

ATIBT 2024 FORUM

Hotel Radisson Blu Antwerp. 3 and 4 October 2024

"Innovation and sustainability in the tropical forestry sector"

We are pleased to announce that the next Forum of the International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT) will be held in Antwerp on 3 and 4 May 2010 and 4 October 2024.

Following the success of the previous forum held in Nantes in 2022, this event promises to be an exceptional opportunity to bring together once again key players in the tropical timber industry and tropical forest managers from around the world. With innovation and sustainability in the tropical forestry sector, particularly through the implementation of the European Regulation against Imported Deforestation and the measures taken at the level of CITES, this forum will provide us with an opportunity to discuss the future of the sector.

A unique platform to discuss current challenges and emerging opportunities in the management and conservation of tropical forest resources.

Join us in Antwerp for rewarding discussions, inspiring presentations and fruitful partnerships at this key event for the tropical timber industry and the sustainable management of tropical forest basins.

Provisional program :

October 2, 2024

3pm ATIBT Annual General Meeting

This General Meeting will be an opportunity to bring together the members of the association and its partners, to discuss the functioning of the ATIBT and its main challenges.

As usual, this AGM will also be open to non-members wishing to find out more about our organisation. Only members may vote.

October,3, 2024

9am Opening of the ATIBT Forum.

A word from the Mayor of Antwerp

A word from the President of the ATIBT

A word from the EU Representative

A word from Côte d'Ivoire's Minister of Forestry

9.30am-12pm: The European regulation against deforestation. The case of the tropical timber industry.

A speaker from the European Union will present the situation 3 months before the Regulation comes into force.

There will be a debate on how the regulation will come into force.

A range of tools will be on offer.

1.30-6pm: Sustainable management of tropical forests.

Major challenges lie ahead for the industry over the next few years, including Cites regulations, the renewal of management plans, and the marketing of little-known or poorly-known species. A presentation of the ATIBT's actions will be given on various themes, and debates will be organised with experts from the sector.

8.30pm: Gala Diner

October,4, 2024

9am-12pm: Innovative finance in the tropical timber sector.

Carbon sequestration and the maintenance of biodiversity, consequences of sustainable forest management.

A presentation of the ATIBT's actions on various issues relating to biodiversity and carbon sequestration will be given. Debates will be organised with experts from the sector.

12pm: Closure of the ATIBT Forum.

2.30pm: Guided tour of the port of Antwerp

Simultaneous translation into French and English will be provided.