



## **Second 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 wood products industry needs to collaborate even more closely among stakeholders, including timber producers, consumers, the processing industry and market players nationally, regionally 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, knowledge and information, among timber industry stakeholders worldwide, aimed at building a sustainable collaborative platform in promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

The ITTO's Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Programme is focused on 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 further enhancing networking, collaboration, and business exchange among timber and wood products industry stakeholders 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 perspectives on global forest and timber supply chains, the evolution of consumption trends in global timber products, 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 facilitation

measures.

### ***Legal and Sustainable Timber Industry Display***

A legal and sustainable wood products 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 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 provisional agenda of the GLSTF 2025 and the Concept Notes for Specialized Sub-Forum 1-4 are attached.***

***For forum registration, please click: <https://en.glstf.net/reg/reg-step1-en.php>***

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# **Draft Provisional Agenda**

## **Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum 2025**

### **(GLSTF 2025)**

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### **Day 1 (Tuesday, 23 September 2025)**

Time	Events and Topics
<b>08:30-09:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony and Group Photo Session</b>
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>Keynote Addresses</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Vincent U, President, Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute of the Macao Special Administrative Region (IPIM)
<b>11:00-12:10</b>	<b>High-Level Segment: Emerging Consumer Trends in Global Timber Industry and Supply Chains Innovation</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director <b>Panel Discussion (60m)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest ministers, leading entrepreneurs, heads of international organizations, and renowned experts.</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b>
<b>12:10-12:30</b>	<b>Achievements Release</b> The forum related achievements will be released.
<i>12:30-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>14:00-15:20</b>	<b>Session I: Emerging Perspectives on Global Forest and Timber Supply Chains Presentations (30m):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New trends and patterns in the timber sector.</li> <li>• Trade barriers and timber market access.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transformation of global timber supply chains in a new era.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from government agencies, international organizations, timber enterprises, certification organizations, timber associations, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
<b>15:20-16:40</b>	<p><b>Session II: Evolution of Consumer Trends in Global Timber Products and Furniture &amp; Home Furnishings Markets</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (30m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the global furniture and home furnishing industries and emerging consumer focus.</li> <li>Design innovation for sustaining furniture and home furnishings industries.</li> <li>Marketing pattern versus consumer demand.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from furniture &amp; home furnishings enterprises, design companies, timber associations, governments, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
<b>16:40-18:00</b>	<p><b>Session III: Innovation of Timber Supply Chains for Enterprise Vitality and Sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Presentations (30m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transformative power of AI technologies in timber industries.</li> <li>Transition of investment strategies and supply chain restructuring.</li> <li>Innovation-driven corporate development: practical insights and strategies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion (40m):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from high-profile timber enterprises, financial institutions, technology companies, government agencies, timber associations, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (10m)</b></p>
<b>18:00-18:10</b>	<b>Forum Wrap-up</b>

## Day 2 (Wednesday, 24 September 2025)

Time	Events and Topics
<b>9:00-13:00</b>	<b>Specialized Sub-forum 1: Timber Legality and Sustainability - Addressing Uncertainty in Global Timber Trade Barriers</b>
<b>9:00-12:00</b>	<b>Specialized Sub-forum 2: Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade - Green, Innovative, Sustainable</b>
<b>9:00-12:00</b>	<b>Specialized Sub-forum 3: Furniture &amp; Home Furnishings - Market Trends and Industry Innovation in Furniture &amp; Customized Home Furnishings</b>

<b>9:00-12:00</b>	<b>Specialized Sub-forum 4: Green Finance and Innovative Facilitation Measures - Empowering the Value of Ecological Products through Forestry Supply Chain Finance</b>
<b>12:00-14:00</b>	<b><i>Lunch Break (Self-arrangement required)</i></b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>B2B matchings</b>
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>“She” Power Roundtable Dialogue</b>
<b>14:00-18:00</b>	<b>Global Forestry Youth Leadership Workshop</b>
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Roundtable Dialogue for Winners of Home Art and Sustainability Design Awards</b>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<b>Closed-door meetings for ministers, leading enterprises, and financial institutions</b>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Press Conference</b>
<b>2 Days (9:00-18:00)</b>	<b>Legal &amp; Sustainable Timber Display</b>

