



FOURTH & FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GLOBAL LEGAL AND SUSTAINABLE TIMBER FORUM, GLSTF 2024

11–12 SEPTEMBER 2024
MGM COTAI, MACAO SAR, CHINA

Background

Recent development shows that the timber industry needs to collaborate even more closely among stakeholders including timber producers, buyers, processing industry and market players nationally and internationally. It must address issues in global timber supply chains arising from the post-pandemic and other uncertainties and must bridge the widening gap between demand and supply for wood products. It is also essential to sustain and enhance collaboration and exchange views and information, among timber industry stakeholders worldwide with the aim to building a sustainable collaborative platform in promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The ITTO's Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme is aimed at building legal and sustainable supply chains. As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao SAR Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) are partners under a collaborative framework agreement to co-host the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF), to accelerate the development of legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The GLSTF inaugural forum 2023 was held on 21-22 November 2023 in Macao by the ITTO and IPIM in collaboration with the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC). The GLSTF 2023 was the first global forum under this partnership focused on measures to be considered to improve the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. This milestone event brought together nearly 700 participants from 36 countries. The GLSTF 2024 is scheduled in September 2024 in Macao, providing continuity on these efforts on an annual basis.

Objective

The GLSTF 2024 aims to enhance networking, collaboration, and business exchange among timber industry stakeholders - producers, buyers, processors and market players to strengthen support for sustainable forest management, and the uptake of legal and sustainable wood product supply chains to facilitate the legal and sustainable use and trade of wood products in a stable, transparent and predictable business environment while contributing to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.

Date & Venue

11 - 12 September 2024 at the MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China.

Co-hosts & Organizer

The GLSTF 2024 will be co-hosted by the ITTO and the IPIM and organized by the Secretariat of the GGSC. Specialized sub-forums will be co-organized by partner agencies and the ITTO, the IPIM and the GGSC.



Forum Structure

The GLSTF 2024 will have two components:

- The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (main forum).
- Four Specialized Sub-forums (sub-forums).

Theme & Topics

The theme of the GLSTF 2024 will be **“Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains”**.

The main forum will discuss topics related to reliable and stable timber resource supplies, trust and effectiveness along the timber supply chains and prospects for revitalizing global timber supply chains.

The specialized sub-forums will be organized by partner agencies, contributing to the theme, with selected topics on timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; advanced technology and machinery for wood processing; green finance and innovative facilitating measures.

Legal and Sustainable Timber Industry Display

A legal and sustainable timber industry display will be organized in parallel with the GLSTF 2024, at a scale of around 30 booths.

Other Events & Activities

The achievements of the Global Timber Index (GTI) and the Blockchain-based Timber Tracking System (BTTS) as well as others will be released at the GLSTF 2024. Other business activities and side events, such as B2B matchings, will be arranged accordingly.

Participants

The GLSTF 2024 is expected to attract around 700 participants from wood enterprises and trading companies, industrial and business associations, governments, international organizations, research institutions, etc.

Languages

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2024 main forum will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. The 4 Specialized Sub-forums will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, English and French.

The draft agenda of the Main Forum and 4 Specialized Sub-forums, as well as the general information notes for the GLSTF 2024 are attached.

For forum registration click: <https://en.glstf.net/index/registration.html>



Information for recommended hotels

MGM COTI

Website: <https://www.mgm.mo/en/cotai>

Address: Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8806 8888

Booking Link: <https://booking.mgm.mo/selectMonthdate/?locale=en-US&template=002MTOWER&hotel=002¤cy=MOP>

Note: the venue of the Forum.

Lisboeta Macau

Website: <https://www.lisboetamacau.com/en/hotel/lisboeta/>

Address: Lisboeta Macau, Rua da Patinagem, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8882 6888

Booking Link: <https://reservations.lisboetamacau.com/#/>

Note: shuttle buses are available for guests to travel between the hotel and the venue of the Forum.

Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau

Website: <https://www.grandlisboapalace.com/en/hotels/grand-lisboa-palace-macau>

Address: Rua do Tiro, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8881-8000

Booking Link: <https://reservation.grandlisboapalace.com/reservation/search?lang=en&skin=glp>

Note: 13 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.

The Macau Roosevelt Hotel

Website: <https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/home>

Address: Nos. 924 e 998 da Avenida dos Jogos dasia Oriental- Aos acessos do imvel, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8291 3115

Booking Link: <https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/roomBook/RSVMO/SSK/PRE4/2024-09-10/2024-09-13/1/2/0>

Note: 55 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum, or 10 minutes' drive from the venue.

Sheraton Grand Macao

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mfmsi-sheraton-grand-macao/overview/>

Address: The Londoner Macao, Estrada do Istmo s/n, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 2880 2000

Booking Link: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mfmsi-sheraton-grand-macao/overview/>

Note: 15 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.

The Parisian Macao

Website: <https://www.parisianmacao.com>

Address: The Parisian Macao, Estrada do Istmo, Lote 3, Cotai Strip, Macao

Booking Hotline: +853 2882 8833

Booking Link: https://reserve.sandsresortsmacao.com/en/search?adults=2&advance=0&c=0&checkin=2024-09-10&checkout=2024-09-13&children=0&group_code=&hotel=TPAMO&night=0&rate=all&rooms=1&toggle=off#/?view=0&bed=

Note: 28 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.

