4th World Teak Conference
24-27 August 2020
Accra, Ghana

Global Teak Market: Challenges and Opportunities for Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

www.worldteakconference2020.com
Context and Rationale

Teak (*Tectona grandis* L.f.) is one of the most valuable tropical hardwoods in the world. Teak is ranked first in the priority species in more than 20 tropical countries both for conservation and large scale cultivation to meet increasing demand for timber in the global market. Natural teak forests are fast dwindling and supply is now mainly from plantations raised in 70 countries throughout tropical Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania, where planted teak forests have attracted large investments from the private sector. Though currently teak takes only a minor position in the total volume of world timber production and trade, it competes in the high value hardwood markets and is a major strategic element in the forest economies of many tropical countries. Further, smallholder teak farming, is considered a potential resource for the teakwood industry that provides alternate income and livelihood support to the rural communities.

Considering the prominent position of teak in international timber trade, World Teak Conferences (WTC) are organized regularly as a platform for stakeholder interactions, developing strategies and sharing new ideas. Previous WTCs were held in Asia and Latin America; the first in Costa Rica (2011); followed by Thailand (2013) and Ecuador (2015). More than 300 delegates from 36 countries attended these conferences, representing different government organizations, teak cultivators and traders, plantation managers, private enterprises, universities, research institutes, international organizations, NGOs and students. Ghana will have the honour of hosting the WTC in 2020 for the first time in the African continent.

The 4th World Teak Conference with the theme – ‘Global Teak Market: Challenges and Opportunities for Emerging Markets and Developing Economies’ will address the most crucial issues of the global teak sector, including:

- Sustainable management of smallholder teak farming systems for quality supply of teak timber to market
- Review and improvement of existing silvicultural systems and practices for better stand management on teakwood quality
- Analysis of market structures and value chains of teakwood trading and their impact on the profitability of teak investments
- Evaluation of private and public investments in the teak sector and its impacts on socio-economic conditions and rural livelihoods
- Developing strategic, conceptual and operational recommendations in support of the sustainable development of the teak sector
Participants
The target audience includes teak growers, traders, teakwood-processors, manufacturers, dealers of wood processing equipment, researchers, students, policy makers and academia associated with teak and related land uses.
The conference will also be used as an opportunity to strengthen teak networking in African region.

Objectives
The event is planned to centre around the following major themes:

Session I : Smallholder teak plantation, value addition and livelihood enhancement of rural communities
Session II : Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teakwood
Session III : Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management
Session IV : Management models for community forestry and family farming
Session V : Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration

Organizers
The 4th WTC is being organised by the Forestry Commission of Ghana (FC) and International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) and the Teakwood Working Party (Div.5.06.02) of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

Venue and Date
The venue of the conference will be Hotel Kempinski Gold Coast City in the coastal city of Accra, Ghana’s capital and main port. The conference will be held during the dry season from 24-27 August 2020 with temperatures reaching 22 to 27 degree celsius.
Sponsorship

World Teak Conference is a global event and one of the most important among the teak community of the World. Previous World Teak Conferences have shown that this event takes your business / organization to a worldwide stage of outreach. This event will get an ample coverage through various media around the world. It will be a unique opportunity to know current status of the global teak market and industries contributing to the sustainable forest management in the tropics, as well as an occasion for new business partnerships.

Those who want to be part of this event are most welcome to be partners through sponsorship

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Type of sponsorships available:

- **Platinum Sponsors**: US$ 10,000.00 or more (allow 10 delegates to participate)
- **Gold Sponsors**: US$ 5,000.00 (allow 5 delegates to participate)
- **Silver Sponsors**: US$ 3,000.00 (allow 3 delegates to participate)

Platinum and Gold sponsors would have their logos on all publicity and visibility materials besides access to exhibition

Exhibition

We are organizing a very diverse exhibition space that will allow visitors to learn about your area of specialisation and about your company. The World Teak Conference is a global event that attracts more than 300 participants from across the world and the conference will host exhibitors, including research organizations, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, forest products industries and processors among others.

Are you interested in participating as an Exhibitor?

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Financial support for participation

Limited funds will be available to support the participation of invited speakers and participants from developing countries upon application.

