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**Presentation of the ATIBT Forum in Dubai**  
***"Tropical forest: timber, and so much more"***

**From 4 - 6 March 2017**



# The ATIBT Forum



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The ATIBT Forum - which consists of **two days of debates and speeches bringing together experts from the tropical timber industry** - is an opportunity for the association's members as well as tropical timber industry players to gather together to exchange relevant information among themselves. Each new edition features a different theme related to sector developments and issues.

**The first ATIBT Forum was held in Rome in 1982**, and in various cities around the world in the following years: Manaus, Marrakech, Washington, Hong Kong, Lisbon, Valencia, Libreville, Istanbul, Rome, Brussels, Athens, Shanghai, Belém, Bologna, Ho Chi Min City, Brazzaville, Amsterdam, Milan, etc.

This year, we decided to organise it in the heart of the Middle East, in **Dubai, on Sunday 6 March and Monday 7 March 2017.**

The theme will be: "***Tropical Forest: timber, and so much more***"





## The strategic choice of Dubai

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Dubai is a strategic host setting in the Middle East: its region - whose exceptional geographical location is both a place of business and a logistics hub - is an ideal place in terms of access to the Gulf states, Iran, India, Pakistan, East Africa, etc. and for the organisation of our exchanges and the enhancement of our trade.

With this in mind, ATIBT has joined forces with the **Dubai WoodShow**, a major international trade fair that will be held from 7 to 9 March, and that is a co-organiser of our forum.





# Dubai, a place with multiple facets

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In addition to its scope of influence and its commercial potential, Dubai offers many benefits:

- bold and futuristic architecture, which creates a unique urban space that is in perpetual mutation, with the world's tallest skyscrapers, many luxury hotels and many amazing polders,
- a very (very) sunny climate, which is ideal in March for you to enjoy the beaches (directly accessible from the city centre), marinas and the terraces and roof tops of its many quality restaurants,
- a genuine playground where you can drive off-road vehicles through dunes, ski on slopes right in the city and shop in monumental shopping malls.



# The Dubai WoodShow



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The Dubai WoodShow - the Middle Eastern and North African timber industry platform that supports over 10,000 professionals - will be held from **7 to 9 March** at the **Dubai World Trade Center**.

Launched in 2016, this year will mark its 12<sup>th</sup> edition. It will host 264 exhibitors from over 90 countries. The previous event was attended by 8,000 visitors, 84% of which are decision makers.

ATIBT and the Dubai WoodShow have decided to join forces to create synergies between the two events and mutually benefit from their collective expertise.

## Practical info

**No need to register or obtain an additional badge for the Dubai WoodShow: the Forum badge gives you automatic access.**





# ATIBT Forum: themes and programme



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## General theme

*"Tropical forest: timber, and so much more"*

## Topics covered

- The future of the tropical forest and its inhabitants
- Training in the wood trades
- Legality, certification and global warming
- Logistics in Dubai: challenges and opportunities
- Worldwide African timber market, especially in the Middle East