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MAIN FORUM | AGENDA
DAY 1 Sep.11
 Wed

Time	Events and Topics
08:30-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	Opening Ceremony and Group Photo Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks by Mr. Lei Wai Nong, Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao SAR government Introducing by Dr. Mohammed Nurudeen Iddrisu, Officer-In-Charge, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) [followed by a Video Remarks of Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director]
10:00-11:00	Keynote Addresses Moderator: Mr. Vincent U, President, Board of Directors of Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIIM) of the Macao Special Administrative Region Promoting reliable global timber supply chains in the uncertain world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cheng Hong, Vice Administrator, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China Mr. Gervais Mbata, Minister, Ministry of Water, Forests, Hunting and Fishing, Central African Republic Ms. Alitia Bainivalu, Minister, Ministry for Fisheries and Forestry, The Republic of Fiji Ms. Rosalie Matondo, Minister, Ministry of Forest Economy, Republic of Congo Mr. Jules Doret Ndongo, Minister, Ministry of Forests and Wildlife, The Republic of Cameroon Mr. Garo Joseph Batmanian, Director General, Brazil Forest Service, The Federative Republic of Brazil [Video Speech] Forests and timber towards 2030 and beyond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Wu Zhimin, Director of Forestry Division, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Chair, Collaborating Partnership on Forests (CPF)
11:00-12:10	High-Level Segment: Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains Moderator: Dr. Mohammed Nurudeen Iddrisu, Officer-In-Charge, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) Panel Discussion (60m): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nelly Paredes del Castillo, Executive Director, National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR), Republic of Peru Mr. Mazlan bin Othman, Senior Undersecretary, Timber, Tobacco and Kenaf Industries Development Division, Ministry of Plantation & Commodities, Malaysia Mr. Hervé Martial Maidou, Executive Secretary, Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) Ms. Ashley Amidon, Executive Director, International Wood Products Association (IWPA) Mr. She Xuebin, Board Chairman & CEO, Nature Home (China) Co. Ltd & Nature Forestry Group Co., Ltd. Q&A (10m)
12:10-12:30	Achievements Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Full Operation of Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform Completed Test of Simulation Platform for Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System Action Framework for Promoting Legal & Sustainable Timber Supply Chains Demonstration Action of Integration on Green Finance and Green Supply Chains (GF&GS) Demonstration Action of Collaboration on Central Africa-China Timber Industrial Clusters and Parks
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:20	Session I: Restoring Reliable and Stable Timber Resource Supplies Moderator: Mr. Thorsten Arndt, Head of Advocacy, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC) International Presentations (30m): Identifying uncertainties and challenges on legal and sustainable timber supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rupert Oliver, ITTO expert/Director for Sustainable Wood Ltd, United Kingdom Building partnerships in mutual recognition and trust between timber supply and demand sectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Benoit Jobbé-Duval, General Manager, ATIBT Innovative measures in promoting global legal and sustainable timber supply chains. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ivan Tomaselli, Founder and President, STCP Brazil/Vice President, Brazilian Association of Mechanically-Processed Timber (ABIMCI) Panel Discussion (40m): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lu De, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet) Dr. Dian Novarina, Vice Chairman for Forestry Multi-Business Division, Indonesian Forest Concessionaires Association (APHI) Ms. Carole Ogandagas, Central Director of Studies, Statistics and Programs, Ministry of Water and Forests, Gabon Mr. Edouard Zama, Permanent Technical Secretary of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA/FLEGT), Ministry of Water, Forests, Hunting and Fishing, Central African Republic [TBC] Mr. Zhang Enjiu, Chairman of the Board, Treessun Holding Co., Ltd, China Q&A (10m)



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15:20-16:40	<p>Session II: Enhancing Trust and Effectiveness along Timber Supply Chains Moderator: Dr. Preecha Ongprasert, Director of Forestry Foreign Affairs Office, Thailand Royal Forest Department</p> <p>Presentations (30m): Measures and practices in promoting global legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sunita binti Muhamad, Senior Deputy Director, Licensing and Inspectorate Division, Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) <p>Promoting trade facilitation of timber and timber products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tevita Bulai, Acting Conservator of Forest, Ministry of Forestry, The Republic of Fiji <p>Accelerating technological integration into and innovation of the timber industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tullia Baldassarri, Communications Leader, Interholco, Switzerland <p>Panel Discussion (40m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Deryck Pantoja Martins, President, Association of Wood Exporting Industries of the State of Pará (AIMEX) • Dr. Peter O. Alele, Africa Regional Director, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) • Mr. Eric Gitadi Gilungu, Secretary-General, Federation of Wood Industry (FIB), Democratic Republic of the Congo • Mr. Jirawat Tangkijngamwong, Chairman, Thai Timber Association (TTA) • Mr. Xu Wei, Chairman, Zhejiang Starforest Flooring Co., Ltd • Mr. Zhan Xianxu, Deputy General Manager, Director of Research Institute of Dehua Tubao Decoration New Materials Co., Ltd. <p>Q&A (10m)</p>
16:40-18:00	<p>Session III: Prospects for Revitalizing Global Timber Supply Chains • Moderator: Mr. Ralph Ridder, Founding Member of the Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation</p> <p>Presentations (30m): Enhancing matchings and collaboration between special industrial zones and timber manufacturing clusters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Zhai Jianchao, Director, Investment Promotion and Business Development of Arise IIP (Congo Basin Cluster) <p>Encouraging innovative ways and means for the industrial collaboration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bruno Guay, Advisor, Private Sector Engagement and Carbon Finance, Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) <p>Exploring possible solutions towards better legal and sustainable timber supply chains towards achieving the SDGs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luo Xinjian, Secretary General, Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC) <p>Panel Discussion (40m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richard Gyimah, Director of Operation at the Timber Development Division, Ghana Forestry Commission • Mr. Jean Marie Ntoutoume, General Delegate, Union of foresters and wood industries of Gabon (UFIGA) • Mr. Zhuang Bingchuan, Chairman, Gabon Asian Forest and Wood Industry Association (UFIAG) • Mr. Ngo Sy Hoai, Vice President and Secretary General, Vietnam Timber and Forest Products Association (VIFOREST) • Mr. Peng Yanqing, Secretary-General, Puyang Modern Houseware Industry Alliance, China <p>Q&A (10m)</p>
18:00-18:10	<p>Forum Wrap-up, Mr. Rupert Oliver, ITTO expert</p>