**Specialized Sub-forum 1**  
**on Timber Legality and Sustainability:**  
***Addressing Uncertainty in Global Timber Trade Barriers***

**Organized by**  
ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organization)

**MGM COTAI, Macao, 24 September 2025, 09:00-13:30**

***I. Background***

Several interacting market factors can cause further deforestation and forest degradation. Policy action, therefore, requires using multiple policy interventions simultaneously. Ensuring legal and sustainable supply chains of tropical timber requires optimizing the utilization and improving productivity of sustainably managed production forests, efficient timber processing, supportive national policies and regulations, strong human resources and a robust platform for consumer-producer collaborations. A key requirement of legal and sustainable timber supply chains is compliance with all relevant legal frameworks.

When timber is legally harvested and sustainably produced, processed, traded, and used, the industry and trading sector enhance the value of timber and timber products along the supply chains. The economic viability of sustainable tropical forestry is often marginal at best, with returns from sustainable timber production and other marketable goods and services comparing poorly to those of alternate land uses.

Tropical timber has continually grappled with numerous challenges and even threats in the international timber markets. The recent development on global timber and timber products trade indicates uncertainty in the requirements imposed and proposed by select consumer markets. This issue must be addressed by bridging the gaps between demand and supply and ensuring readiness of the producers to respond to the dynamics of timber trade requirements in global markets.

International timber trade is an integral part of the global economy in meeting the needs of countries. Trade barriers are government-imposed restrictions on the flow of goods and services for several reasons between countries. There are several types of trade barriers (tariff and non-tariff), namely protective tariffs, import quotas, trade embargoes, and voluntary export restraints.

Trade barriers to timber trade play an important role in the forest economics sector and impact on economic growth of, especially producer countries. Barriers to timber trade cover import and export restrictions/quota and environmental regulations. These barriers can affect the global buying and selling of timber products. Consequently, trade barriers can often have negative consequences, such as reducing competition and stifling innovation.

Producer countries often respond by strengthening their policies and regulations, production infrastructures, and human resources to ensure only legal and sustainable timber traded along legal and sustainable supply. At the same time, the opportunity to utilize and develop advanced technology and innovations should be explored to help address challenges and opportunities caused by the dynamic timber trade barriers.

Consumer countries simultaneously need to consider the practicality and viability of some market barriers that are in place, weighing the rate of success in meeting the objectives of introducing these market barriers in the first place and whether they meet the requirements of agreed international trade rules.

## ***II. Terms of Reference***

### ***Purpose and Scope***

This specialized sub-forum will discuss current issues related to timber trade barriers among different stakeholders. Understanding the issues will support stakeholder readiness from both timber consumer and producer countries enabling their responses to challenges and opportunities encountered. The producing countries need to consider strengthening their policies and regulations, production infrastructures, and human resources to ensure only legal and sustainable timber is traded along legal and sustainable supply chains. At the same time, the opportunity to utilize and develop advanced technology and innovations should be explored to help address challenges and opportunities caused by the dynamic timber trade barriers.

Consumer countries simultaneously need to examine the practicality and viability of market barriers that are put in place, particularly the consequences of such barriers being introduced and whether they meet the requirements of agreed international trade rules.

The purpose of this specialized sub-forum is to share experiences and to learn from different views voiced by actors along the supply chains of timber and timber products on aspects related to international timber trade barriers. Informing the existing and direction of development of advanced technology and innovations will facilitate respective authorities and business actors of consumer and producer countries to deal with timber trade barriers at national, regional and global scale.

The specialized sub-forum will be divided into two sessions as follows:

### ***Session 1: Effects of timber trade barriers on legal and sustainable supply chains***

The legal and sustainable supply chains of timber and timber products will be impacted by

measures related to imposed timber trade barriers. The wood product sector now faces significant challenges with the uncertainty in the implementation and current development of trade regulations imposed in major timber and timber products markets.

Session 1 will discuss the dynamics of timber and timber products trade with regard to barriers that need to be anticipated and dealt with by all actors along the supply chains. Regulations are of course essential to build legal and sustainable supply chains, but trade regulations in major timber consuming markets need to be reasonable and attainable where producer countries need support and investment in capacity building to allow their continuing market access with minimized barriers. There should be regulations that do not unnecessarily add barriers that might undermine the relative competitive position of legal and sustainable timber.

