

XIV World Forestry Congress

Electronic tools for ensuring timber legality and wood utilization

ITTO-INAB Joint Side Event

**Thursday, 10 September 2015, 12:45-14:15 hrs.
Room 22DEF, Inkosi Albert Luthuli
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Background

Guaranteeing the legal origin of timber and timber products remains one of the main challenges for both producer and consumer countries. As deforestation and forest degradation in tropical countries persists, greater scrutiny is exercised at international trade of timber and timber products, including verifications systems to ensure legality.

As a response to this scenario, Guatemala provides an interesting experience, putting in place an innovative information system that allows verification for harvesting, transportation and processing of timber, reducing administrative processes for the forest producers, and offering a traceability system of its legal origin for consumers and for the Forest Service.

The International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO) and the National Forest Institute of Guatemala (INAB) jointly host a side event at the XIV World Forestry Congress to present achievements, lessons learnt and challenges of this initiative. This side event provides an excellent opportunity to obtain practical evidence and explore feasibility of replication in countries with similar challenges.

Tentative Programme

Lunch to be provided

12:45 – 13:00	Opening address: The importance of having proof of legality of timber and timber products Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, ITTO Executive Director
13:00 – 13:10	Presentation: The work of ITTO in promoting legality and traceability of timber and timber products Mr. Ramon Carrillo, Communication and Outreach Officer, ITTO
13:10 - 13:30	Electronic tools for ensuring timber legality and wood utilization in Guatemala Mr. Jorge Steve García Muralles, Coordinator of the National Forest Information System (SIFGUA), INAB
13:30 – 13:50	Discussion and questions from the audience
13:50 – 14:00	Video presentation of the Electronic Forest Enterprise Information System of Guatemala
14:00 – 14:10	Concluding remarks Mr. Josue Morales, General Director, INAB (To be confirmed)

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