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SUB-FORUM | AGENDA

DAY2 Sep.12
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Specialized Sub-Forum 1

Timber Legality and Sustainability-Responses to emerging timber trade requirements

Time: 09:00-13:30, 12 September 2024

Venue: 1/F Ballroom I, MGM COTAI

Organizer: International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)



The purpose of this specialized sub-forum is to share experiences and to learn from different points of views voiced by actors along the supply chains of timber and timber products on aspects related international timber trade requirements and national forest certification initiatives being developed by producer countries to ensure legality and sustainability of traded timber. Promoting the development of national schemes forest certification will facilitate respective authorities and business actors to deal with imposed trade requirements at both national and global scale.

The specialized sub-forum is divided into two sessions:

1. Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR);
2. Updates on national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains.

Time	Events and Topics
09:00-11:10	<p>Session 1: Potential impacts on and responses to tropical timber producers towards emerging timber trade requirements (EUDR)</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Ms. Jennifer Conje, Director, ITTO Forest Management Division</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Conje</p> <p>Presentation (45m):</p> <p>EUDR: The Latest Developments and Their Implications for Tropical Timber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rupert Oliver, Forest Industries Intelligence (UK) <p>Brazil Timber Industry and Possible Impacts of EUDR Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ivan Tomaselli, President of STCP Engenharia De Projectos LTDA and the Vice President of the Brazilian Association of Mechanically-Processed Timber (ABIMCI) <p>Vietnam at the Crossroads of EUDR Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ngo Sy Hoai, Vice President/Secretary General, Vietnam Timber & Forest Products Association (VIFOREST) <p>Impacts and Implications of EUDR Globally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ashley Amidon, Executive Director, International Wood Products Association (IWPA) <p>Panel Discussion (50m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Zhimin Wu, Director of Forestry Division of FAO and Chair of the CPF • Mr. Rupert Oliver, ITTO expert/Director for Sustainable Wood Ltd, United Kingdom • Dr. Ivan Tomaselli, Founder and President, STCP Brazil/Vice President, Brazilian Association of Mechanically-Processed Timber (ABIMCI) • Mr. Ngo Sy Hoai, Vice President and Secretary General, Vietnam Timber and Forest Products Association (VIFOREST) • Ms. Ashley Amidon, Executive Director, International Wood Products Association (IWPA) • Dr. Mohammed Nurudeen Iddrisu, Officer-In-Charge, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) <p>Q&A (10m)</p>
11:10-11:25	Short Break



Time	Events and Topics
11:25-13:15	<p>Session 2: Updates on national forest certification schemes to support legal and sustainable supply chains</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mohammed Nurudeen Iddrisu, Officer-In-Charge, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)</p> <p>Indian Forest Management Standards and Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanjay Khumar Chauhan, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (AIGF), Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change <p>Ghana’s National Mandatory System: Continuous Improvement & Sustainability Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richard Gyimah, Director of Operation at the Timber Development Division, Ghana Forestry Commission <p>25 years on: The Case of the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Farah Shameen, CEO, Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) <p>Lessons learned developing a national certification system for Guyana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Basmatee Mohabeer, Coordinator of the PEFC Guyana program and Assistant Commissioner, Guyana Forest Commission <p>Promoting Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains Towards Forest Certification Scheme in Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Preecha Ongprasert, Director of International Cooperation, Thai Royal Forestry Department <p>Panel Discussion (50m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanjay Khumar Chauhan, Assistant Inspector General of Forests (AIGF), Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change • Dr. Richard Gyimah, Director of Operation at the Timber Development Division, Ghana Forestry Commission • Dr. Farrah Shameen, CEO, Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) • Ms. Basmatee Mohabeer, Coordinator of the PEFC Guyana program and Assistant Commissioner, Guyana Forest Commission • Dr. Preecha Ongprasert, Director of Forestry Foreign Affairs Office, Thailand Royal Forest Department • Ms. Cindy Cheng, Asia Pacific Regional Director, FSC <p>Q&A (10m)</p>
13:15-13:30	<p>Closing: Dr. Mohammed Nurudeen Iddrisu, Officer-In-Charge, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)</p>

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Specialized Sub-Forum 2

Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade - Integration of New Patterns in Global Timber Market

Time: 09:00-12:00, 12 September 2024

Venue: 1/F Ballroom II+III, MGM COTAI

Organizers: China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA)
International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT)

Collaborating Partner: World Resources Institute, TRAFFIC, Arise IIP China



The sub-forum focuses on industry hot spots to talk about the way of development, and the topics include challenges and opportunities for sustainable forest and timber development, establishment of timber legality verification and traceability systems, building a new quality productivity timber supply chain, and interpretation of the new pattern and trend of the global timber market, etc.

It brings together authoritative voices from around the world and invites senior experts involved in international tropical timber research, trade, investment and technology development, as well as policy makers from government regulatory agencies, to interpret the latest policy trends and clarify the direction of industry development. In addition, the event invites world-renowned timber business leaders to share their successful experiences and discuss future strategies; representatives from authoritative industry associations to present industry development reports and forward-looking analyses; and scientists from top research institutes to share the latest scientific research results and guide industry development from a scientific perspective.

