

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.