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GTTN Phase 2 Africa Regional Workshop

Tentative Meeting Agenda

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Introduction

GTTN Africa Regional Workshop will address key issues related to the successful development of timber tracking tools and policies and promote their use to reduce illegal logging and associated trade worldwide. We will discuss the working papers on Standardization, on Laboratory Directory and Reference Database, and on the Communication and Advocacy Strategy. Furthermore, we will address practical questions and develop milestones for the future activities of the Working Groups.

Wednesday 27 June 09:00-17:00

08:30-09:00 Doors open, registration, coffee is served

Session 1: Introduction to GTTN

09:00-09:15 Opening of the meeting by Mr. Hauke Brankamp, Head of Cooperation (Sectors Governance & Health), Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany; Welcome by the meeting hosts

09:15-09:45 Introduction to GTTN concept and activities, *by Jo Van Brusselen, EFI*

09:45-10:00 Africa within the global GTTN network, *by Gesche Schifferdecker, EFI*

10:00-10:15 Capitalizing on local scientific capacities, *by Marius Ekué, Bioversity International*

10:15-10:30 Presenters' panel: questions and answers

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Wood identification methods in African context

11:00-11:20 Wood anatomy as an identification tool for the most commercialized Malagasy woody species, *by Harisoa Ravaomanalina, Scientific Authority CITES Madagascar*

11:20-11:40 Genetics, *by Marius Ekué, Bioversity International*

11:40-12:00 Stable isotopes, *by Micha Horacek, Francisco Josephinum*

12:00-12:15 DART TOFMS, *by Cady Lancaster, US Forest Service & National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab (video contribution)*

12:15-12:30 Presenters' panel: discussion, questions and answers

12:30-13:30 Welcome for lunch

Session 3: Interests, demands and barriers for timber tracking in Africa

13:30-13:50 The potential of wood identification techniques application in a VPA country timber legality assurance system (TLAS), *by Richard Gyimah, Ghana Forestry Commission*

13:50-14:10 Experiences with the development of a centre of competence for wood identification in Ghana, *by Emmanuel Opuni-Frimpong, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Ghana*

14:10-14:30 Potential of wood identification techniques in EIA investigations and case building in the Congo Basin, *by Eric Essomba, Environmental Investigation Agency*

14:30-14:50 Challenges of sampling campaigns in African context and how to overcome them, *by Germain Yene Yene, Gersyn Services*

14:50-15:00 Presenters' panel: discussion, questions and answers ...

15:00-15:30 Refreshments break

Session 4: Developing frameworks for cooperation

15:30-15:50 CITES, wood identification and the protection of African forests – Experience of ANAFOR with the genetic traceability of *Pericopsis elata* (Assmala) in Cameroon, *by Yves Nkoum Messoua, National Support Agency for Forest Development (ANAFOR).*

15:50-16:20 Sharing for caring. Technology, samples and data transfer in context of wood identification, *by Pacyinz Lyfoung, PIIPA*

16:20-17:00 Panel discussion on frameworks for regional cooperation on timber identification; discussion, questions and answers

17:00-18:00 Networking cocktail

18:00-20:00 You are kindly invited for dinner

Thursday 28 June 09:00-17:30

08:30-09:00 Doors open, registration for new arrivals

Session 5: Towards an African regional network node for GTTN

09:00-09:30 Introduction to the World Café morning session

09:30-11:30 Mapping challenges and opportunities

Four consecutive and rotating sessions (30 minutes per topic):

- How to develop a pathway towards strengthened regional cooperation? (*facilitated by Marius Ekué*)
- What capacity for wood identification tools is present (direct or hidden, i.e. methods not used on wood yet); what capacities need to be developed? (*facilitated by Nele Schmitz*)
- Global cooperation for local protection, discussion on IPR and ABS (*facilitated by Pacyinz Lyfoung*)
- Timber species prioritization for reference data development (*facilitated by Jo Van Brusselen*)

11:30-12:00 Report-back in plenary and discussion

12:00-13:00 Pre-excursion lunch and administrative matters

13:00-17:30 Excursion to a forest concession: Legal timber trade in practice

For the afternoon we chartered a bus to visit the company Dino & Fils SA (see: dinofils.com [EN <http://dinofils.com/en/nos-clients/>] [FR <http://dinofils.com/fr/nos-clients/>], which is at a short distance from Yaoundé. From logging to various processing phases, the company provides clients domestically and globally with logs and intermediate to final products. The company takes high regard of production and environmental standards. During the visit we will learn of their processes and chain-of-custody and how they operate vis-a-vis due diligence requirements of domestic and international markets.

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The objective of the Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN) is to promote the operationalization of innovative tools for wood identification and origin determination, to assist the fight against illegal logging and related trade around the globe. GTTN is an open alliance that cooperates along a joint vision and the network activities are financed through an open multi-donor approach. GTTN phase 2 coordination (2017-2019) is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).