Time	Events and Topics
08:30-09:00	On-site Registration
Opening ceremony: Welcome Speech	
09:00-09:10	Message from the Organisers: 1. Mr. Li Jiangfeng, President, China Timber and Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA) 2. Mr. Benoit Jobbé Duval, Secretary General, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT)
Keynote speeches	
09:10-10:10	1. Interpretation of the new global timber market situation and trend Speaker: Ms. Yang, Junyi, Vice Secretary General, CTWPDA 2. New Technologies in the Wood Industry Speakers: Mr. Benoit Jobbé Duval, Director General, ATIBT Ms. Caroline Duhesme, ATIBT 3. Tropical Wood Markets in China and Investment Opportunities in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Speaker: Ms. Zhai, Jianchao, Director, Arise IIP China 4. Wood Park Promotes the High-Quality Development of the Industry Speaker: Mr. He, Haiyu, General Manager, Huadong Xingye City Investment Co., Ltd. 5. Sustainable Forest Management - Rational Exploitation and Utilization of Natural Forests Speaker: TBD
10:10-10:25	Q&A
10:25-10:40	Coffee & Break



Time	Events and Topics
Opportunities and Challenges of Supply and Demand Markets	
10:40-11:50	<p>1. Africa Markets Speaker: Mr. Patrice Kamkuimo-piam, Senior Programme Officer, TRAFFIC</p> <p>2. China Markets Speakers: Ms. Chen Lili, General Manager, Guangxi Free Trade Zone Guanglin Investment Development Co., Ltd.</p> <p>3. Overview of Timber Markets and Exports in Fiji Speakers: Mr. Rakuita Vakalalabure, Executive Chairman, Fiji Pine Ltd. Mr. Semi Dranibaka, Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Hardwood Corporation Ltd.</p> <p>4. Challenge and Opportunity for wood products Speaker: Mr. Jack Sun, Country Representative - China, Preferred by Nature (PBN)</p> <p>5. Current Status and Future Prospects of Wood Flooring Market Speaker: Mr. Tang Naiguo, Chairman, Jilin Forest industry Jinqiao Flooring Group Co., Ltd.</p> <p>6. Europe Markets Speakers: TBD</p> <p>7. Discussion and Q&A Participants: Speakers</p>
11:50-12:00	Achievement exhibition

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Specialized Sub-Forum 3

Advanced Technology and Machinery for Timber Processing - Creating Innovative Furniture and Smart Green Homes

Time: 09:00-12:30, 12 September 2024

Venue: 2M/F Vista, MGM COTAI

Organizers: China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA)
Indonesian Sawmill and Woodworking Association

Collaborating Partners: Guangdong Custom Home Association, Guangzhou Custom Home Business Association, Foshan Mechanical Cat Business Co., Ltd., Ding Feng Hui Ltd., Home Furnishing & Building Materials Industry Committee of China Chamber of International Commerce, Hu Nan Furniture Association, Guangdong Cabinet Industry Association, Qingfeng County Furniture Association



The Sub-forum aims to strengthen contacts, cooperation and exchanges between upstream and downstream furniture stakeholders, it will provide in-depth industry insights for related companies from the aspects of technological innovation, mechanical equipment, industrial integration, environmental protection, and sustainability, and promote the sustainable development of the industry. It includes two sessions:

Session I: Green Innovation and Sustainable Development of Solid Wood Furniture

Session II: Technical Integration and Product Innovation in the Whole House Customization Ecological Chain

Time	Events and Topics
09:00-09:15	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by Mr. Liu Nengwen, Chairman, China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA) Remarks by Mr. Wiradadi Suprayoga, Chairman, Indonesian Sawmill and Woodworking Association Remarks by Mr. Leng Guangming, Deputy Inspector, Forestry Bureau of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
09:15-10:45	<p>Session I: Green Innovation and Sustainable Development of Solid Wood Furniture Moderator: Mr. Xing Xiaobo, Vice-President, CWPIA</p> <p>Presentations (40m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Trends in the Development of the Home Furnishing Industry —Mr. Zeng Yong, Secretary General, Guangdong Customized Home Furnishing Association New Concepts, New Consumption, New Image —Mr. Wang Bin, Vice Chairman, Shenzhen Lanshen Integrated Technology Co., Ltd. New equipment to help the household industry high-quality development —Ms. Fu Qiuxia, Chairman, Foshan Shunde Purete Mechanical Co.,Ltd. New Technology and New Mode of Global Gaming Furniture Industry Chain —Mr. Liang Yaoxue, General Manager, Foshan Lianjiang Furniture Co.,Ltd. <p>Panel Discussion (50m): New technology to help solid wood furniture industry high-quality development Moderator: Mr. Liu Fagang, Secretary of the Party Branch and Secretary General of Hunan Provincial Furniture Industry Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Mr. Wen Feng, Secretary General, Home Furnishing & Building Materials Industry Committee of China Chamber of International Commerce —Ms. Xu Xiuhua, Founder, Global President Summit / President, Guangdong Cabinet Industry Association —Mr. Feng Chengzhi, Deputy General Manager, Sunhoo Industrial Co., Ltd. —Mr. Qu Huakang, Sales Director, Qingdao Giantway Machinery Co., Ltd. —Mr. Wen Chaoai, Operations Director, Shenyue New Material Technology (Qingfeng) Co., Ltd. —Mr. Chen Chuan, Executive Director, Guangdong Ronghao Equipment Technology Co., Ltd. —Mr. Qin Zhonghui, Chairman, Henan Xinfuyuan Furniture Co., Ltd.



