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## Editorial

TEAKNET along with ITTO and IUFRO had organized a Side Event during the XV World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 05 May 2022. The event titled ‘New opportunities for teak sector in post COVID-19 scenario’ was conducted in a hybrid mode. We bring you a brief report in this issue of the event which was attended by nearly 40 participants across the globe.

The Bulletin also provides details of the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference in Accra, Ghana during 05 – 08 September 2022. The 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. Our regular column on teak prices are also provided for the benefit of our readers.

We invite your feedback on issues related to teak and enrich us with articles/news items of interest/research papers etc. of non-technical nature for inclusion in the Bulletin.

S. Sandeep  
TEAKNET Coordinator



GHANA 2022

Accra  
05-08 September 2022

## 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD TEAK CONFERENCE

Accra, Ghana

05 - 08 September 2022

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

Ghana is ready to host the 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference, for the first time in Africa

The Conference will take place in Kempinski Hotel, Accra, Ghana during 05-08 September 2022

Welcome all to the 4th World Teak Conference!

## 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference Events

### *Scientific Sessions on*

- ⇒ Smallholder teak farming, marketing and livelihoods of rural communities
- ⇒ Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teak wood
- ⇒ Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management
- ⇒ Management models for community forestry
- ⇒ Environmental protection and biodiversity conservation

### *Panel Discussions*

- ⇒ Global Teak Market
- ⇒ Challenges in the global teak sector & TEAKNET Session
- ⇒ Teak value-added products and sustainable development

### *B2B Meetings*

Live discussions with International Traders

Highlights of the  
Conference

### Social Events

- ⇒ *Cultural display by Ghana*
- ⇒ *Welcome Reception*
- ⇒ *Farewell*

### *Kakum National Park Canopy walkway (Rain forest) & Cape Coast Castle*

- ⇒ Six hours bus ride- round trip
  - Two hours to Cape Coast
  - One hour drive from Cape Coast to Kakum National Park

### *Shai Hills Resource Reserve*

- ⇒ Three-hours bus drive (round trip). Interesting features include
  - Wildlife
  - rock climbing
  - cave exploration etc.

### *Form Ghana plantation*

- ⇒ One day trip
  - Domestic flight of 35 minutes
  - Followed by a 2 hours travel by bus to Form Ghana plantation

Field Trip

## Registration

Online registration facility is available in the Conference Website  
<https://www.worldteakconference2020.com/registration/>

For any clarification you can contact the Conference Secretariat at  
[infowtc2020@gmail.com](mailto:infowtc2020@gmail.com)

Different hotels in Accra provide a wide choice of accommodation ranging from luxury suites to economy class double / single rooms. Advance booking is generally necessary. Delegates who require their accommodation to be reserved may kindly visit the Conference website

<https://www.worldteakconference2020.com/lodging/>

## Accommodation

## Visa

Overseas participants may contact the nearest Ghana High Commission/ Embassy/ Consulate or their travel agent to find out visa requirements for entry into Ghana.

If you find any difficulties or if your country does not have a Ghana Embassy, kindly contact the Conference Secretariat ([infowtc2020@gmail.com](mailto:infowtc2020@gmail.com))

All registrants who have made their Registration Fee payment will be eligible to receive the Invitation letter and please contact the Conference Secretariat for receiving the Invitation Letters

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## Invitation Letter

We offer Exhibition space at the venue at the following rates

3x4 (12 Sqm) for USD 400

3x3 ( 9 Sqm) for USD 300

3x2 ( 6 Sqm) for USD 200

The space arranged will allow the visitors to learn about your company and your area of specialization.

Exhibition

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## Report of TEAKNET Side Event

### *"New opportunities of Teak Sector in the post-COVID Scenario"*

The poster features a green background with a white central box. At the top left is the XV World Forestry Congress logo. The main title is 'TEAKNET Side Event' followed by the subtitle 'New Opportunities for Teak Sector in the Post COVID-19 Scenario'. Below this is the sub-theme '(Under Sub-theme III: The green pathway to growth and sustainability)'. The date and time are 'Thursday, May 5, 2022 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM (KST)'. At the bottom, the organizers are listed as TEAKNET, IUFRO, and ITTO. The background of the poster includes decorative green leaves and a globe.

