

A NEW APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE HARDWOOD CERTIFICATION

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1. What forest certification schemes are typically used to assess the sustainability of timber products?
2. These schemes work well when timber is traded in large commercial volumes, but are less effective where forest management units and supply chains are more fragmented? Why?
3. Do currently available certifications adequately address the issue or carbon storage through sustainable forest management?
4. How does the emerging approach to hardwood certification differ to the established assessment frameworks?
5. What effect is this new approach expected to have on the cost of certification?
6. By when are the first products carry the new certification expected to be commercially available?

At the end of this panel, attendees will be able to:

- Identify the various certifications associated with timber products and sustainability.
- Outline the means by which these forest certifications assess timber products.
- Explain why forest certification of this type is of limited value when it comes to assessing U.S Hardwoods.
- Identify emerging ways of assessing and certifying timber products.
- Outline the advantages of these new approaches.

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