Time	Events and Topics
10:45-12:15	<p>Session II: Technology integration and product innovation in the whole-house customization ecosystem</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Xing Xiaobo, Vice-President, CWPIA</p> <p>Presentations (30m):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Path to Breaking Through for Home Furnishing Enterprises in the Context of Industrial Chain Restructuring —Mr. Xiao Lingyun, Chairman Assistant, Guangzhou Snimay Home Collection Co., Ltd. • Materials and Technology for Better Living —Mr. Lan Jianping, Founder, Guangzhou A3home Co., Ltd., / Partner, Centre De Design Sino-Francais • New Technology, New Ecology, and New Trends in Integrated Customization —Mr. Wang Tianbing, President, Guangzhou Custom Home Industry Association <p>Panel Discussion (60m): How smart technology can reshape the new ecology of the whole-house customization industry</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Huang Wei, General Manager, Foshan JXCAT commerce Co., Ltd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Mr. Zhan Xianxu, Deputy General Manager and Director of Research Institute, Dehua Tubao Decoration New Materials Co., Ltd. —Mr. Yang Hui, CEO, Jiangsu Gianstone Home Collection Co., Ltd. —Mr. Yang Feng, Founder of Dingfenghui and Special Advisor of Customized Home Furnishings Branch of China Forestry Industry Association and of Guangzhou Customized Home Furnishings Industry Association —Mr. Liu Wenjun, Chairman, Jiangmen Norman Furniture Co., Ltd. —Mr. Luo Tong, General Manager, Hantuo Technology Co. Ltd. / Vice President, China Building Materials Market Association Integrated Wall Branch —Mr. Liu Chengheng, Chairman, Guangzhou Tianzhixiang Decoration Materials Co., Ltd. —Mr. Yang Wuhua, General Manager, Guangzhou Lixinya Decoration Materials Co., Ltd. —Mr. Liu Qishi, Chairman, Huasi Group
12:15-12:30	<p>Recommendations for 2024 Recommended Benchmark Brands for New Quality Productivity in Overseas Expansion</p>

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Specialized Sub-Forum 4

Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains - New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability

Time: 09:00-12:00, 12 September 2024

Venue: 1/F Conference Room I+II, MGM COTAI

Organizers: Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area-Green Finance Alliance (GBA-GFA)
Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)

Collaborating Partners: Macau Association of Banks

Gabon Asian Forest and Wood Industry Association

China Cameroon Timber Industry Association

Ejinhoro Indonesia International Research Institute Foundation

Doors Association of Guangdong

Qingfeng Furniture Association

Putian Commercial Association in Zhangjiagang



Time	Events and Topics
09:00-09:05	Group photos
09:05-09:20	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Xu Wei, Chairman, the Presidium of the GGSC Promotion Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks by Mr. Ip Sio Kai, President, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area-Green Finance Alliance (GBA-GFA) Opening remarks by Ms. Rosalie Matondo, Minister, Ministry of Forest Economy, Republic of Congo[TBC] Welcome remarks by Mr. Yuan Bing, Chairman, Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation
09:20-10:10	<p>Session I: Current Status of Global Forestry Investment and Financing</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Malinda Zhu, Executive Director, South Star Australia Group Pty Ltd</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p> <p>Current Status of Green Finance Supporting Global Forest Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nicolaus Cromme, Chief Operations Officer, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer, Sarawak Timber Association, Malaysia Mr. Zhuang Bingchuan, CEO, Cameroon Along Co. Ltd Mr. Guo Xiangyang, Chairman, Shenzhen SAMPO KINGDOM Household Co., Ltd., China Mr. Huang Jianjun, Chairman, Zhejiang Great Luck Trading Co, Ltd., China Mr. Lu Weiguang, Chairman, Anxin Floor Shanghai Ltd, China Mr. Ernest Nnanga, Director of Planning, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development of Cameroon



Time	Events and Topics
10:10-11:00	<p>Session II: Challenges and Business Opportunities Brought by Global Forest Sustainability</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bruno Guay, Advisor, Private Sector Engagement and Carbon Finance, Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p> <p>The "Golden" Opportunity of Forest Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. She Xuebin, Chairman, Nature Home (China) Co. Ltd & Nature Forestry Group Co., Ltd. <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tullia Baldassarri, Communications Leader, Interholco, Switzerland • Mr. Eric Gitadi, Secretary-General, Federation of Wood Industry (FIB) • Dr. Wen Wu, Professor, Zhejiang University (ZIBS), China • Mr. Zhou Zhenyang, Chairman, Foshan Furniture Association • Mr. Gao Yuming, Chairman, Putian Commercial Association in Zhangjiagang • Mr. Li Junhong, President, Doors Association of Guangdong
11:10-11:50	<p>Session III: Supply Chain Finance Innovation Protecting the Sustainable Future of Forestry</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ralph Ridder, Founding Member of the Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p> <p>Supply Chain Finance Empowering Forest Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luo Xinjian, Secretary General, Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC) <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-Marie Ntoutoume, General Delegate, Union of Foresters and wood industries of Gabon (UFIGA) • Mr. Thorsten Arndt, Head of Advocacy, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC) International • Ms. Xi Jingjing, Deputy General Manager, Macao Branch of Bank of Communication • Mr. Yu Huailin, Vice President, GEMERGEN Technology Group Co., LTD • Mr. Peng Yanqing, Secretary-General, Puyang Modern Houseware Industry Alliance, China
11:50-12:00	<p>Achievements Release and Ceremonies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Finance and Green Supply Chains (GF&GS) Integration Action Plan-Supporting Organization • Closed-Door Meeting of GF4GS Demonstration Industrial Park in Congo Basin (depending on the situation) • Awards Ceremony

