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Choosing certified wood to protect the Congo Basin forest



ATIBT will organize its biennial Forum in Nantes within the framework of the Carrefour International du Bois, which will take place from June 1st to 3rd, 2022. This new Forum will focus on market themes and will address many topics, benefiting from the participation of speakers from different backgrounds. In addition, the CIB will host 3 stands where ATIBT will be mobilized: a stand specific to the Association, and an inter-company stand that will highlight our members and their commitment to sustainable forest management, as well as an institutional stand of the Congo Basin.

The General Assembly of the Association will be held in the afternoon of May 31, and will be followed by a gala evening to celebrate the 70th anniversary of ATIBT. This evening will be organized in an exceptional place, the Nef des Machines! Our members are warmly invited to join this evening, to which they will be able to invite clients. We will share an aperitif cocktail, followed by a seated dinner prepared by a renowned caterer in Nantes, and watch the elephant, the emblematic animal of the Machines de l'île and of the forests whose preservation is important to us.

This week will offer the opportunity to exchange on the markets and on technical aspects, but also to meet in a friendly and festive environment.

ATIBT Forum

ATIBT stand at the CIB

ATIBT will be mobilized on 3 stands, located in Hall 1 of the CIB:

- an inter-company Fair&Precious stand
- an ATIBT stand which will be organized around an agora space
- a "Congo Basin" institutional stand





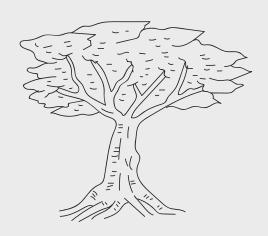
ATIBT Forum program* *Note: the final program is under development

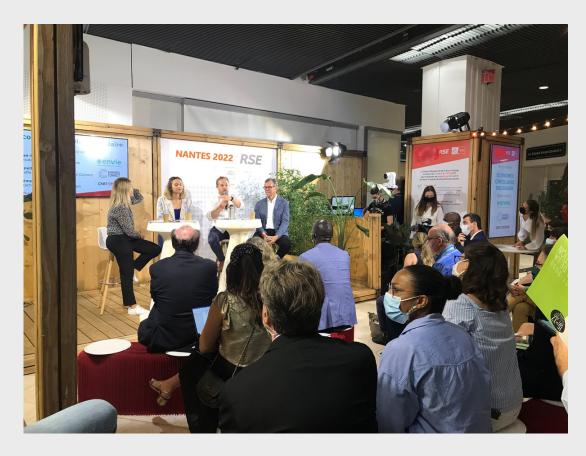
The Forum will be an opportunity to discuss many topics in round tables within the agora space:

- The brand Fair&Precious, its spokespeople and operators
- Public markets and tropical timber
- Perspectives of certification in the Congo Basin
- Launch and operationalization of the PAFC Congo Basin
- Life cycle assessment of African certified wood
- The Themis portal
- FAO SW4SW initiative
- Voice of the producers from Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, DRC and Côte d'Ivoire
- Voice of Congo Basin forestry authorities
- LKTS
- Ecosystem services
- Voice of the certification of legality
- TTP and Tropical Timber Due Diligence Information Tools
- Current issues of training in the context of the Congo Basin
- Classification of trades
- The European strategy against deforestation
- Further circularity of tropical timber
- Results of the DYNAFAC collective

Conferences will also be held on June 1st at la Beaujoire, on the CIB site:

- Opening speech by the Congo Basin Ministers
- Carbon and environmental services
- The future of management plans
- Production Sharing in the Republic of Congo
- The European strategy against deforestation
- The EU NaturAfrica initiative
- Current status of the Programme de promotion de l'exploitation certifiée des forêts (PPECF 4)
- The results of the DYNAFAC collective
- The African regional market and sustainable timber consumption
- · Chinese stakeholders





Meetings on the agora



Conferences

Conditions of registration

We are pleased to announce that we have secured significant financial support for this exceptional event!

Therefore, we are able to reduce the usual contribution of company by almost 50%; we have planned the following:

- A contribution per company for the Forum of **250 euros**, that includes an entry at the gala dinner.
- For this gala dinner, beyond this first place (for your guests or other members of your company), the price will be **120 euros**.

Registrations will soon be available online on our website.

What to do in Nantes?



 $Cr\'{e}dits: Le\ Monde\ (https://www.lemonde.fr/m-styles/article/2022/02/12/48-heures-a-nantes_6113386_4497319.html)$

The ATIBT Forum will take place in a prestigious environment rich in in heritage.

