

Third 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

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR, China are partners to co-host the Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) to accelerate the development of legal and sustainable timber and wood products supply chains. As an annual collaborative international platform, the GLSTF 2023 and the GLSTF 2024 were held in Macao, China in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

The **GLSTF 2025**, which is scheduled on **23-24 September 2025** in **Macao SAR**, **China**, will aim at further strengthening and promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains.

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 the following components:

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

- 3) A Legal and Sustainable Timber Industry Display
- 4) Other Events & Activities

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 Main Forum and 4 Specialized Sub-Forums are attached.

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

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Draft Provisional Agenda

23-24 September 2025, MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China

Day 1 (Tuesday, 23 September 2025)

Time	Events and Topics
08:30-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	Opening Ceremony and Group Photo Session
10:00-11:00	Keynote Addresses
11:00-12:10	High-Level Segment: Emerging Consumer Trends in Global Timber Industry and Supply Chains Innovation Moderator: Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director Panel Discussion (60m) • Forest ministers, leading entrepreneurs, heads of international organizations, and renowned experts. Q&A (10m)
12:10-12:30	Achievements Release The forum related achievements will be released.
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:20	Session I: Emerging Perspectives on Global Forest and Timber Supply Chains Presentations (30m): New trends and patterns in the timber sector. Trade barriers and timber market access. Transformation of global timber supply chains in a new era. Panel Discussion (40m): Representatives from government agencies, international organizations, timber enterprises, certification organizations, timber associations, etc. Q&A (10m)
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	Session II: Evolution of Consumer Trends in Global Timber Products and Furniture &
	Home Furnishings Markets
	Presentations (30m):
	Development of the global furniture and home furnishing industries and emerging consumer focus.
15:20-16:40	Design innovation for sustaining furniture and home furnishings industries.
	Marketing pattern versus consumer demand.
	Panel Discussion (40m):
	Representatives from furniture & home furnishings enterprises, design companies,
	timber associations, governments, etc.
	Q&A (10m)
	Session III: Innovation of Timber Supply Chains for Enterprise Vitality and Sustainability
	Presentations (30m):
	Transformative power of AI technologies in timber industries.
	Transition of investment strategies and supply chain restructuring.
16:40-18:00	Driving innovation in timber supply chains: from compliance to competitiveness.
	Panel Discussion (40m):
	Representatives from high-profile timber enterprises, financial institutions,
	technology companies, government agencies, timber associations, etc.
	Q&A (10m)
18:00-18:10	Forum Wrap-up

Day 2 (Wednesday, 24 September 2025)

Time	Events and Topics
9:00-13:00	Specialized Sub-forum 1: Timber Legality and Sustainability - Addressing Uncertainty in
9:00-13:00	Global Timber Trade Barriers
0.00 13.00	Specialized Sub-forum 2: Sustainable Timber Resources, Markets and Trade - Green,
9:00-12:00	Innovative, Sustainable
0.00 13.00	Specialized Sub-forum 3: Furniture & Home Furnishings - Market Trends and Industry
9:00-12:00	Innovation in Furniture & Customized Home Furnishings
0.00 13.00	Specialized Sub-forum 4: Green Finance and Innovative Facilitation Measures -
9:00-12:00	Empowering the Value of Ecological Products through Forestry Supply Chain Finance
12:00-14:00	Lunch Break (Self-arrangement required)
14:00-16:00	B2B matchings

14:30-16:00	"She" Power Roundtable
14:00-15:30	Roundtable on Design-driven Sustainable Development
16:00-17:30	Global Youth Leadership Roundtable
14:00-17:00	Closed-door meetings for ministers, leading enterprises, and financial institutions
16:30-17:00	Press Conference
2 Days (9:00-18:00)	Legal & Sustainable Timber Display

Specialized Sub-forum 1 on Timber Legality and Sustainability:

Addressing Uncertainty in Global Timber Trade Barriers

Co-organized by

- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF)

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

This specialized sub-forum will discuss current issues related to timber trade barriers among different stakeholders, which will share experiences and 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

This Session 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.

