

## Break-out session 1b. STTC: opportunities for the public sector

### Key insights

#### 1.5 Which micro-objectives could STTC initiatives tackle within the public sector?

- Value the leaders / best practices. These can be municipalities, but also suppliers
- Education of procurers/project managers on how to prescribe and check for sustainable timber by in person contact (not brochures).
- Restore image of tropical timber: let them understand that using (tropical) wood from SFM is good ('use it or lose it').

#### 1.6 Which type of projects should be executed which support the development and implementation of STPPs in practice? And by whom?

- Project capacity building (based on a model of Timber Procurement Policy ) in European nations that do not have timber procurement policies.

#### 1.7 How can the involvement of the public sector in STTC be increased?

- Creating a team of experts from different countries/sector/experiences on STPPs able/ready to assist other public authorities in implementing STPPs (practical assistance, facilitating exchanges).
- Facilitated workshops to teach how to monitor and measure the impact and effectiveness of STPPs (prize?!).

#### 1.8 What is needed to increase the number of public sector STTC-participants?

- More information to the right people (e.g. purchasers, political decision makers...) that links the use of SFM-timber tot energy/climate issues, smart cities, SDGs etc.
- Have a good exchange of info/benefits of tropical timber use towards green building organisations / schemes.

#### 1.9 What is your main challenge within the public sector you work in?

- PP must be easy / cheap / verifiable and quick.
- PS does not have material experts, neither in steel/concrete nor wood.
- PP does not fulfill the 'higher mission' of sourcing Tropical Timber even though PP might have a STPP (policy on timber, not necessarily on tropical timber).
  - > Public sector is hard to 'grasp'. The question whether PS needs to use wood does not even arise.
  - > Price! Timber is competing with other materials.

- Within the Public Sector there is no material oriented sourcing, (no matter if steel/concrete/wood).
- > Very good LCA-results aren't communicated and do not influence procurement.
- > Procurers don't have time + resources.
- > Procurement departments must be seen to fulfil a higher mission.