More importantly, we need to know whether and how far the impacts of imposed trade barriers will affect industry and trade economies in producer countries. This will lead to a synthesis of lessons that can inform the development and implementation of timber trade policies, strategies and action plans by governments, private sector, (including SMEs), civil society organizations, and local communities.

### **Session 2: Appropriate innovations in response to evolved challenges of legal and sustainable timber supply chains**

In Session 2, the discussion will highlight the role of advanced technologies and innovations to support the stakeholders along the supply chains of timber and timber products to address challenges and opportunities of timber trade barriers to minimize its negative impacts.

#### **Key Topics**

- **Effects of timber trade barriers on legal and sustainable supply chains**
  - Anticipating new tariff schemes imposed for timber and timber products.
  - EU deforestation-free regulation.
  - Regulations of major markets on combating illegal logging to producer countries.
  - Voice from producer country in response to timber trade barriers in international markets.
  - Specific measures introduced/Steps taken by producer country to meet international timber market regulations.
- **Appropriate innovations in response to evolved challenges of timber legal and sustainable supply chains**
  - The use of block-chains technology to support legal and sustainable supply chains.
  - Development of innovative integrated timber data in the Asia-Pacific for enhancing legal timber trade.
  - Advantages of DNA analysis for Wood traceability.
  - Development of AI wood identification to strengthen timber supply chains.
  - Empowering forest enforcement activities at log export points through innovation initiatives and stakeholder collaboration.

***Participants***

120-150 participants are expected to represent government, business actors, trade and industry organizations, academics, and civil society. Ensuring diversity among stakeholders present at this event will allow for fruitful debate and strengthening collaboration and partnership among stakeholders.

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### **Specialized Sub-Forum 2** **on Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade:** ***Green, Innovative, Sustainable***

**Organized by:**  
China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA)

**24 September 2025, 09:00-12:00**

#### ***Background and Objectives***

Amid global uncertainties and slow economic recovery, international timber trade, markets, and resource supplies are facing significant challenges. Emerging technologies such as intelligent systems and digital economies are changing our lifestyle, driving the transformation and high-quality development of the timber and wood products industries. This sub-forum will serve as a platform for sufficient dialogue with knowledge-sharing and collaboration, in the sake of exploring sustainable development pathways for the timber industry in a volatile environment.

The sub-forum 2, organized by the China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA), will focus on the theme 'Green, Innovative, Sustainable'. Discussions will center on how enterprises work together to build a sustainable timber trade and a thriving timber market, with a focus on resources, markets, and trade.

#### ***Key Topics***

- ***Global Timber and Wood Products Market Trends:***  
Experts will be invited to analyze the impact of economic shifts and other factors on the timber and wood products market, and to forecast future trends that can help companies adjust business strategies.
- ***Balance of Forest Protection and Timber Production:***  
Environmental issues such as climate change have driven the formulation of related policies (e.g., the EUDR), which has a significant impact on the timber industry. Experts on forest management and industry leaders will discuss how to balance forest protection and timber production.
- ***Timber Industry and Supply Chains Innovation:***

Explore how to use new products, new technologies, new modes and new concepts to improve the technological content and added value of timber industry and supply chains, and meanwhile strengthen the resilience, competitiveness and sustainability of the timber industry.

### ***Participants***

Around 200 participants are expected to attend this sub-forum including:

- Industry representatives such as forest owners, log suppliers, lumber suppliers, traders, logistics providers, financial experts, etc.
- Floor, door, wood-based panel, and furniture manufacturers, builders and other timber downstream enterprises.
- Government agencies, industry associations, consulting organizations, research institutes, etc.

### ***Organizer***

CTWPDA (China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association), established in 1985 upon the approval of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, is a non-profit organization voluntarily joined by enterprises, institutions engaged in the timber and wood products (including bamboo and bamboo products) processing and distribution industry.

