

GLOBAL GATEWAY INVESTMENT AGENDA

Guyana & Suriname

European Union- Guyana and Suriname Forestry Investment and Buyer Forum

5th November 2025, 16.30-19.00, Lindner Hotel

Promoting EU-Guyana and Suriname business in timber supply chains

The **EU - Guyana and Suriname - EU Forestry Business Mission** brings together a delegation of export- and investment-ready Guyanese and Surinamese wood-based companies, and SMEs, alongside public sector representatives, for a targeted week of buyer, investor, and strategic partner engagement in Europe, including participation in the [International Hardwood Conference](#) (Antwerp, Belgium, 5–6 November 2026), a leading European platform connecting tropical timber producers with EU importers, processors, and industry stakeholders.

On the EU side, the main stakeholders will include EU relevant authorities, qualified EU buyers, investors, equipment suppliers, and strategic partners, and representatives of relevant sector business associations.

On November 5th, the [European Union Delegation to Guyana, Suriname and CARICOM](#), through its **Technical Assistance Global Gateway Investment Agenda for Guyana and Suriname**, together with the Forest Governance Value Chain (FGVC) programme will organize a dedicated **EU- Guyana and Suriname Forestry Investment & Buyer Forum** from 16.30 to 19.00.

Overall objective

The mission is expected to generate tangible benefits for both Guyana/ Suriname and the European Union. For Guyana and Suriname, it aims to **accelerate export diversification, value addition, and access to private investment** in sustainable forestry value chains. For the EU, it will **strengthen resilient and deforestation-free timber supply chains, support Global Gateway objectives on sustainable investment**, and deepen partnerships with Forest Partnership countries that combine economic development with forest conservation. The mission will also serve as a pilot model for scalable investor and buyer matchmaking under the EU Forest Partnerships.

Preliminary programme

Thu 5/11, 16.30-19.00, Lindner Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium

16.30-16.45	Plenary: Opening remarks (15 min): • Mrs. Chantal Marijnissen, Head of Unit, European Commission, International Partnerships, Unit F2 – Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources (5 min) • Mr. Sasenarine Singh, Guyana's Ambassador to the EU (5 min) • Mr. Marciano Edgar Armaketo, Ambassador of the Republic of Suriname to the EU (5 min)
16.45-17.10	Panel discussion: country/sector presentations (25 min)
17.10-18.00	Company pitch session to invited buyers, investors, DFIs, and industry stakeholders (50 min)
18.00-19.00	Dealroom- B2B and investor/buyer matchmaking with pre-identified European buyers, timber traders, and potential investors, including EU Development Finance Institutions (60 min)

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