



TROPICAL TIMBER: FROM LEGALITY TO MARKET RECOGNITION

Carrefour International du Bois 2026

Tuesday, 2 June 2026 · 11:00 – 12:30 · Canopée 2, Hall XXL, Nantes

Organised by TDUK & ATIBT · Chaired by David Hopkins, Timber Development UK

Register: <https://forms.gle/xzMccKahUHBE4QCq7>

TIME	ITEM
SECTION 1 · WELCOME & SCENE-SETTING	
	<p>Opening & Framing Welcome from ATIBT/TDUK, setting the context and objectives within the FGMC2 programme. Introducing the central question: How can national legality and traceability systems be recognised, trusted, and effectively integrated into international due diligence frameworks?</p>
SECTION 2 · SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS 11:00 – 11:40	
	<p>Robbie Weich <i>Tradelink</i> An importer's view – navigating EUDR requirements and translating due diligence into practical sourcing decisions.</p>
	<p>Tom van Loon <i>Interholco</i> A producer's perspective – implementing traceability systems and meeting evolving expectations from international markets.</p>
	<p>Richard Gyimah <i>Ghana Forestry Commission / FLEGT Licensing Authority</i> From policy to practice – delivering Ghana's Timber Legality Assurance System and lessons from FLEGT licensing.</p>
	<p>Emily Fripp <i>Broader Market Recognition Coalition / Efeca</i> Market recognition in action – how frameworks can build trust in national systems and streamline buyer requirements.</p>
	<p>Françoise Van de Ven <i>ATIBT</i> The role of associations – strengthening alignment between producer systems and market expectations through collective action.</p>
SECTION 3 · MODERATED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 11:45 - 12:10	
	Facilitated Panel Discussion
SECTION 4 · OPEN DISCUSSION 12:10 - 12:20	
	Audience Q&A
SECTION 5 · CLOSE 12:20 - 12:30	
	Key Takeaways & Next Steps
12:30 – 13:30 · Light Networking Lunch · All participants welcome	