



SUSTAINABLE WOOD *for a* SUSTAINABLE WORLD

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SW4SW exhibition – Turning good wood into good products

One part of the SW4SW meeting will be an exhibition in the foyer of FAO's David Lubin Memorial Library, showcasing different stages of the wood value chain from sustainable forest management to ready-made wood-based products. Visitors will be encouraged to visit and learn about the following entrepreneurial activities.

- A company working to improve ebony growing and processing in **Cameroon** with the aim of securing the future of this fantastic tree and the livelihoods of workers and farmers.
- A cooperative of **Finnish farmers** that is a world leader in ultra-high-efficiency biotechnology industrial production.



©Mats Nordberg. Yaoundé, Cameroon. Visiting experts at the Congo Basin Institute, admiring one of the first-ever ebony seedlings successfully cultured from cell tissue.

- An association in **Uganda** that is bringing large and small tree-growers together to increase the sustainability and profitability of the country's forest industry.
- A **Tanzanian** project that is developing teak plantations to add value and provide employment while also protecting and managing natural forests.
- A company in **Indonesia** that is supporting local communities by encouraging them to grow trees and by manufacturing products locally for sale to high-end Japanese buyers.

The exhibition also presents wooden-house designs produced by young architects for a 2016 competition. The innovative use of wood can reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and other non-renewable materials, and wooden houses are safer in earthquake-prone areas. Using wood supports rural businesses, offering enterprise incentives to local people that may even contribute to slowing down some of the migration to cities and beyond.

"Bioeconomy" is about meeting the needs of the growing world population with renewable materials while simultaneously protecting the planet's biodiversity.

Forests, trees and wood have increasingly important roles to play in the bioeconomy – this exhibition will show how.

Be inspired by trees and wood products!