



First Announcement

Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum, GLSTF 2025

From Forest to Home – An International Dialogue on Emerging Consumer Trends and Supply Chains Innovation

23-24 September 2025,

MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China

Background

Recent development shows that the timber industry needs to collaborate even more closely among stakeholders including timber producers, consumers, processing industry and market players nationally and internationally. It must address issues in global timber supply chains arising from various uncertainties and emerging trends 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 of 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 timber and wood products 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 and wood products supply chains.

The GLSTF inaugural forum 2023 was held on 21-22 November 2023 in Macao, co-hosted by ITTO and IPIM in collaboration with the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC), which was the first global forum in improving legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. The GLSTF 2024 was held on 11-12 September 2024 in Macao, with nearly 800 participants from 40 countries, representing timber industry stakeholders from governments, industries, associations, companies, international organizations and academics. The theme of

GLSTF 2024 was "Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains", and its achievements included the Action Framework for Promoting Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains.

As another milestone event, the **GLSTF 2025**, which is scheduled on **23-24 September 2025** in **Macao**, will further strengthen this annual collaborative platform in promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

Objective

The GLSTF 2025 aims at enhancing networking, collaboration, and business exchange among timber industry stakeholders - producers, consumers, processors and market players to strengthen support for sustainable tropical 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

23-24 September 2025 at the MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China.

Co-hosts & Organizer

The GLSTF 2025 will continue to be co-hosted by ITTO and IPIM and organized by the GGSC Secretariat. The specialized sub-forums will be organized by ITTO, IPIM and the GGSC Secretariat in collaboration with partner agencies.

Forum Structure

The GLSTF 2025 will comprise two components:

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

Theme & Topics

The theme of the GLSTF 2025 will be ***"From Forest to Home – An International Dialogue on Emerging Consumer Trends and Supply Chains Innovation"***.

The main forum will discuss topics related to emerging international perspectives on global timber supply chains, the evolution of consumption trends in global wood products and furniture & home furnishings markets, and the linkages between supply chains innovation and enterprise vitality and sustainability.

The specialized sub-forums will be organized by ITTO, IPIM and the GGSC Secretariat with partner agencies, contributing to the respective theme, with selected topics on timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; market trends and

industry innovations in furniture & home furnishings; 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 2025, at a scale of around 30 exhibition booths.

Other Events & Activities

The latest 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 2025. Other business activities and side events, such as B2B matchings, will be organized accordingly.

Participants

The GLSTF 2025 is expected to attract around 700-800 participants from wood enterprises and trading companies, industrial and business associations, governments, international organizations, research institutions, etc.

Languages

The GLSTF 2025 will feature simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

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