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*First Announcement*

## **4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference 2020**

**24-27 August 2020, Accra, Ghana**



**Global teak market:  
Challenges and opportunities for emerging  
markets and developing economies**

*Organisers*





## About the Conference

The 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference (WTC) is being organized by the International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET) in collaboration with Forestry Commission Ghana with the support of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO), Japan, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Teakwood Working Party (IUFRO Div5.06.02) of International Union Forest Research Organisations. The WTC will focus on the current state of knowledge and future challenges for the sustainable development of the global teak sector in a changing world.

The conference with the theme “*Global teak market: Challenges and opportunities for emerging markets and developing economies*” will focus on socio - economic, genetics, silvicultural, technical and environmental issues that have an impact on the production, value addition, marketing and trade of teakwood. It will also be a space for networking in African region and interaction for scientific communities, wider society of teak traders, loggers and government policy initiatives related to teak sector.

The past three World Teak Conferences were held in Asia and Latin America; the first in Costa Rica (2011); followed by Bangkok (2013) and Ecuador (2015). Ghana will have the honour of hosting the WTC in 2020. This is the first time that the WTC will be held in an African nation. In Ghana teak is reported to have been introduced as early as in 1905, constitutes 70% of all forest plantation species in the country. The total area of teak plantation is estimated 180,000 ha, of which 60% is owned by the public sector with the remaining by the private sector.





## Conference Topics

- ◆ **Smallholder teak plantations, value addition, marketing and livelihood enhancement of rural communities**
- ◆ **Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade & markets of teak wood**
- ◆ **Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management**
- ◆ **Management models for community forestry**
- ◆ **Environmental protection and biodiversity conservation**

## Conference Details

The 3- day Technical Sessions will be on 24, 25, 26 August followed by a field trip on 27 August 2020.

The conference will invite selected keynote speakers and welcome a selected number of technical papers that provide state-of-the-art overviews of the main topics in focus.

## Participants

The event is expected to attract more than 300 delegates. The target audience includes representatives of teak plantation developers and traders, plantation managers, teak loggers, processors and exporters, universities, research institutes, international organizations, non- governmental organizations, policy makers and so on.

## Key Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> announcement	20 Apr 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> announcement	15 July 2019
Registration opens	01 Oct 2019
Abstract submission	30 Nov 2019
Early bird registration	30 Apr 2020
3 <sup>rd</sup> announcement/preliminary program	31 May 2020
Registration deadline	31 July 2020
Final programme	31 July 2020
Conference starts	24 Aug 2020

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