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SIDE-EVENT
DAY2 Sep.12
 Thu

“She” Power: The Roundtable Dialogue on Forests for Sustainable Development

- Live for Love: “She” and the SDGs Collaborating towards a Green Future

Time: 14:30-16:00, 12 September 2024

Venue: 1/F Ballroom I, MGM COTAI, Macao

Organizer: Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation
 Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC)

Agenda:

Time	Events and Topics
14:30-14:35	Group Photos
14:35-15:05	Keynote Report: Moderator: Ms. Minhui Zhu, Director, Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation & South Star Australia Group Pty Ltd “She” Power Case Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer, Sarawak Timber Association • Ms. Leslie Ouarzazi, Deputy Head, Secretariat, Central African Forest Initiative
15:05-15:45	Panel Dialogue: She, Love, Dreams, and Sustainable Development Focus primarily on the achievements and experiences of women in achieving the SDGs. Discuss how to better inspire their potential, showcase their charm, contribute their wisdom, and present outstanding cases of women. Moderator: Ms. Minhui Zhu, Director, Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation & South Star Australia Group Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Leslie Ouarzazi, Deputy Head, Secretariat, Central African Forest Initiative • Ms. Jennifer Conje, Director, Forest Management of ITTO • Ms. Tullia Baldassarri, Head of Communications and Marketing, Interholco • Ms. Thanaporn Trakuldit, Forest Technical Officer of Forest Business Promotion Division, Forest Economic Office, Royal Forest Department of Thailand • Ms. Wu Suping, General Manager of Wood Project, Guangzhou Zhou Jierhui Supply Chain Co., Ltd • Ms. He Hu, President, Hanzi Wood Industry Co., Ltd

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SIDE-EVENT

DAY2 Sep.12
Thu

Global Forestry Youth Leadership Workshop: Wood and Bamboo Sustainable Buildings

Time: 12 September 2024, 14:00 - 18:00

Venue: 1/F Conference Room I+II, MGM COTAI, Macao

Organizers: Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation
Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC)

Co-organizer:

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau

Coordinator:

Zhejiang University (Ninghai) Joint Research Center for Bio-based Materials and Carbon Neutral Development

Agenda:

Time	Agenda & Activities
14:00-14:15	<p>Opening Ceremony, Group Photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks: Dr. Xiao Yan, Director of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Systems Sciences Department, Zhejiang University-University of Illinois Joint Institute, Zhejiang University Opening remarks: Dr. Cai Tianji, Associate Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau
14:15-16:00	<p>Wood and Bamboo Sustainable Buildings Young Scholars session</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Yang Na, Professor & PhD Supervisor, Beijing Jiaotong University; Dr. Cai Tianji, Associate Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Qi Yi, Vice Dean, Associate Professor, Doctoral Supervisor, Shenzhen University School of Architecture and Urban Planning - Research on Hermann Kaufmann's Strategy for Prefabricated Multi-Story Timber Structures Dr. Li Zheng, Professor/Deputy Department head of Structural Engineering, Tongji University - Nonlinear Lateral Behavior of Timber Shear Walls: A Computational Framework Based on Variational Principle Dr. Pan Yuxin, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology - Recent Development on Timber-Built Structural Systems Dr. Wang Xuguang, Assistant Prof., University of Hong Kong - Structural Performance of Glulam Truss Systems Dr. Mauricio Cardenas Laverde, Associate Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning of Shenzhen University - Research on Hermann Kaufmann's Strategy for Prefabricated Multi-Story Timber Structures Dr. Yuki Kuroiwa, Associate professor, Kumamoto University - Home Reconstruction After the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake with a Community Focus



Time	Agenda & Activities
16:00-16:15	<p>Break, Posters Presentations</p>
16:15-17:40	<p>Wood and Bamboo Sustainable Buildings Global Graduated Students Session</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Pan Yuxin, Assistant Professor, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Dr. Wang Xuguang, Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zhang Qifei, PhD student, Tongji University • Mr. Dai Pengfei, PhD student, Tongji University • Ms. Nie Yuhan, PhD student, Southeast University • Mr. Zhang Ruizhe, PhD student, Beijing Jiaotong University • Mr. Zhang Chaoyue, PhD Student, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology • Ms. Lan Qing, PhD student, University of Macau • Mr. Jin Zhanxu, PhD student, University of Macau • Mr. Dai Shaolei, PhD student, Zhejiang University • Mr. Deng Junyuan, PhD student, Zhejiang University
17:40-18:00	<p>Closing and Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Xiao Yan, Director of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Systems Sciences Department, Zhejiang University-University of Illinois Joint Institute, Zhejiang University; Dr. Cai Tianji, Associate Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau</p>

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**SIDE-EVENT****DAY2** Sep.12
Thu

Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum 2024 - B2B Matchings

Time: 14:00-15:30, 12 September 2024**Venue:** 2M/F Vista, MGM COTAI, Macao

Agenda:

Time	Events
14:00-14:10	Introduction of Local Investment Policies in Macao - Representative from IPIM
14:10-14:20	Opportunities in Guyana's Timber Resources and Forestry Investment - Ms. Basmatee Mohabeer, Assistant Commissioner, Guyana Forest Commission
14:20-15:30	B2B Matchings (Connecting Suppliers and Buyers)

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTES

1 GENERAL

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2024 is scheduled to be convened in Macao, China on 11-12 September 2024.

All meetings of the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2024 along with the Legal & Sustainable Timber Display will be held at the MGM COTAI, Macao, China.

2 LANGUAGES

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2024 main forum will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. The 4 Specialized Sub-forums will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, English and French.