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**Specialized Sub-forum 3**  
**on Furniture and Home Furnishings:**

***Market Trends and Industry Innovations in Furniture &  
Home Furnishings***

**Organized by**  
CWPIA (China Wood Protection Industry Association)

**MGM COTAI, Macao, 24 September 2025, 09:00-12:30**

***I. Background***

Driven by the global trends of sustainable development and the wave of digital transformation, the furniture and home furnishings industries are facing unprecedented opportunities for change. On the one hand, consumer demand for environmentally friendly and healthy furniture and home furnishings is growing, making green supply chains and sustainable development as key factors in corporate competition. On the other hand, the rapid development of emerging technologies such as AI and big data provides strong impetus for the intelligent upgrade of the home furnishings industry. Meanwhile, with the acceleration of urbanization, the renovation of old houses and consumption upgrading have become important forces in driving the continuous prosperity of the home furnishings market. Against this backdrop, this sub-forum aims to bring together leading industries to explore green transformation, intelligent upgrade, and the virtuous cycle of development between old house renovation and consumption upgrading in furniture and home furnishings industries, helping the industry embark on a new journey of high-quality development.

***II. Terms of Reference***

***Purpose and Scope***

This sub-forum will focus on green transformation and intelligent upgrade of home furnishings industries, aiming at leading the industry towards green development and encouraging companies to implement green concepts in production and design. Meanwhile, it will explore the application of digital technologies in the home furnishings sector to help businesses enhance operational efficiency and product added value. The sub-forum will also

pay attention to changes in market demand under the background of consumption upgrading, share successful experiences of the first-release economy, and promote the high-end and branded development of the home furnishings industry. In addition, it will explore the virtuous cycle between the renovation of old houses and consumption upgrading, providing new ideas for industry development. The expected outcomes will be seeking consensus building among industrial stakeholders and contributing to the new journey of high-quality development of home furnishings industries.

The specialized sub-forum will focus on the following contents:

(I) Sustainable Development and Green Furniture

Explore the impact of global sustainable development trends on the furniture industry, interpret relevant policies and regulations, share practical cases of green furniture, and discuss how to build a green furniture industry chain to achieve a win-win situation for economic and environmental benefits.

(II) Digital Transformation and Smart Home

Conduct an in-depth analysis of the application scenarios of digital technology in the home decoration and furniture industry, and discuss how to use artificial intelligence, big data, the Internet of Things and other technologies to improve corporate operational efficiency and user experience, and help enterprises achieve a transformation and upgrading from traditional manufacturing to intelligent manufacturing.

(III) Virtuous Cycle of Old House Renovation and Consumption Upgrading

Explore the interactive relationship between the renovation of old houses and consumption upgrading, share successful cases of old house renovation, and discuss how to improve the quality of living and promote consumption upgrading through intelligent and green renovation, and promote the prosperity of the home furnishing market.

**Key Topics**

- **Sustainability and Transformation in the Furniture Industry**
  - Residential furniture: supply chains and market insights for sustainable development and future trends.
  - Commercial furniture: green philosophy leading quality and design innovation.
  - Collaboration for a global new ecology of sustainable development.
- **From 'Smart Home' to 'Smart City'**
  - Customized furniture: AI-driven personalized demand and industry upgrading.
  - Good housing: the future of housing from a global perspective.
  - Renewing old houses and boosting consumption: creating a virtuous cycle between housing and the market.

**Participants**

This event will expect to gather 200 distinguished attendees, including renowned scholars, industry experts, top executives from leading home furnishing enterprises, and representatives from relevant business associations across domestic and international markets. By ensuring broad diversity among participating stakeholders, we aim to facilitate in-depth and productive discussions while strengthening multilateral cooperation and partnerships.

### ***Expected Outcomes***

- **Promote Industry Green Transformation:** Release the group standard for "Zero Formaldehyde Added Engineered Wood Panel" to lead the industry's green development direction and encourage enterprises to implement green concepts in raw material procurement, production, and product design. This will enhance the industry's overall environmental protection level and meet consumers' needs for healthy home environments.
- **Accelerate Industry Upgrading:** Explore the application of emerging technologies such as AI, big data, and the Internet of Things in the home decoration and furniture sectors. This will help companies transition from traditional manufacturing to intelligent manufacturing and smart services, increasing the industry's added value and competitiveness, and promoting the digital upgrade of the home furnishing industry.
- **Stimulate Market Vitality:** Analyze the interactive relationship between the renovation of old houses and consumption upgrading and explore market potential to provide new business growth points and development ideas for companies. This will boost the prosperity of the home furnishing market and promote a virtuous cycle of consumption upgrading and market development.
- **Enhance International Cooperation:** Strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the international furniture and home furnishings industries.