## Programme

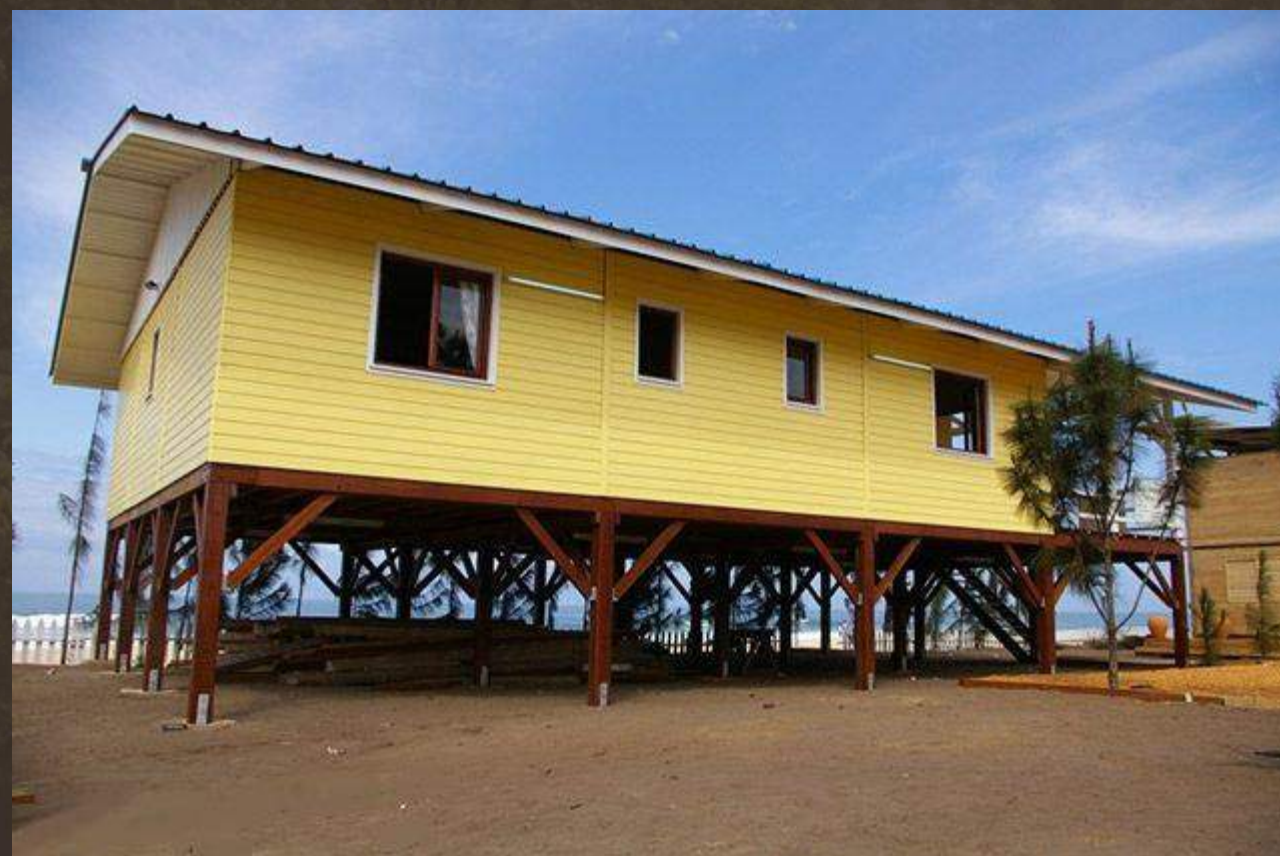
Saturday 4: **Arrival of participants and welcome cocktail**

Sunday 5 (morning): **General Assembly and Board Meeting**

Sunday 5 (afternoon) and Monday 6: **Forum**

Monday 6 (evening): **Gala dinner with the Dubai WoodShow**

From Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9: **Dubai WoodShow**





# The Forum venue: the Conrad hotel



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The Forum will be held at the **Conrad hotel**