3 REGISTRATION

All participants attending the Forum are required to register the online link below:
<https://en.glstf.net/index/registration.html>

On-site registration facilities will be provided during the following dates and times:

10 September 2024 (Tue.) 10:00-22:00 on 1/F, MGM COTAI, and 12:00-18:00 at Lisboaeta Macau

11 September 2024 (Wed.) 08:30-18:00 on G/F, MGM COTAI

12 September 2024 (Thurs.) 09:00-12:00 on 1/F, MGM COTAI

We highly recommend that all participants try to complete the On-site registration on 10 September 2024.

For late registration i.e., after 18:00 on 11 September 2024, please contact the forum staff.

For safety and security reasons, badges must be worn to gain access to the conference venue and the various meetings. Badge categories will therefore be given to participants upon arrival.

All participants are requested to wear the badges issued to them during all meetings as well as at all official functions.



4 VENUES OF MEETINGS

The GLSTF 2024 will be held on 11-12 September 2024, in Macao, China, at the MGM COTAI, which is surrounded by restaurants, other hotels, shopping malls, banks, pubs and recreational facilities. The hosts/organizer offices will be on the 1st floor of the MGM COTAI. The detailed allocation of meeting rooms will be informed in due course.

Schedules and venues of meetings will be posted on the notice board at the MGM COTAI. All participants are advised to consult the notice board for the most up-to-date schedules of meetings which may be amended or revised at short notice to suit the changing circumstances. Please come to information center for individual messages and the latest documents issued during the Session.

5 COMMUNICATION

All correspondence participating the Main Forum and 4 Specialized Sub-forums shall fill in the online registration link below: <https://en.glstf.net/index/registration.html>

For questions regarding the online registration, please contact the following email address.

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6 AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

Participants who wish to use audio-visual material (using video tapes, PowerPoint slides, overhead projector, etc.) at the Forum during their presentations are requested to inform the GGSC Secretariat not later than 6 September 2024 of their requirements. Participants will be advised accordingly regarding the availability of equipment and time as well as the feasibility of such use at the Sessions.

7 OTHER EVENTS

Side events: At the request of duly accredited bodies and depending on time availability, the Hosts/Organizer may authorize the organization of side events for presentation of lectures or discussion panels on issues related to GLSTF 2024 objectives in the afternoon sessions on day 2, 12 September 2024.

B2B matching activities: Matchmaking between relative parties can be arranged in conjunction with the main and specialized sub-forums. For interested parties, please fill in the "Onsite Matchmaking" section through online registration link.

The Legal & Sustainable Timber Industry Display Area: Around 30 standard booths will be organized at the same time.



8 HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

A list of recommended hotels is shown below.

Please note that the hosts/organizer assume no responsibility in case of unavailability of rooms or changes of room rates.

Due to the high demand during the peak season in Macao, it is highly recommended to make your reservation as early as possible, well ahead of the meeting date.

MGM COTI

Website: <https://www.mgm.mo/en/cotai>

Address: Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8806 8888

Booking Link: <https://booking.mgm.mo/selectMonthdate/?locale=en-US&template=002MTOWER&hotel=002¤cy=MOP>

Note: the venue of the Forum.

Lisboeta Macau

Website: <https://www.lisboetamacau.com/en/hotel/lisboeta/>

Address: Lisboeta Macau, Rua da Patinagem, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8882 6888

Booking Link: <https://reservations.lisboetamacau.com/#/>

Note: shuttle buses are available for guests to travel between the hotel and the venue of the Forum.

Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau

Website: <https://www.grandlisboapalace.com/en/hotels/grand-lisboa-palace-macau>

Address: Rua do Tiro, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8881-8000

Booking Link: <https://reservation.grandlisboapalace.com/reservation/search?lang=en&skin=glp>

Note: 13 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.

The Macau Roosevelt Hotel

Website: <https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/home>

Address: Nos. 924 e 998 da Avenida dos Jogos dasia Oriental- Aos acessos do imvel, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 8291 3115

Booking Link: <https://www.themacauroosevelt.com/#/roomBook/RSVMO/SSK/PRE4/2024-09-10/2024-09-13/1/2/0>

Note: 55 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum, or 10 minutes' drive from the venue.

Sheraton Grand Macao

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mfmsi-sheraton-grand-macao/overview/>

Address: The Londoner Macao, Estrada do Istmo s/n, Cotai, Macau

Booking Hotline: +853 2880 2000

Booking Link: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mfmsi-sheraton-grand-macao/overview/>

Note: 15 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.

The Parisian Macao

Website: <https://www.parisianmacao.com>

Address: The Parisian Macao, Estrada do Istmo, Lote 3, Cotai Strip, Macao

Booking Hotline: +853 2882 8833

Booking Link: https://reserve.sandsresortsmacao.com/en/search?adults=2&advance=0&c=0&checkin=2024-09-10&checkout=2024-09-13&children=0&group_code=&hotel=TPAMO&night=0&rate=all&rooms=1&toggle=off#/?view=0&bed=

Note: 28 minutes' walk from the venue of the Forum.



9 VISA REQUIREMENTS

1. Visa Requirements (Macao)

A. Immigration Requirements

Participants are advised to contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of China regarding immigration requirements. For your information, the Border Control Department of the Macao Public Security Police Force keeps a record of the entry and exit of non-local residents on computer, as well as on their passport, travel document or other appropriate document, indicating the limit of stay granted. If necessary, the Department will also collect bio data so as to confirm or verify identities. The Public Security Police Force is a department responsible for immigration control in the Macao Special Administrative Region.

