

# ATIBT Report of the FSC GA 2017



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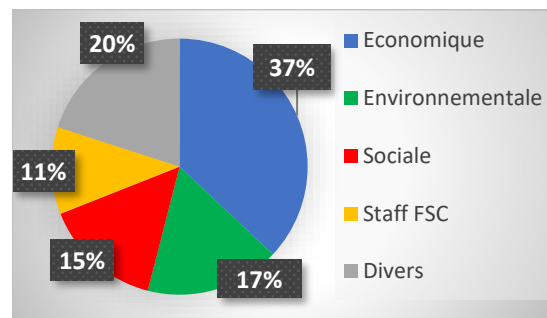
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## General information and a few figures

The FSC General Assembly was held from the 8th of October 2017 to the 13th of October 2017; the previous one took place in Seville in 2014.

At this assembly, an estimated of 700 registered person, whose 600 registered members voters were registered and were divided into the economic chamber, environmental chamber and social chamber (*source: site FSC*)

The breakdown was as follows: 37% economic chamber, 17% environmental chamber, 15% social chamber, 11% FSC employees et 20% as non-documented.

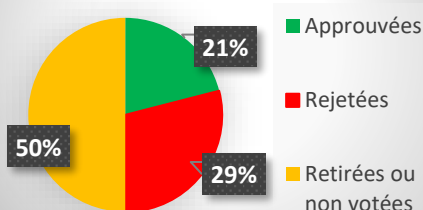


**Breakdown of registered between chambers**

All in all, 70 motions had been presented to the first days of the negotiation. (motions had been submitted from March 2017 to the FSC committee).

After 3 days of negotiations, 46 motions were submitted to the vote. 26 motions had been amended. The prioritization of motions had been also voted by chamber.

## % approved motions, rejected motions, withdrawn and non voted motions



At the end of the GA, only 15 motions had been approved (i.e 21% of the 70 motions), 20 motions had been rejected (i.e 29% of the 70 motions) and 35 motions had been withdrawn or not voted (i.e almost 50% of the 70 motions).

## **Situation of ATIBT**

ATIBT decided, by the end of 2016, to present several motions regarding the implementation of the motion 65/2014 voted in Sevilla. As a reminder, this last motion requests the conservation of certain areas of IFL within the FSC concessions.

A part of this deep thinking had been carried out through four meetings between experts, NGO, members of FSC and representatives of private and public sectors – IFL solutions forum- in 2016 and 2017. Technical negotiations took place within these regional working groups in Brazzaville.

Nevertheless, no acceptable position by the 3 chambers had been agreed on this subject.

After several months of reflections and in parallel of the meeting mentioned above, 3 motions had been submitted by ATIBT at the FSC GA of Vancouver: motion 24 on legality issue, motion 32 on cartography issue, and motion 34 on a request to carry out an assessment on the impact to the stakeholder of the implementation of the motion 65/2014.

Furthermore, ATIBT worked and supported other motions brought by other members of FSC, including the motion 5 on the integration of the French language as an official language within FSC organization and including the motion 37, with the WWF Russia on the global landscape approach of the IFL implementation.

## **Preparation and proceeding of the GA**

### **Preparation**

ATIBT had prepared several communication tools for the last 2 months preceding the GA :

- One 5 minutes video highlighting the 3 motions presented by ATIBT : video
- One 2.15 minutes data motion video stressing the method of « reduced impact logging. » (RIL) : video
- 3 flyers on the motions 24, 32 and 34 : see the documents
- 1 flyer on the RIL (Reduced Impact Logging)
- 1 flyer summarizing ATIBT position on the IFL.
- 1 opinion piece available on line on the FSC website : “Understand IFLs Locally: A solution for the Congo Basin”. Read the article

Some of these tools have been widely distributed by emailing. In Vancouver, we have witnessed that FSC members had been well informed about our action. Videos had been probably the best communication tool.

In order to prepare these tools, we have been supported from certificated ATIBT members (specific participation), from AFD through the marketing program and from PPECF2 for the RIL video. We are very grateful for their support.

We indicate that a delegation of 17 people, active members or from ATIBT team, belonging to the economic chamber, were present during almost the whole event (7 days). We emphasize also the

attendance of around 10 people coming from Congo Basin and Ouest Africa, belonging to the economic and social chambers of FSC.

### **Proceeding of the GA**

The GA was held following the IFL solution forum (This is not the subject of this minutes). Most of the team, supporters of ATIBT motions, were present.

During the first 3 days of the general assembly reserved to the discussion and negotiations about motions, the schedule was as follow:

Chamber meeting in the morning to make a daily update about the ongoing work on motions. Then 3 time slots for side event in the morning and in the afternoon. At the end, cross-chamber meetings were organised. In parallel, plenaries sessions happened for all the week.

Numbers of working session had been spontaneously organized between members during or between the side events.

### **Conclusion**

From the ATIBT point of view, we can emphasize the vote of the FSC members for **the motion 34 : Regional assessment of the impacts of the implementation of Motion 65/2014**. This one had been led by ATIBT and supported by all the chambers including WWF, WCS and Greenpeace.

This position is **really positive** and show the interest of the environmental NGO for **the viability of the IFL concept**. This motion 34 had been reviewed with the Canadian, the Latin America, the Russia and the Asia, members of economic chambers, WWF, GP and widely discussed with social chamber (especially Roger Ngoufo) and environmental chamber (especially Elie Ngoa). Everybody accept that this motion can let the implementation of the motion 65/2014 go further. Indeed, this motion allows adaptation as the context change through time. Furthermore, the amended version includes an extension of its geographic scope in order to include the natural forest but also to include environmental and social aspects more clearly.