<u>Session 2: Appropriate innovations in response to evolved challenges of legal and</u> sustainable timber supply chains

The discussions in Session 2 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.

Wednesday, 24 September 2025	
09:00-09:15	Opening Session
	Remarks by Ms. Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director

	Remarks by Mr. Nils Olaf Petersen, Secretary-General of ETTF
09:15- 11:15	Session 1: Effects of timber trade barriers on legal and sustainable supply chains
	 Presentations: How to Survive in a Scenario of increasing Global Barriers to the Timber Trade. Timber Legality and Sustainability – are global timber trade barriers leading to uncertainty? Communicating a country's regulation (Australia) on combating illegal logging to producer countries. Navigating Global Timber Trade Barriers: Challenges and Strategies for Indonesia's Furniture Industry Perspective. Specific measures introduced/Steps taken by a producer country (Malaysia) to meet international timber market regulations. Panel Discussion (45 minutes)
11:15-11:30	Short Break
11:30-13:30	Session 2: Appropriate innovations in response to evolved challenges of legal
11.30-13.30	and sustainable timber supply chains
	 The use of blockchain technology to support legal and sustainable supply chains - an introduction for the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS). Development of innovative integrated timber data in the Asia-Pacific for enhancing legal timber trade. Technology-driven approaches to legal and sustainable timber supply chain in the Philippines. Development of AI wood identification to strengthen timber supply chains. Empowering forest enforcement activities at log export points through innovation initiatives and stakeholder collaboration. Panel Discussion (45 Minutes)
13:30-13:40	Closing Ms. Sheam Satkuru

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

Co-organized by:

- China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA)
- International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT)
- TRAFFIC International

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

This specialized sub-forum will discuss topics related to resources, markets, and trade, focusing on how enterprises worldwide can jointly foster a sustainable and high-quality timber and wood products market in an evolving global environment.

Wednesday, 24 September 2025	
	Opening Session
09:00-09:10	Remarks by Mr. Li Jiafeng, President, CTWPDA
	Remarks by representative of ATIBT
	Remarks by representative of TRAFFIC
	Keynote Session: Global Tropical Timber
	Presentations:
	Market Trends and Characteristics of China's Tropical Timber Sector.
09:10-10:25	Sustainable Tropical Timber Consumption in Europe.
	African Wood Processing Industry: Policies and Economy Situation.
	Supply and Demand for Timber Products in South America.
	Supply and Demand in Timber Markets in Southeast Asian and Pacific.
10:25-11:25	Roundtable: Building Green Supply Chains & Corporate Social Responsibility

	Sharing by Chinese leading enterprises in different fields of wood-related industry (flooring, doors, wood-panels, trade, industrial parks, NGOs)
	New Products Launching: Market Trends, Consumer Insights, and New Technologies
11:25-12:15	 Presentations: Introduction to Emerging Tropical Species in Africa Application of Data Platforms in Domestic Timber Trade New Products & Technologies in the Wood Flooring Industry New Products & Technologies in the Wood Door Industry New Products & Technologies in the Wood Panel Industry
12:15-12:30	Closing

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Specialized Sub-forum 3 on Furniture & Customized Home Furnishings: Market Trends and Industry Innovations in Furniture & Home Furnishings

Co-organized by

- China Wood Protection Industry Association (CWPIA)
- Malaysian Interior Industry Partners Association (MIIP)
- Home Furnishing & Building Materials Industry Committee of China Chamber of International Commerce (HFBMIC of CCOIC)
- Indonesia Furniture and Craft Association (HIMKI)
- China Guangdong Custom Home Association (GDCHA)

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

This sub-forum aims to promote green and intelligent transformation exploring sustainable development pathways and digital transformation strategies for the furniture and home furnishings industries. Discussions will focus on key topics such as green supply chain system development and low-carbon technology innovation, while also providing in-depth analysis on how smart technologies and design innovation can drive industrial upgrading. Participants will gain forward-looking insights and practical solutions to jointly advance the furniture and home furnishings industries toward high-quality and sustainable development.

