ATIBT-ETTF initiative:

Timber Trade Portal: The Toolkit for EUTR

The complete, factual and up-to-date information platform to implement due diligence

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The ATIBT projects for improved private sector participation in the FLEGT and REDD+ processes are financed by:
ATIBT, the leading authority on tropical timber

- Membership organization of tropical timber sector
  - Serve the tropical timber industry, from the forests to the end user.
  - a leading technical and scientific authority in tropical timber,
  - a manager of international programs that support tropical forests.
ATIBT is implementing 2 projects related to FLEGt Action Plan:

- **FLEGT-REDD +**: funds by FFEM – started in 2012
- **FLEGT IP**: funds by EU – started in 2015

→ improve **private sector participation** in the FLEGt (VPA and EUTR) and REDD + processes

* Producing countries: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, DRC, Ivory Coast
Facilitation of **EUTR implementation**:

- Provide relevant **information** to implement due diligence

  → Information platform: **Timber Trade portal**
    - one-stop information center about legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export
    - mainly focused in tropical countries (23 countries profiles)
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Origin of TTP:

ATIBT initiative (2012)
Funded by

ETTF initiative (2015)
Funded by

Merged in 2017

ATIBT and ETTF co-owners
Funded by
EUTR = promoting legal trade

- EUTR issues
  - opportunity to drive *wholesale change* down the supply chain
  - Improve *best practices* in wood and forest sector
  - Improve *accountability* of European operators

- Challenges of risk analysis (in DDS):
  - Supplies in *different* producing countries
  - Find *reliable* information
  - *Simplify* information searches
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TTP = Creation of a **level playing field**

- Improve access to information
- Tool that helps operators to comply with EUTR and exercise due diligence

→ Enable operators to make their own risk analysis on a case-by-case basis, by giving tools and information
→ Encourage individual accountability of EU operators
Means of TTP: factual, complete and update information

- Provide and centralize reliable and factual information
- Provide key documents (on progress)
- make keys available to understand and analyze information and documents
- identify complementary sources of information
- compile news about the EUTR and related subjects
TTP content: **3-step approach**:

- **Compilation** based on available sources
  - Publicly available sources
  - Network ATIBT, ETTF, Form International
  - Local expert and partners network
    - In Africa: national federations
- **Review** of information by national experts
- **Verification** of theory by *practice* with operators
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- **TTP = 23 country profiles**
  - trade & legality information of **23 producer countries**
    - Industry profile
    - Legality profile
    - Contacts
  - Information about **EUTR and other regulations**
  - **News** about the EUTR and related subjects
  - Other information (**certification, initiatives** and **platform**)
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### TTP content: countries profile

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Next steps:

- Merge
- Co-owning partnership agreement

July 2017

New:
- site structure
- country profile structure
- information pages
- Contracting reviewers

March 2018

- Updated countries profiles
- Key documents
- Translation into French

July 2018

- Regular update of country profiles
- News publication

2018-2019

Extent country profiles (depending on funds)

2020...
Merge of TTP: current updating round / maintenance

- update of facts and figures,
- more focus on legality,
- restructuring of information,
- improve availability of key documents,
- add general pages on EUTR / context / certification,
- translation of general pages and country profiles to French

Independent portal owned by ATIBT / ETTF, implemented by Form International
Synergies with other initiatives

All initiatives have their role and their place

- Different approaches (factual information vs Risk assessments on country level),
- Different types of information
- Different scopes

→ There is not ‘one truth’, operators will find their way
Synergies with other initiatives

What should we **encourage** and **deepen**:

- **Exchanges** and **sharing** experiences,
- Develop **links** between platforms (explaining specificities)
- Be **complementary** on the scope
- Think about a **common gateway**?

What is the **challenge**:

- Find funds for **maintenance** and **update** of platforms
- Type of our funder to maintain **neutrality**
Thank you!!