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A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US...

African Forestry (AF) is a non-profit and non-governmental Organization operating on the will of the members/stakeholders, and endeavors to fulfill its objectives as per the constitution and work plan. The goal of the Organization is promoting responsible forest management' in Tanzania and the region in future.

OUR VISSION

Africa's richest and vast forest resources are managed in a sustainable, accountable and equitable way so that citizens are able to access, own, control and benefit from them

OUR OBJECTIVES.

The general objective of the Organization is to promote the development and management of forests in Tanzania and Africa as a whole in an economically viable, socially just and environmentally responsible manner

OUR MISSION

To create an enabling environment for the promotion of sustainable forest management in Africa to achieve sustainable development, with special focus on improving responsible management and use of forests and their products for the benefit of both present and future generation

1 A Word From African Forestry.

STATEMENT FROM AF PROJECT MANAGER



African Forestry continues to make strides in becoming a key stakeholder representing the private sector in commercial forestry and its subsequent industries in Africa. The current membership base includes companies operating in Uganda, Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania.

Since its inception in 2016 AF has sought to initially establish itself in Tanzania and branch out to the rest of Africa. The range of services offered by AF has grown since then; we can now provide communication, lobbying, advocacy, marketing, research and development Services for our members.

The financial year 2020 has already seen AF revise its four-year communication plan as well as its five-year strategic plan. That revision has come at a time in which AF Expands its focus areas to include conservation, reforestation, afforestation and carbon sequestration initiatives alongside commercial forestry. AF will continue to promote a net positive impact on biodiversity for commercial forestry companies in Africa. The revised planning will also allow AF to significantly raise the profile of forestry primarily in East Africa for the next few years will expanding its influence.

African Forestry has continued its belief that for a sustainable sector to be realized, strong partnerships are among the pillars to build our structure on. AF is now a partner with Participatory plantation forestry programme (PPFP-II), Forest Value Chain Programme (FORVAC), Forestry development Trust (Gatsby Africa -FDT), Form International (FI) and Risutec Ltd. These partnerships all seek to make commercial forestry sustainable, while at the same time share experiences from the various projects with AF.

The year 2020 has been the among toughest year globally thus far, for majority of commercial forestry and its wood industries.

AF members have been impacted by the COVID-19, in light of this AF has been advocating for emergency measures in Tanzania to help keep companies and enterprises keep afloat during this time. It is paramount that the private sector remains vigilant and innovative during these times.



**MR. KIKOLO RAPHAEL
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AFRICA FORESTRY (AF) ATTENDS MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR CBD'S SBTTA

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) provides assessments of the status of biological diversity, assessments of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the convention on biodiversity, and respond to questions that Conference of parties may raise.



African Forestry was among the key stakeholders on the meeting with other stakeholders for the Tanzania National Consultative Meeting in Preparation for CBD'S SBSTTA in March 2020 in Dodoma Tanzania. This was among several key meetings that will be organized for EAC partner states before the regional meeting. This was of particular interest to AF as most commercial forestry companies continually seek to create a net positive impacts on biodiversity.

The Technical Working Group (TWG)



Meeting on the development of the implementation matrix for the EAC Forestry Policy and Strategy was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 10th -12th March 2020 with financial support from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Tanzania Office. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Siima Bakengesa, Director of Forestry Production, Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) from the United Republic of Tanzania while Mr. Soita Wafuke, Assistant Director from the Ministry of East African Community and Regional Development of Republic of Kenya, was the Rapporteur. The overall objective of the meeting was to develop the matrix for the EAC Forest Policy and Strategy in order to provide a framework to guide the implementation. The Meeting was attended by Regional Experts on terrestrial





PRODUCTS FROM KVTC

Teak has very high tensile strength, high natural oil content and tight grain. This makes it very durable and weather resistant. Its perfect for outdoor applications. Besides its beautiful dark brown colour it is also generally resistant to termite and insect attack.



PARTICIPATORY PLANTATION FORESTRY PROGRAMME (PFP 2)

Participatory Plantation Forestry Programme (PPFP 2) is a 4-year continuation of the 5-year Private Forestry Programme. Both of which result from the bilateral partnership between the Governments of Tanzania and Finland.

PFP SUPPORT ON ORCHARD DEVELOPMENT.



The programme aims to improve plantation management standards amongst smallholders whilst driving product and process innovation amongst SMEs. To maximize its poverty reduction PFP 2 will focus on potential forest industry clusters and groups of smallholder forest rich villages where improved forestry and wood processing can generate sustainable poverty reduction in the medium term. Sustainability will be enhanced by gradually handing over implementation responsibility to a well capacitated Tanzania Tree Growers Associations Union, the Forestry and Wood Industries Training Centre in Mafinga, and an association of wood processing SMEs.



PFP SUPPORT ON FORESTRY AND WOOD INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.



PFP SUPPORT ON PLANTATION MANAGEMENT

PFP 2 continues the work towards development of a socially sensitive, environmentally sustainable, financially profitable private forestry sector, including tree growers, SMEs and their organizations and service providers, in the Southern Highlands.

The programme will be informed by a human rights situation analysis of root causes of impoverishment and vulnerability amongst its beneficiaries and will adhere to human rights based approaches in its processes to produce results that respect, protect and fulfil human rights. Capacity building and advocacy will be core elements of programme implementation



PFP SUPPORT ON WOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES..

About FDT

The Forestry Development Trust was established by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation in 2013 as an independent Tanzanian institution with a long-term vision for development of the commercial forestry sector.