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

<u>Session 1: Green Sustainable Development and Innovative Transformation in the Furniture and Home Furnishings Industries</u>

This session will include discussions on characteristics of demand and development trends for green home products in emerging markets, while exploring how technological innovation can enhance environmental performance without compromising product functionality.

<u>Session 2: Digital Transformation and Design Innovation in the Furniture and Home</u> Furnishings Industries

This session aims to provide participants with comprehensive digital transformation frameworks and practical guidance, ultimately propelling the industry toward a smart, highend, and low-carbon future. Discussions will include how digital transformation is reshaping the industrial ecosystem, with a focus on analyzing how digital technologies integrate the entire "design-production-service" value chain, enabling collaborative innovation and efficiency gains across all industry segments.

Wednesday, 24 September 2025	
09:00-09:10	Opening Session
09:10-09:25	Launch Ceremony
	 Debut of Sustainable Investment Guide for Southeast Asia's Forest and Timber Industries. Achievement Release: "Ninghai Bamboo Tower" – World High Bamboo Structure.
09:25-10:55	Session 1: Green Sustainable Development and Innovative Transformation in
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	 Presentations: Green Supply Chain Empowering the Furniture and Home Furnishings Industries: Market Trend Analysis based on Sustainable Development. Opportunities and Challenges in Southeast Asia's Furniture and Home
	Furnishings Industries. • Persistence and Innovation in Green Home Furnishings. Panel Discussion (45 minutes): Green Innovation: The Sustainable Development
	Path for the Furniture and Home Furnishings Industries
10:55-12:25	Session 2: Digital Transformation and Design Innovation in the Furniture and Home Furnishings Industries
	 Presentations: KNOW + IMPROVE Sharing of International Color Feeling 2026 + Trend Report. Al-Driven Design for Better Living: From Concept to Practice - Pathways and Strategies. In the Name of Design: Bridging Aesthetics and Lifestyle in Home Furnishings. Panel Discussion (45 minutes): Future Innovation Trends in Furniture and Home Furnishings: The Driving Force of Smart Technology and Digital Innovation
12:25-12:30	Award Ceremony

12:30	Closing
	Global Design Pioneer Award.
	 Sustainable Design Leadership Award.
	 Green and Low-Carbon Development Exemplary Enterprises 2025.
	Quality Productivity in Overseas Expansion.
	The Third Batch (2025) of Recommended Benchmark Brands for New-

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Specialized Sub-forum 4 on Green Finance and Innovative Facilitation Measures for

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

Green Supply Chains:

Co-organized by

- Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products (Macao) Federation
- Standards Committee under Macao Quality Brand International Certification League (TBC)

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

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.

Discussions will include 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, and international cooperation in forestry supply chain finance and ecological products.

Wednesday, 24 September 2025	
09:05-09:20	Opening Session
09:20-10:30	Session I: Monetization of Forest Resources and the Risk Management

	Presentations:
	Investment Progress of Green Finance in the Private Sector
	Green Finance in Promoting Sustainable Development of the Private
	Sector—Exploring Financial Risk Control Based on Blockchain and Standard Certification
	Panel Discussion:
	10-12 representatives from governments, financial institutions, well-known
	enterprises, and international donors
10:30-11:50	Session II: Turning Forest Resources into Economic Returns and Ecological
10.30 11.30	Benefits
	Presentations:
	A Benchmark Case on Innovative Bank Services for Realizing the Value of
	Ecological Products
	 A Case Study on Fund Empowerment in Driving the Green Revolution of Industries
	A Case on How Eco-Labelled Products Boost Industries and Enrich People
	Panel Discussion:
	10-12 representatives from governments, financial institutions, well-known
	enterprises, and international donors
11:50-12:00	Closing

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