



2023 Annual Market Discussion

Tropical timber industry: challenges and opportunities from changing priorities

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The global trend towards a more circular bioeconomy will affect demand for resources. Tropical forests will increasingly be used as sources of renewable, environmentally friendly products, especially timber, which is a versatile substitute for carbon-intensive materials that are contributing to climate change.

In addition to supplying a wide range of ecosystem services, tropical forests have a critical role to play in meeting rising global demand for renewable resources. Investment in new capacity is urgently required to enhance tropical timber use from both plantations and naturally regenerating forests. Global policies must also evolve to support effective forest governance and market development for sustainable tropical forest products.



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In this year's Annual Market Discussion, experts will present on various aspects relevant to changing priorities.

Thailand timber industry: challenges and opportunities from changing priorities
Preecha Ongprasert, Royal Forest Department, Bangkok, Thailand.

The role of forests and forest products in a bioeconomy transition: supply and demand perspectives
Lyndall Bull, FAO, Rome, Italy.

Community engagement and smallholders as pillars for Southeast Asian forest investment and regional wood supplies
Stephen Midgley, Salwood Asia Pacific, Canberra, Australia.

Mass timber in the building industry
Nobutaka Isoda, Tsukuba Research Institute, Sumitomo Forestry, Japan.

Smallholder timber supply for domestic and regional markets in central Africa: importance and challenges
Richard Eba'a Atyi, CIFOR–ICRAF, Yaounde, Cameroon

EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): implications for producers and importers
Franz-Xaver Kraft, GD Holz Service GmbH, Germany

EUDR and actions taken by the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF)
Nils Olaf Petersen, GD Holz/ETTF, Germany.

Discussion, Questions & Answers

A **Trade Statement** will be delivered by TAG at the end of the Market Discussion.