



# Opportunities and challenges in wood legality: Establishing a dialogue between European importers and SMEs from Cameroon

Brussels 17 to 20 November 2014



EU importers and trade association representatives are invited to participate in a four-day study visit to strengthen information sharing between SMEs of Cameroon and importers in the EU in light of changing market requirements. The study visit will take place in Belgium with three days of meetings and site visits and a one-day workshop.

The requirements for international trade in wood and wood products are changing. Many business leaders have questions about how to meet the new requirements. The effects of the changing regulation are being felt throughout the supply chain. This study visit provides an opportunity for wood suppliers and importers to discuss better ways to meet these requirements together.

## Preliminary programme for the week

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| 17 Nov | morning | Meeting with Belgium's competent authority, the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment<br>Introductory meeting of SME representatives of Cameroon, EU officials working on FLEGT, EU FLEGT Facility staff and Belgian competent authority officials |
| 18 Nov | all day | Visit to the port of Antwerp and meetings with wood importers to understand port operations and the EU Timber Regulation, and the activity of wood importers  |
| 19 Nov | all day | Visit to wood and wood product industries for an overview of the supply chain in the EU   |
| 20 Nov | all day | Meeting between EU importers and representatives of SMEs from Cameroon  |

# Workshop for EU importers and representatives of SMEs from Cameroon

Brussels 20 November 2014

This one-day workshop aims to establish direct business relations between EU importers and SME representatives of Cameroon.

## Workshop themes will include

- The future of tropical timber in the EU market, the changing market, and product developments
- How SMEs of Cameroon can help importers meet information requirements for the EU Timber Regulation
- An overview of Cameroon's timber industry and recent developments

## Speakers

- NEPCon
- Global Timber Forum
- Federal Public Service, Belgium's competent authority
- EU FLEGT Facility / European Commission
- Cameroon Federation of SME associations
- European importers

## Do you want to participate?

The cost of participation is paid by the organisers, but the number of places is limited. To register, send an email to Leticia Calvo Vialettes at [lcv@nepcon.net](mailto:lcv@nepcon.net) with your name, your affiliation, your email address and other contact details. Specify which days you are interested in attending. The deadline for registration is 22 October 2014.

If you have any questions, contact Leticia Calvo Vialettes by email [lcv@nepcon.net](mailto:lcv@nepcon.net) or mobile phone +34 682 88 55 27.

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This workshop is part of the EU-funded project 'Renforcement des petites et moyennes entreprises (PME) camerounaises en vue de la mise en œuvre des exigences du SVL et du RBUE'. The project aims to build capacity of SMEs in Cameroon to meet TLAS and EUTR requirements. This study visit is organised in partnership by the not-for-profit organisation NEPCon and SME associations from Cameroon.