

Certification Committee

Objective

ATIBT's certification committee is headed by active ATIBT members and has the following objectives:

- Promoting and supporting certification efforts and initiatives (development of FSC/PAFC certification in Central Africa, recognition of certification in the FLEGT process, etc.)
- Gathering information on new certification requirements (and getting involved in consultation and decision-making processes for new standards), and on new certification opportunities (REDD+, etc.)
- Participating in certification initiatives and debates (IFL, etc.). Informing and encouraging markets to improve access to certified tropical timber products

Make-up of the committee

Members of the ATIBT certification committee perform their duties free of charge. Members can include those who are involved in certification, namely:

- those who define and develop certification systems (managers of certification labels, accreditation bodies, etc.),
- those who make it possible to obtain certifications (certification bodies, consulting firms, consultants, etc.),
- those who benefit from or who wish to benefit from certification (companies in the Forest-Timber sector: producers, importers, manufacturers, traders, etc.),
- or those who wish to learn about and understand certification (clients, stakeholders, institutions, etc.)

Members of the committee are not necessarily ATIBT members and are therefore not required to pay dues to ATIBT, but they must actively participate in the functioning of the committee in a constructive manner (providing information or carrying out the research that is required for the needs of the committee, suggesting improvements, etc.). Members can represent themselves or an entity.

Each member must briefly describe his/her activities or needs in terms of certification. The number of members is not limited.

Topics for consideration

In general, the topics for consideration focus on certification: highlighting its value, promoting it.

The topics discussed at ATIBT's international Forums, or during the RACEWOOD meetings, will be the subject of particular attention and monitoring by the committees; conversely, the committees will be directly impacted by the choice of the main topics planned for these meetings.

Members of the commission (to be precised)

Secretary: Caroline Duhesme – ATIBT

- Professionals of the timber sector
- Certification systems and bodies
- Consultants and consulting firms specialising in certification
- Institutional bodies