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Pathways to Prosperity: Future Trade and Markets

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- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- World Resources Institute (WRI)



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ITTO: *Situation and Trends in the world forest products trade*

- China remains a dominant force in tropical wood trade, imports surged in 2014 but sharp slowdown in 2015 with uncertain long-term consequences
- Demographic and economic trends indicate long term projected increase in demand for wood fibre in Asia-Pacific region
- Supply and demand projections suggest increasing short-falls in wood fibre supply
- Rising need to focus policy, regulations and investment on forest resource and material efficiency
- Trade agreements such as TPP increasingly influential impact on trade in the Asia-Pacific region

Plenary Sessions

WRI, EU FLEGT Facility, and Forest Trends: *Opportunities and challenges for market access (main focus on timber legality assurance)*

- Significant progress to develop legality verification and certification procedures in Asia-Pacific region
- Lacey-style laws enforced more widely and effectively by timber importing countries - Existing laws in US, EU, Australia, Indonesia. Korea, Japan considering similar legislation.
- TPP and FLEGT VPA to encourage further developments
- Due diligence systems becoming standard practice
- Obstacles to compliance for small-holders and composite products - some solutions in new technology & IT systems
- Strong need for capacity building and improved communication

Parallel Sessions

NTFP-EP, ASFN, Jaringan Madu Hutan Indonesia (JMHI), Ministry of Environment & Forestry –Indonesia: *Innovative NTFP marketing channels and mechanisms*

- NTFP value chains require connectivity, policy support, capacity building, promotion and investment to realize benefits to all stakeholders, especially community forestry producers.
- Traceability and assurance of sustainable NTFP trade chains is important to ensure the security of the system and satisfy consumers' growing awareness for sustainable consumption.
- Participatory, cost efficient, community empowering certification systems should be promoted alongside and at par with 3rd party certification.

Actionable Recommendation to APFC

- APFC should promote and support sustainable use and trade of timber, as well as broader adoption of approaches fostering sustainability and legality of forest products, with particular attention to the needs of small forest enterprises and NTFPs, bearing in mind the diverse set of needs and responsibilities of consumer, producer and processing countries.

Thank You!



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