



## **RACEWOOD A POINTE NOIRE AU CONGO - 29 et 30 Septembre 2011 -**

### **What RACEWOOD 2011?**

The 4th Meeting of African Cooperation with Europe, the previous three editions were held in Gabon (Libreville, 2004), Ghana (Accra, 2006) and Cameroon (Douala, 2010). Each has met with increasing success as a hundred companies in Europe and Africa were represented.

RACEWOOD has become the main event of the tropical timber sector in Africa for all European companies who want to build lasting partnerships with forest producers.

### **Why the Congo?**

Because today, the Congo Basin has about 5 million ha of natural forests certified nearly half of the area are certified in the Republic of Congo, which has a dozen forest concessions which ROUGIER Mokaba - IFO (Danzer) IPC-Olam and Likouala Timber.

The forest cover of the Congo is about 22.5 Mha (FAO 2010) and has some 300 known species. Companies are investing to produce more sophisticated products. Thirty industrial forest product companies sawnwood, veneer, plywood and finished products. Congo timber sector thus has a high potential.

### **Clearly defined objectives**

RACEWOOD is an exceptional opportunity to promote the African tropical species sustainably managed, to develop value-added products in the industry including local processing in accordance with arrangements made by African governments on the legality of timber and sustainable forestry. These initiatives also aim to create jobs. More specifically, many RACEWOOD wants to promote collaborations between European firms and African producers and strengthen the role of intermediary organizations in the sector such as the African national unions and federations of European importers of wood.

### **For who?**

European firms and African producers, who wish to implement trade, facilitate technology transfer and investment promotion.

For the European importer, it is the unique opportunity to meet forest producers who act in forest certification to provide a growing supply of FSC-certified products. 23 forest concessions in West Africa and Central Africa are committed today in responsible forest management



## **Racewood organization?**

RACEWOOD 2011 will bring together hundreds of European and African companies wishing to establish business partnerships, technological and environmental. These companies will all have a social and environmental policy manager and a financial structure and economic health and stability.

The project is organized around two days of professional

### **29 and 30 September 2011:**

#### **• 3 Workshops with the best experts on:**

- **The transformation** (markets, opportunities & requirements, White Paper, presented the study on tropical timber markets in Europe ...)
- **Legality and certification** (advanced FLEGT, Lacey Act, Certification views of Europe, Africa ...)
- **The concession of the future?** (REDD, another trade for the forest ?...)

#### **• Technical sessions**

• Spaces "face to face meetings" will be organized in a space conducive to the exchange of technological or financial partnerships between responsible corporate African and European

• **The "Livre Blanc"** first part of the transformation

• **Exposure of wooden houses** on the beach

• **A tour of discovery of the Congo or tourist visit to a plantation of Eucalyptus**

• **And the competition A'Bois**

*A flat fee of € 1500 will be required at registration, corresponding to the identification of African and European companies and organization of two days of meetings, discussions and day tourists. If you want to come along), each additional person should pay only € 250. Thank you kindly to indicate in your reservation.*

### **A program supported by the European Commission and PRO € INVEST.**

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### **Are you interested in for participating in RACEWOOD 2011?**

Thank you for filling out the registration form and return it to us either:

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