statistical Models to Revise Woodfuel Estimates – Ashley Steel, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO

4. Outlook for the week

- 13:15 – 13:30 Introduction of the FAO Forest Product Statistics Group, Goals for the Rest of the Week and Q&A – Sven Walter, Forest Products and Statistics Team Lead, FAO

Tuesday October 26th, Breakout group 1 “Central Africa” (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Madagascar).

- 10:30 – 10:40 Objectives for the day – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO
 10:40 – 10:55 Round Table Introductions
 10:55 – 11:15 Outils de collecte et diffusion des données pour le renforcement de la transparence dans le secteur : Atlas et OTP - Achille Djeagou, coordinateur regional OTP bassin du Congo WRI and Duclaire Mbouna, coordinateur WRI Cameroun, WRI
 11:15 – 11:45 Country Presentations
 11:45 – 12:00 *Virtual Coffee Break – Informal Online Discussions*
 12:00 – 13:30 Discussion: Specific issues faced by countries and opportunities for improving data

Wednesday October 27th, Breakout group 2 “West Africa” (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo).

- 10:30 – 10:40 Objectives for the day – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO
 10:40 – 11:00 Round Table Introductions
 11:00 – 11:45 Country Presentations
 11:45 – 12:00 *Virtual Coffee Break – Informal Online Discussions*
 12:00 – 13:30 Discussion: Specific issues faced by countries and opportunities for improving data

Thursday October 28th, Breakout group 3 “West Africa” (Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia).

- 10:30 – 10:40 Objectives for the day – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO
 10:40 – 11:00 Round Table Introductions
 11:00 – 11:45 Country Presentations
 11:45 – 12:00 *Virtual Coffee Break – Informal Online Discussions*
 12:00 – 13:30 Discussion: Specific issues faced by countries and opportunities for improving data

Friday October 29th (10:00-12:00 CEST), Plenary, (interpretation French-English and English-French provided).

- 10:00 – 10:05 Welcome Back and Objectives of the Day
 10:05 – 10:40 Report Out from Break Out Days
 10:40 – 11:00 Discussion
 11:00 – 11:15 Opportunities in Non-wood Forest Product Data
 – Simona Sorrenti, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO
 11:15 – 11:30 Nationally Representative Survey on Collection and Consumption of Wild Forest Foods in Zambia – Amy Ickowitz, CIFOR
 11:30 – 11:45 The Importance of Transparency in Official Statistics, Javier Garcia Perez, CBIT, FAO
 11:45 – 12:00 Closing Comments – Jean-Christophe Claudon, ITTO, and Ashley Steel, FAO