Official language of the conference

The official language of the conference is English
**Important deadlines**

- Registration opens: 01 Nov 2019
- Abstract submission opens: 01 Nov 2019
- Deadline for abstract submission: 15 Jan 2020
- End of early bird registration: 30 Apr 2020
- 3rd announcement/preliminary program: 31 May 2020
- Registration deadline: 31 July 2020
- Conference starts: 24 Aug 2020

**Conference webpage**

All the WTC announcements and information are available on the website: [www.worldteakconference2020.com](http://www.worldteakconference2020.com)

**Submission of abstract**

Abstracts are required to be submitted online only. Please visit our website [www.worldteakconference2020.com](http://www.worldteakconference2020.com) to submit your abstract. Authors will be notified by the Scientific Committee whether their submitted paper will be accepted as ORAL or for POSTER presentation. Abstracts of registered delegates only will be published in the Book of Abstract.

**Guidelines for authors**

Abstract: The abstract is an abbreviated, accurate representation of the paper. It should be no more than 300 words long, summarize the essential information in lay terms and be able to stand on its own. It should contain the title, the authors, and the authors’ affiliation. A maximum of 6 keywords should be identified.

**Poster session**

Poster format and dimensions: A display board of 120 x 80 cm will be available. The poster should be legible from a distance of 2 m. The letter size may be 20 mm for author/institution name, 15 mm for title and 10 mm for text. The following points may be considered for preparing a good poster:

a) The matter should be brief with liberal illustrations (graphs, pictures/figures)
b) Consultation of a professional graphic designer may improve the quality of the poster
c) The title should indicate contents precisely and be kept to no more than 10 words. Do not use “all caps” in titles
d) Name, complete mailing address, telephone number, E-mail address and website of all authors
Registration Instructions

Registration form
Online registration facility is available at the conference website www.worldteakconference2020.com and its link will also be available in the TEAKNET, Forest Research Institute Ghana (FORIG) and FORM Ghana websites. For any clarification please contact the Conference Secretariat at infowtc2020@gmail.com

Registration fee
Please note the Early-bird Registration fee deadline and take advantage of the savings by filing your registration on or before 30 April 2020. Spot registration will not be available.
The registration fee includes:
- Welcome Reception
- Lunches and Refreshments during program breaks
- Final Program
- Book of Abstract in digital format

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Post - Conference Tour

| Option 1: Cape Coast -(Bus trip) Kakum National Park and Cape Coast Slave Castle |                      | US$ 60     |
| Option 2: Shai Hills Resource Reserve and lake cruise (Bus Trip)                      |                      | US$ 100     |
| Option 3: Form Ghana Teak Plantations - (Domestic flight from Accra to Kumasi and bus trip) Akumadan and Ashanti Region |                      | US$ 120     |
**Option 1:**

**Cape Coast**

*Kakum National Park*

Kakum National Park is on coast of southern Ghana, in West Africa. It protects an area of rainforest, home to endangered mammals such as forest elephants, bongo antelopes and primates like the Diana monkey. The park is rich in butterflies and birds, including African grey parrots and hornbills. The Canopy Walkway, suspended 30 meters above the ground, provides tree top views of the forest.

*Cape Coast Castle*

Cape Coast Castle is one of about forty “slave castles”, or large commercial forts, built on the Gold Coast of West Africa (now Ghana) by European traders. It was originally a Portuguese “feitoria” or trading post, established in 1555.

**Option 2:**

**Shai Hills**

Shai Hills Resource Reserve is about an hour north of Accra bordering the Akosombo road. This makes this location one of the closest wildlife viewing areas in Accra. A cruise on the Lake Volta (largest manmade lake in the world) is also an added attraction of the field trip.
**Option 3:**

**Form Ghana Plantation**

Form Ghana is a forest plantation management company that actively restores degraded Forest Reserves with forest plantations and natural forest restoration. The company was established in 2007 and has planted over 7,500 ha with teak and indigenous species, to be expanded with 12,500 ha in the next 10 years. Form Ghana commenced with teak roundwood production and sales in 2015. The company obtained a FSC™ certificate for its sustainable forest management in 2010 and has carbon credits validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) since 2013. Form Ghana is a leading forestry company in West Africa, demonstrated by its scale, sustainability certifications, a Public Private Partnership with the Ghana Forestry Commission and several Ghanaian business awards.

