



EU – GHANA TIMBER TRADE AND INVESTMENT FORUM

2 June 2026 · 14:00–18:30 · Canopée 1, Parc des Expositions de la Beaujoire, Nantes, France

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Ghana became the second FLEGT Licensing country worldwide — and the first in Africa — as of 10 April 2025, with licensing live since 8 October 2025. The EU is Ghana's largest market for value-added wood products (approximately EUR 26 million in 2024). FLEGT licences demonstrate to buyers that Ghana's timber exports are 100% legal, traceable and sourced from responsibly managed forests.

Ghana is also implementing a Forest Plantation Strategy (2016–2040) promoting large-scale plantation development through partnerships with communities, private sector actors and development partners. EU forest industry holds leading expertise in plantation management and digital solutions — Smart Forestry tools, remote sensing technology and more — creating significant potential for Ghana–EU collaboration.

OBJECTIVE

The Forum aims to increase the market visibility of Ghana's FLEGT timbers and promote trade and investment between forest-based industries in Ghana and the EU. It provides an opportunity for Ghana's forest industry to present their aspirations, sectorial strengths, timber quality, species diversity, legality, sustainability and innovation.

It also provides EU public and private sector actors with an opportunity to share updates on market trends, legislative and market requirements, green finance, innovation and digital solutions for forest-based industries.

PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
14:00 – 14:10	<p>01 Opening Remarks By the Organisers</p>
14:10 – 14:30	<p>02 Keynote Speeches Moderated by: ATIBT</p> <p>EU Tropical Timber Market Update — Demand trends from major end-use sectors, EUDR and CITES requirements, market expectations and opportunities for FLEGT-licensed timber from Ghana. By <i>Timber Trade Federation</i></p> <p>Ghana Forest Industry Update — Experiences with FLEGT licensing since Go-Live day, Lesser-Known Timber Species (LKTS), innovation, industry development trends.</p>

By Timber Industry Development Division of Ghana Forestry Commission

14:30 – 15:00

03 Panel Discussion: Potential EU–Ghana Collaboration in Forest-Based Industry

Moderated by: FAO

Topics:

- Ghana Plantation Strategy — implementation status, challenges, aspirations for international collaboration
- EU Smart Forestry technologies and applications in forest plantation management
- Potential collaboration between Ghana and EU/private sector in forest plantation and investment in timber processing technology for efficient resource utilisation and environmental quality

Q&A

Panellists:

- European Investment Bank
- Forest Service Division of Ghana Forestry Commission
- Smart Forestry Team of AFRY Management Consulting

15:00 – 15:40

04 Mini Presentations by Ghanaian Wood Suppliers

Moderated by: Probos

- Ghana Timber Millers Organization
- Samartex Timber and Plywood Company
- Sunstex Timber Company
- Logs and Lumber Limited
- SUHUMA-JCM Logs
- Court Furnart Ghana
- Tekura Enterprise Ltd.

Brief conclusion

16:00 – 18:30

05 Facilitated Business Matching

Between Ghanaian timber suppliers and EU timber importers · Moderated by: Probos

Cocktail provided

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