TEAKNET along with ITTO Japan and IUFRO Teakwood Working (Div.5.06.02) successfully organized a 2 hr side event titled *"New opportunities of Teak Sector in the post-COVID Scenario"* alongside FAO's XV World Forestry Congress in Coex, Seoul, Republic of Korea on 5 May 2022 under the sub-theme '*The Green Pathway to Growth and Sustainability*'. The Side Event was conducted in a hybrid mode that facilitated participants join remotely from different time zones across the globe. The session was moderated by

Dr. S. Sandeep, TEAKNET Coordinator. As many as 40 participants from different countries attended the Side Event.

Ms. Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, ITTO, made the Opening remarks and hailed the collaboration between TEAKNET IUFRO and ITTO partnership in promoting sustainable management of teak forests in the tropics. She noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had serious impacts on the forest sector and pointed out the relevance of teak products in a post COVID-19 world in securing livelihoods and contributing towards increased sustained economic growth in the long-term. She called upon the international organizations,

National governments and other stakeholders to jointly promote the key message that ***"harvesting sustainably and legally produced timber products from sustainably managed forests is not deforestation"*** to overcome public misconceptions about the role of the timber trade in tropical deforestation. She indicated that the side event will propose recommended actions at local, national and international levels for the development and effective implementation of legal and sustainable supply chains of teak in support of SFM in the tropics.

Dr. Michael Kleine, Dy. Executive Director, IUFRO in his welcome remarks (virtual) highlighted the longstanding association of IUFRO with TEAKNET in support of its activities of organizing meetings and conferences in many parts of the world. The fruitful collaboration between IUFRO SPDC and TEAKNET resulted in a global teak study report in 2017 that helped to develop a larger project for the genetic conservation of natural teak resources and planted teak forests in the greater Mekong region funded by the German Government through ITTO. He pointed out that the topic of this TEAKNET Side Event is very much relevant because of the socio - economic disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sandeep, TEAKNET Coordinator introduced the topic of the Side Event and pointed to the opportunities that came up with the devastating COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption it caused in the global teak market and trade. He pointed out that while the teak sector has been predicted to be safe in the long run, the ramification in the short term were serious. The disruptions had affected mainly the small and medium scale industries and that government interventions would be needed to bring them back on track. He stressed upon the greater opportunities for teak in the landscape restoration efforts and concluded his talk by giving a future outlook for the teak sector in the post COVID -19 scenario.

Dr. Ma Hwan-ok from ITTO, Japan gave an overview of sustainable management of teak in the tropics and the ITTO supported teak project currently underway in Mekong sub-region. He pointed out the depleting teak genetic resource base in its natural range. Good teak plantations can come up only from good quality seedlings obtained from well-maintained seed orchards. Likewise, intensive management and irrigation management would be needed to maximize productivity in short rotation teak plantations. He pointed out that if smallholder teak planters got the necessary technical support and incentives, teak plantations and woodlots could serve as 'tree bank' offering secured interest and would act as a personalized 'pension fund' to the farmers. Dr. Ma then highlighted the salient achievements of the Teak Mekong project.

Dr. Zar Chi Hlaing from Myanmar Forest Department in her virtual talk on the sustainable management of teak in Myanmar informed that the forest management system in the country has been redefined to bring conservative silviculture into harmony with profitable extraction of timber including teak on a sustainable basis. Forest Department has been using the Myanmar Selection System (MSS) to manage the forest resources since 1856 until now; which has been revised to a Modified Myanmar Selection System (MMSS) to include in-situ and ex-situ conservation of natural resources. To further the conservation efforts, a 10-year long Myanmar Reforestation and Rehabilitation programme (MRRP) was also launched in 2016 that allow a 10-yr fallow period in the natural forests of Bago Yoma Range which is the home of teak in Myanmar. The legality programme like FLEGT and MTLAS (Myanmar Timber Legality and Assurance System) was also recently redefined for the effective implementation of conservation of natural resources.