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**Specialized Sub-forum 4**  
**on Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for**  
**Green Supply Chains:**

*Empowering the Value of Ecological Products through*  
*Forest and Timber Supply Chain Finance*

**Organized by**  
Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation

**MGM COTAI, Macao, 24 September 2025, 09:00-12:00**

***I. Background***

Conservation and utilization of forest resources is an important issue in achieving sustainable development. Forest and timber supply chain finance, as an innovative means to promote the sustainable development of timber industry, provides green financial support to timber enterprises. This can encourage timber enterprises that rely on forest resources to create economic value while producing more products with ecological value, that is, realizing the value of ecological products. This not only creates more employment opportunities and economic benefits for people in forest areas but also promotes the virtuous synergy between forest resource development and socio-economic development.

In recent years, the international community has increasingly recognized the role of forest and timber supply chain finance in supporting the value enhancement of ecological products. International financial institutions have actively promoted green finance projects to support sustainable forestry development globally. Despite significant progress, the support of supply chain finance for the exploitation and use of forest resources remains insufficient, leading to limitations in forest product productivity, low resource utilization efficiency, and a lack of momentum for sustainable development. As a result, the ecological advantages of forest resources have not been effectively transformed into economic benefits and welfare for the people.

***II. Terms of Reference***

## ***Purpose and Scope***

This Sub-forum aims to build an international platform for exchanges in the fields of forest and timber supply chain finance and the realization of ecological product value. It will share the current status and challenges of supply chain finance in promoting the sustainable exploitation and use of forest resources. It will also explore how traceability and certification can enhance the credibility and public recognition of ecological products, thereby increasing consumer trust in forestry products and effectively transforming ecological advantages of forest resources into significant economic benefits and tangible welfare for the people.

Discussions of this sub-forum will include but not limit to: green finance empowering sustainable forestry development, blockchain traceability technology for increasing transparency in forest product supply chains, market-based pathways for realizing ecological product value (including standards, certification, markets, etc.), and international cooperation in forestry supply chain finance and ecological products.

The specialized sub-forum will be divided into two sessions as follows:

### **Session 1: Supply Chain Finance and the Exploitation and Use of Forest Resources**

This Session will delve into the achievements and challenges of supply chain finance in promoting the sustainable exploitation and use of forest resources. It will include sharing key support initiatives provided by multilateral and bilateral institutions such as international forestry funds to the private sector, along with their cooperation requirements. The session will also explore how the private sector can engage more closely with these funds to achieve a win-win goal of economic growth and sustainable development.

### **Session 2: Harnessing Forest and Timber Supply Chain Finance to Convert Ecological Premium into Economic Gains**

In Session 2, the discussion will primarily focus on the systemic synergy between forest and timber supply chain finance and timber enterprises, as well as consumer promotion. By enhancing the transparency, credibility, and consumer awareness of forest-based ecological products through traceability, ecological labeling and certification, and the promotion of ecological product consumption, we can better develop and market ecological products. This approach will also effectively transform ecological premiums into economic benefits by increasing consumers' willingness to purchase ecological products.

### **Key Topics**

- **Supply Chain Finance and the Exploitation and Use of Forest Resources**
  - Insights into the status of international forestry climate funds and the support pathways for forestry.
  - Framework and progress of the private sector investment of the Central African Forest Initiative.
- **Harnessing Forestry Supply Chain Finance to Convert Ecological Premium into Economic**

**Gains**

- Case sharing: Empowering prosperity and livelihoods through ecological labeling of products.
- From forest to market: Harnessing forest and timber supply chains finance to convert ecological premium into economic gains.

***Participants***

120-150 participants are expected to represent government, business actors, financial institutions, trade and industry organizations, academics, and civil society. Ensuring diversity among stakeholders present at this event will allow for fruitful debate and strengthening collaboration and partnership among stakeholders.

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