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# EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA ON TACKLING THE ILLEGAL TRADE OF TIMBER

Wednesday, 9 September, 2015 12:45 – 14.15 Meeting room 11AB

This side event will focus on exploring ways in which forest agencies, customs and other key institutions in Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, Uganda and Mozambique can collaborate to stem rampant illegal timber trade in their countries and the region.

### Panelists:

## Mr. Juma Mgoo

Chief Executive, Forest Agency, Tanzania

#### Dr. Sheha Idrisa Hamdan

Director, Zanzibar Department of Forestry and Non-Renewable Resources

# Mr. Claudio Afonso

Forest Engineer, Department of Lands and Forestry Ministry of Agriculture, Mozambique

#### Mr. Alex Lemarkokz

Deputy Director, Kenya Forestry Service

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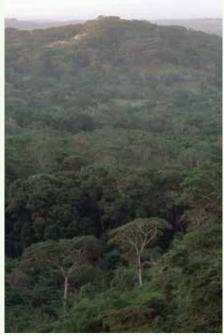
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Across the region, there is an imbalance between domestic supply and demand contributing to the increase of illegal trade in timber within countries and across national boarders. The scale of this trade continues to challenge the effectiveness of current national and regional mechanisms in controlling illegal trade in timber. Countries must collaborate more effectively across the region if there is to be greater progress in stemming illegal trade in timber.

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