B. Entry Requirements

For entry to the Macao SAR, non-residents are required but not limited to meet the following requisites as well:

- In possession of a passport, travel document or other document accepted for the purpose of immigration control, and the document should be valid for at least 90 days beyond the period of intended stay in the Macao SAR;
- By means of a visa or other special advance procedures, or under the circumstances that such procedures are exempted, obtain the corresponding administrative authorization upon arrival at the Macao SAR;
- Confirmed that there is no entry refusal reason as prescribed by law upon actual entry to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Visitors are required to possess a valid onward or return ticket unless they can prove that they reside on the Mainland of China or in the Hong Kong SAR. The exemption is not applicable to Chinese passport or Hong Kong SAR passport holders who transit Macao to another country or region;

Proof of possessing at least MOP5000 as means of subsistence in Macao if the period of intended stay is 7 days, at least MOP10,000 if the period of intended stay is 8-14 days.

Anyone requiring further information please contact the Chinese Embassy or the Consulate-General in their country of residence, or at the designate Chinese Embassy or Consulate-General. For more information, please visit the Macao government website: <https://www.gov.mo/en/services/ps-1474/ps-1474b>

C. “Visa” and “Entry Permit” Exemption

Nationals of the following countries and regions may enter the Macao Special Administrative Region with valid passports without visas or entry permits:

Asia: Brunei, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

Europe: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

The Americas: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Dominica, Grenada, Mexico, Republic of Argentina, Republic of Ecuador, Uruguay, U.S.A.

Africa: Cape Verde, Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania

Oceania: Australia, Kiribati, Samoa, New Zealand



D. Visitors Who are not Exempted from a Visa and Entry Permit

Visitors who are not exempted from a visa and entry permit are required to:

Apply for an “Entry Permit” (aka “Visa-upon-arrival”) at any of the border checkpoints of the Border Control Department of the Public Security Police upon arrival at Macao; or Apply, by a representative, to the Residence and Stay Affairs Department in advance for “Authorization to Enter and Stay”; or Apply for a ‘visa’ of the Macao Special Administrative Region in advance through a diplomatic mission of the People’s Republic of China or a representative office accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (visa sample) (Note: Starting from 1 July 2010, visitors from Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are required to apply for a Macao visa in advance through a Chinese embassy or consulate).

- Application for an “Entry Permit” (aka “Visa-upon-arrival”)

Persons who intend to enter the Macao Special Administrative Region but have not applied in advance to any diplomatic mission of the People’s Republic of China or representative office accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China for a ‘visa’, or to the Residence and Stay Affairs Department of the Macao Public Security Police Force for Prior Authorization to Enter can apply for Authorization to Enter and Stay (so-called ‘visa-upon-arrival’) at the Visa Room of the checkpoint upon arrival at Macao. They will also be granted Authorization to Stay for a maximum of 30 days once the application is approved.

- Application for Macao Visa through Diplomatic Missions of China

For relevant information, please refer to the website of the diplomatic missions of China:
https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zwjg/zgdsg/2491_665346/

2. Visa Requirements (Hong Kong)

For the policies on immigration clearance of non-residents of Hong Kong, please visit:
<https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/control/>

10 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

MGM COTAI is located at Avenida da Nave Desportiva, Cotai, Macao. Once you arrive at any of Macao’s major points of entry, you can take complimentary MGM shuttle bus. Just look for the orange bus with the MGM lion logo.

BUS ROUTES	OPERATING HOURS	FREQUENCY
Hengqin Port ↔ MGM COTAI	9am - 11:30pm	Approximately every 20 minutes
Border Gate ↔ MGM COTAI	9am - 11:30pm	Approximately every 15-20 minutes
Macau Ferry Terminal ↔ Taipa Ferry Terminal ↔ Macau International Airport ↔ MGM COTAI	9am - 9pm	Approximately every 15 minutes
MGM Cotai ↔ Macau Tower ↔ MGM MACAU	9am - 11:30pm (Shuttle bus only stop at Macau Tower bus stop from 11am to 9pm)	Approximately every 15 minutes



Other transportation information for reference:

1. For information on shuttle between HZMB Macau Port and Hong Kong International Airport, please refer to:

<https://www.macauhairportbus.com/service.php?lang=en>

2. Detailed transport info will be sent to you via e-mail if you have registered for the Forum through the on-line registration system.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MACAO

General

Macao consists of the Macao Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane. Three bridges connect the peninsula and Taipa, while reclamation brings the two islands together. The area of Macao continues to expand, now spanning over 30 square kilometres. Despite its small size, it accommodates almost 700,000 people, making it one of the densest cities in the world. 90 percent of Macao population is Chinese, and the rest are Portuguese and Filipino. The official languages are Chinese and Portuguese, but most people can communicate in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

Weather

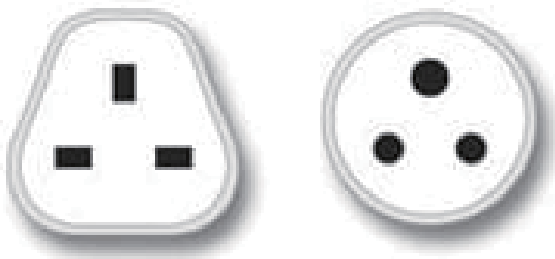
September is relatively comfortable compared to the hot summer months. The average temperature in September for a typical day ranges from a high of 30°C to a low of 25°C.

Time Zone

Macao is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Electricity

Electricity in Macao is at 230V, 50Hz. The power plugs used in Macao are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type. It is suggested to check before using an electrical appliance.



Currency

The Pataca (MOP) is Macao's official currency. Roughly 8 Patacas is equivalent to 1 US Dollar.

Currency exchange in Macao is easy. The service is available at the airport, piers and most hotels. There are also plenty of banks and bureaux de change.