INTERNATIONAL HARDWOOD CONFERENCE
ANTWERP 2026

PROGRAMME 6/11

PART 1 - OVERVIEW ECONOMY and FORESTS		
09:00-09:10	Welcome	Maria Kiefer-Polz *(EOS),* Ad Wesselink *(ETTF),* Filip De Jaeger (*Fedustria & moderator)*
09:10-09:20	"Our brain loves wood"	Katja de Vos (*Fedustria)*
09:20-09:40	Temperate hardwood logs and lumber international trade flows	Jean-François Guilbert (*French Timber)*
09:40-10:00	Raw material supply and climate change	Prof. Bart Muys, *(University Leuven)*
10:00-10:15	Q&A	
COFFEE BREAK		
PART 2 – EUROPE/NORTH AMERICA/CHINA		
10:50-11:10	The French hardwood market with a focus on oak	Florence Perrucaud (*Ducerf Group*)
11:10-11:30	The Beech perspective – challenges and opportunities	Roland Feit *(Abalon Hardwood)*
11:30-11:50	The US hardwood market	Michael Snow *(AHEC)*
11:50-12:10	Hardwood in China and Vietnam	David Holvoet *(Treecraft)*
12:10-12:30	Q&A	

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LUNCH		
PART 3 – REST OF THE WORLD		
13:30-13:40	Leveraging Ghana's FLEGT Licensing System for Sustainable Forest Management and a Thriving Timber Industry	Dr Richard Gyimah *(Forestry Commission of Ghana)*
13:40-14:00	Hardwood developments in Africa	Eli Prins *(Probos)*
14:00-14:20	Hardwood developments in Guyana	Rafeek Khan (*GMSA*)
14:20-14:40	AI scanning in the hardwood sector	Sampsa Auvinen *(FORDAQ)*
14:40-14:55	Q&A	
COFFEE BREAK		
APPLICATIONS		
15:30-15:50	Developments in parquet	Lorenzo Onofri *(FEP)*
15:50-16:10	Developments in Furniture	Alessandra Tracogna *(CSIL)*
16:10-16:30	Legislative overview on CPR, labelling and CE marking. Impacts and practical implications	Claudiu Nicolae Sonda (*CEI Bois*)
16:30-16:50	Thermally treated wood - Innovations	Imke De Windt *(Wood.be)*
16:50-17:05	Q&A	
17:05-17:15	Wrap up	Filip De Jaeger

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