



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOOD INDUSTRY IN THE CONGO BASIN

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FIRST DAY

Monday 21 October 2013

08:00 Registration

09:00 **Opening Ceremony**

11:00 Coffee break

11:45 **White Paper launch**

« Towards a strategy for the development of the wood processing industry in Congo Basin countries »

12:00 **Panel discussion**

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Theme 1: Advanced wood processing**

Construction of wooden houses: challenges and opportunities

Taxation systems and customs barriers in Congo Basin countries: how to promote wood processing?

Education and research fostering sustainable forest utilization

14:45 **Panel discussion**

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Theme 2: Markets outlook**

Perspectives of tropical wood products markets

Impacts of log export ban

16:45 **Panel discussion**

17:30 Conclusions

18:30 Welcome cocktail

SECOND DAY

Tuesday 22 October 2013

09:00 **Theme 3: The FLEGT Action Plan and forest certification systems**

Review of the implementation of the VPA and the EUTR

Concrete actions to involve small and medium scale enterprises in the implementation of the VPAs

09:45 **Panel discussion**

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Opportunities to reinforce the links between forest certification and the VPA-EUTR

Double certification: challenges and opportunities

11:45 **Panel discussion**

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Theme 4: Tropical forest plantations**

Forest plantations: an alternative raw material supply from the tropics

The experiences of the Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon

Financing mechanisms for forest plantations

15:15 **Panel discussion**

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Presentation of the Brazzaville Declaration**

17:00 **Closing of the Forum**

20:00 Gala Dinner