Mr. Chheang Dany, Dy. Director General, Forestry Administration of Cambodia and National Coordinator of ITTO Teak Mekong project in his talk on teak plantation in Cambodia highlighted that the country do not have natural teak and have about 6,100 ha of teak plantations mostly owned by the private sector. Teak is intensively managed with irrigation, thinning and pruning to maximize the yield for harvesting at short rotation of 8-10 years. There are challenges in investment opportunities of teak for longer terms of 20-25 years as the smallholders couldn't afford it as a profitable business unless incentivizing and enabling policy support to interim livelihood options were provided. Moreover, limited knowledge on genetically improved planting material and lack of silvicultural techniques, insufficient technology and innovation in product development and market supply and value chain to reach to international market hinder the investment in tree planting.

Dr. Tran Lam Dong from Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science gave a talk on smallholder group forest certification in Vietnam with emphasis on the pilot models of PEFC/VFCS. The objective of the PEFC/VFCS was to formulate guidelines for implementation of SFM in smallholder group certification in Vietnam and recommend suitable linkage modes for group certification.

In his brief virtual address, Mr. Hugh Brown from the Forestry Commission of Ghana explained the unique feature of Modified Taungya System (MTS), how it promotes job creation and wealth through forest-based livelihoods, income from timber sales, enhancing food security and landscape restoration by exploring the enormous possibilities as well as how these efforts supplements Ghana's commitment to AFR100/Bonn Challenge.

On the updates of 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference (WTC 2022), Accra, Ghana during 5-8 September 2022 being jointly organized by TEAKNET, Forestry Commission of Ghana, IUFRO, ITTO with the technical support of FAO of United Nations, Ms. Valerie representing the Local Organizing Committee of WTC called upon the participants of WTC to actively consider joining and sponsoring this global event convened by TEAKNET once in every 4-5 years exclusively for the high value globally traded teakwood and timber products.

### Key messages of TEAKNET Side Event

The side event recommended actions at local, national and international levels for the development and effective implementation of legal and sustainable supply chains of teak in support of SFM in the tropics. The salient key messages shared with the participants of WTC are:

- ⇒ Harvesting sustainably and legally produced timber products from sustainably managed forests is not deforestation;
- ⇒ increase the productivity of smallholder teak plantations by using high quality planting material and follow appropriate silvicultural practices for quality timber production;
- ⇒ Create smallholder teak farmer group for effective value chains and support incentive mechanism for their sustainable livelihoods;
- ⇒ Promote innovative certification schemes for smallholders;
- ⇒ Enhance networking between growers, processors and traders as well as encourage public-private partnerships.

The 2 hr side event came to a close with the vote of thanks by Dr. Ma from ITTO for actively participating in the deliberations and hopes to meet again during the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference in Ghana in September 2022.



Speakers and Delegates of the TEAKNET Side Event

## Prices of Plantation Teak Imported to India

Prices of recent shipments of plantation teak logs and sawnwood imported to India

Teak Logs	US\$ per cu.m C&F
Brazil	313-600
Colombia	245-615
Costa Rica	350-652
Ecuador	246-495
Gabon	370
Ghana	270-559
Guatemala	277-594
Ivory Coast	263-458
Mexico	322-439
Panama	252-539
PNG	389-595
Tanzania	344-930
Togo	259-532
S. Sudan	367-676
Nigeria	290-630
El Salvador	328-520
Solomon Island	248
Surinam	222

Sawnwood	US\$ per cu.m C&F
Benin	325-712
Brazil	489-777
Cameroon	974
Ghana	485
Ivory Coast	375-752
Mexico	373-585
PNG	492-677
Tanzania	471-1068
S. Sudan	342-633
Nicaragua	385-564
Myanmar	791-980

Price range depends mainly on length and cross-sections

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