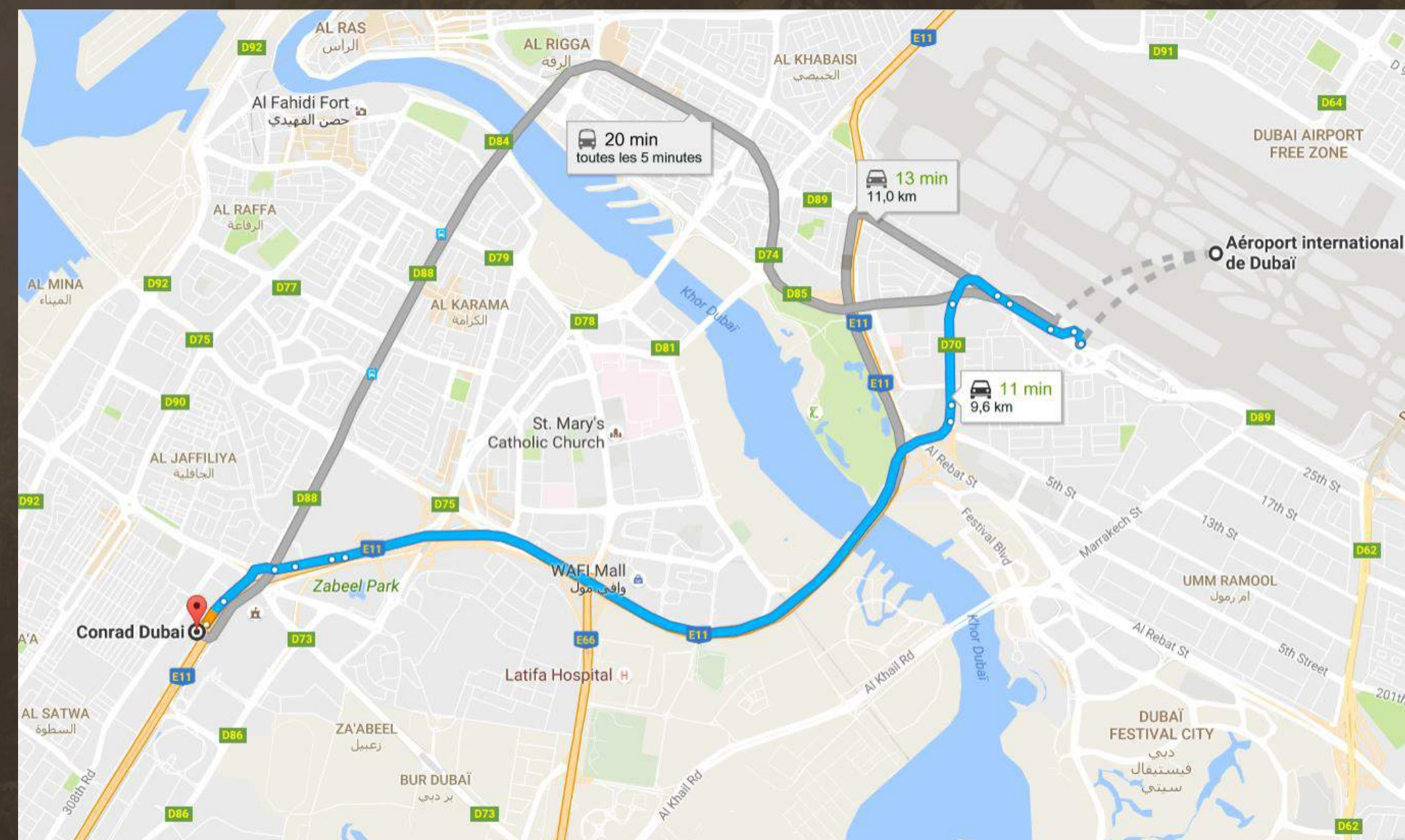
- near the airport
- right next to the World Trade Center, which hosts the Dubai WoodShow

## Access from the airport

**By metro:** take the red line from the airport towards Jebel Ali and get off at the World Trade Center

**By bus:** take line 33 towards Creek Golf Club and then take line 27 to the Convention Centre station

**By road:** just ten minutes away





# Cost for participants



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<b>ATIBT Members</b>	Individual	<b>€250</b>
	Professional -> 2 person minimum	<b>€450</b> <b>€250</b>
<b>Non- Members</b>	Individual	<b>€400</b>
	Professional -> 2 person minimum	<b>€700</b> <b>€500</b>

*Registration fee table*

## Air transport

A preferential rate has been negotiated with the Emirates Airlines company for open round-trip tickets from 25 February to 11 March: **10% discount in economy class (approx. €600) or business class**

## Registration fees

The price depends on your ATIBT membership and the number of participants per organisation (*see included table*)

## Accommodations

We offer two quality hotel options near the event's venues, at negotiated rates:

- Ibis One Central hotel
- Conrad hotel







## Accommodation option 1: Conrad hotel

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**\*\*\*\*\* Luxury hotel**

Venue where the Forum is held

A 5 min. walk from the Dubai World Trade Center

Right next to the metro

**Rate**

€199 per night





## Accommodation option 2: Ibis Central One hotel

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### \*\*\* Hotel

Located in the Dubai World Trade Center district  
A 10 min. walk from the forum venue  
Close to public transport

### Rates

<b>From 6 - 9 March</b>	Single room	<b>€110</b>
	Double room	<b>€125</b>
<b>From 4 - 6 March and 9 - 10 March</b>	Single room	<b>€60</b>
	Double room	<b>€75</b>



## Contact ATIBT



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