**Payment**

Payment of Registration fee can be made online through direct electronic transfer. All payments must be made either in US Dollars or Ghanian Cedi (Currency in Ghana). The details will be available in the conference website [www.worldteakconference2020.com](http://www.worldteakconference2020.com).

**Confirmation**

After the payment is made successful, a confirmation message will be sent.

**Cancellation**

- Cancellation requests must be sent in writing on or before 15 July 2020 to wtc2020@gmail.com with the subject “WTC refund.”
- Registration fee will not be reimbursed for cancellation requests received after 15 July 2020.
Participants will be entitled to a 70% refund of the amount paid, with the remainder covering administrative fees. The refund will be made up to 30 days after the event.

Only the participant himself or herself may request a refund for registration fees. The refund will be made directly into the bank account with the participant listed as the account holder.

### Tentative Program at a Glance

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Conference Chair : Prof. Victor Kwame Agyeman, Director General of CSIR, Ghana
Conference Co-chair : Mr. John M. Allotey, Deputy CEO, Forestry Commission of Ghana

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)
Chairman: John M. Allotey, Deputy CEO, Forestry Commission of Ghana
Co-chair: Hugh CA Brown, Director of Operations, Forestry Commission of Ghana

LOC members

- Joseph Osiakwan, Chief Planning Officer, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resource (MLNR)
- Mercy Owusu Ansah, Director, Tropenbos Ghana
- Joyce Ofori Kwafo, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Manager – FC Ghana
- Mike Asaam, Finance Manager, Forest Services Division, Forestry Commission (FSD-FC)
- Daniel Kwasi Asante, President, Forest Plantation Timber Exporters and Loggers Association (FOPTELA)
- Nana Yaw Barima, Chairman, Forest Plantation Fund Board (FPFB)
- Andrews Adjei Yeboah, Vice President, Private Afforestation Developers Organization (PADO)
- Willem Fourie, Managing Director FORM Ghana
- Dan Ofori, Chairman, Forest Plantation Investor Forum (FPIF)
- Emmanuel K. Bonney, Timber Industry Development Division (TIDD)
- Beatrice Obiri Darko, Principal Research Scientist, Forest Research Institute of Ghana (FORIG)

Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC)
Chairman : Lars Graudal, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Co-Chair : S. Sandeep, TEAKNET, India

Session I: Smallholder teak plantation, value addition and livelihood enhancement of rural communities

- Alexander Asare, Forestry Commission Ghana (Session Chair)
- James Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia
- Barbara Ozarska, University of Melbourne, Australia
- Nelly Grace Bedijo, FAO’s Sawlog Production Grant Scheme (SPGS), Uganda
Session II: Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teakwood
- Walter Kollert, WaKa-Forest Investment Services AG, Portugal (Session Chair)
- Illias Animon, FAO-RAP, Bangkok
- Clément Kouchade, Director General, Office National du Bois (ONAB), Benin
- Hugh Brown, Forestry Commission Ghana

Session III: Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management
- Lars Graudal, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (Session Chair)
- Daniel Ofori, Forest Research Institute Ghana (FORIG)
- Mauricio Jerez-Rico, Professor Emeritus, University of the Andes, Venezuela
- Adzo Dzifa KOKUTSE, University of Lomé, Togo

Session IV: Management models for community forestry and Family farming
- Andrew Taber, Social Forestry, FAO, Rome (Session Chair)
- Benjamin Caldwell, FAO, Rome
- Achille Orphée Lokossou, Head of Policy Division, General Directorate of Forests, Benin
- Kyere Boateng, Faculty of Renewable Natural Resources, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana

Session V: Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration
- Markku Kanninen, University of Helsinki, Finland (Session Chair)
- Ma Hwan-ok, Projects Manager, International Tropical Timber Organisation, Japan
- Ernest Foli, Principal Scientist, Forest Research Institute of Ghana
- Jean Cossi Ganglo, Professor in Forestry, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin
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