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DISCUSSION

PRODUCTION AND TRADE: RISING COSTS AND WEAKENING DEMAND

Keynote: Past and Future of Tropical Timber

Dr Ivan Tomaselli, Association for Mechanically Processed Timber, Brazil

Production et Commerce du Bois – Cas du Gabon

Jean Marie Ntoutoume, l'Union des Forestiers et Industriels du Bois

Mexico Tropical Timber Overview

Alfonso Hernández Ángel, National Association of Importers and Exporters of Forest Products

Viet Nam Forestry and Wood Industry amid Global Economic and Trade Uncertainties

Ngo Sy Hoai, Vietnam Timber & Forest Product Association

Using natural forest and plantation grown trees; different but complementary (Australia)

Braden Jenkin, Sylva Systems

Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC) and Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) – An Introduction (China)

Dr Luo Xinjian, GGSC

Moderator: Barney Chan

Ashley Amidon, International Wood Products Association, USA, will present the Trade Statement prepared by Members of the Trade Advisory Group.

The international tropical timber sector is facing a series of unprecedented challenges. Rising raw material and energy costs, unpredictable ocean freight charges, increasing financing expenses, and a shortage of skilled labor in many countries are putting significant pressure on the industry.

These difficulties arise when the demand for tropical wood products weakens. Growth in housing markets has stalled in several regions, and consumer spending on non-essential wooden household items has declined. Together, these factors contribute to heightened uncertainty for the sector.

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