FDT's role is to facilitate co-ordinated interventions among Tanzanian forestry actors that will in turn:

- Increase the supply of higher-value wood products and energy from sustainable sources;
- Increase smallholder planting and employment in sustainable private forestry;
- Raise net incomes for the sector's smallholders; and Ensure quality services and industry functions are provided sustainably.



Potential productivity of Eucalyptus grandis under optimal management



The Kisolanza demo plot near Ifunda village in Iringa rural district, Tanzania. Demonstrate the high yield from forest plantations for commercial and small tree growers. southern highlands to showcase productivity gains from good planting materials, plantation establishment and management.

Around one third of growers in Southern Highlands of Tanzania have adopted either improved planting material or application of good silvicultural practices since 2014, increasing their asset value, while over 3,800 households benefited from plantation related employment.

The Trust is working with all segments of tree grower and numerous public and private forestry service providers in Tanzania's Southern Highlands, seeking to transform the commercial forestry sector by facilitating market system changes. A special emphasis is placed on ensuring small to medium scale tree growers enhance their position and contribution within the commercial forestry sector.

The species trials and seed orchards have laid the foundations for strengthening sector competitiveness and resilience, with partners looking for fast-track high performing varieties. FDT's work to define the opportunity for Engineered Wood Products has helped stimulate interest from commercial banks, national and local government, with both local and foreign investors developing new and expanded processing operations.



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FORVAC contributes to improvements in policy and regulatory framework for forest value chain development aiming at harmonization of legal and policy frameworks to guide and improve sustainable forest management and trade procedures. The programme supports Forestry and Beekeeping Division in development, update and dissemination of methodologies and necessary technical guidelines to support CBFM. Moreover, FORVAC ensures that formulation and revisions of bylaws at the field level conform to the national policies and legislation.

A continuous development of forest law enforcement is included under the duties of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) and Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS).

The Government of Tanzania also works to set up and implement the national forest policy and other relevant policies, e.g. concerning trade. Regarding this, FORVAC supports development of forest law enforcement and policies referring to roles of local communities and involvement of the private sector in Tanzanian forestry, forest industry and trade in Tanzania and out of the country.



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Mufindi Woodpoles Plant and Timber LTD (MWPT) was established in the year 2002, and since then it has grown to be one of the leading wooden poles manufacturer in Tanzania. The company was formed from a 'family business' with over 20 years pole business experience..

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From Irvine's desk

COVID 19 KILLS. WASH HANDS REGULARLY

KVTC-The Early Years By Crispin Goldin

KVTC, always known as Mitiki, was born in the early 1990's from the combined efforts of Mr Tony Fraser (representing CDC in London who funded the whole project) and Mr Fabian Nyaki, a Tanzanian Government forester. Between them they set up an office, built housing, recruited people, made arrangements with local officials and scouted the district for land suitable for teak. It was their leadership that established the company and set it on a journey that continues today.



I joined the company in late 1996 as the Development Manager responsible for planning and delivering all the field work. For me it was a fantastic time because the Mitiki staff had a very positive attitude to work and we all pulled together to grow the company as well as to grow millions of teak trees.

At that time the company was split into districts, Kilombero on the north side of the river under Mr Nyaki with Mr Mteweli and Mr Masota and Ulanga under Mr Hamisi with Mr Mahengo, Mr Ngenuko and Mr Kahamba. We had our main office at Kibaoni with a sub office in Ulanga mid-way between Narubungo and Mafinji. Each side had a nursery (Lahusa) and the workshop

Past 20-odd Years by David Parkhill

and store were at Kibaoni (Zac) while the sawmill was only a distant plan way off in the future. Of course, at that time there was no bridge over the Kilombero so crossing to and from Ulanga meant keeping to the ferry timetable or else staying where you were till morning. They were also the days of no mobiles! Can young foresters even imagine such a time?

We had a radio system for operations and in the office a sat phone/fax that cost US\$6/minute to use, which was always very popular with the Ifakara Research Centre who would often come rushing up to the office with an urgent message to be sent to Europe. Emails and the internet were just things that we dreamt about! In the early days we were still developing establishment techniques, proper land use planning and site selection so we had teams for roads (Kubuka), site selection (Shija), social liaison (Haule) research (Mabuza) and mapping (Speedo).

There were others too and I apologise. Overall it was a very good team of people who worked hard to lay the foundations.

Social Fund Evolution

In 2000 our public relationship was not good with complains that KVTC was not doing enough for communities. It had secured land, but nothing was going back to the community. And rumors that teak is a green desert that consumes a lot of water were at their highest level. People had no idea of plantation concept. Uneconomical thinning were used as justification that KVTC had a hidden agenda of mining. "How come they can plant trees and few years later cut them to rot". KVTC social fund was created but was channeled through an NGO in Kilombero and Ulanga districts council with only nine villages, two in Kilombero and rest in Ulanga. This arrangement did not wrk well.

KVTC received more complains that social projects' prices were inflated and the quality of deliverables were substandard. I was then appointed as Social Manager to address these issues. First I had to listen to people, understand their concerns and challenges. I organized meetings with villages, where we revealed the basic infrastructure in education and health are undeveloped. An efficient fund allocation and channeling system was introduced and even better that local people were and still to date willing to contribute labor.

The meetings resolved that each village would open joint KVTC social fund account. KVTC would be co-signatory and each year KVTC will deposit village annual social fund to each village's account. The system put in place is that the village assembly will decided a priority project, agree through minutes signed by members off the village, KVTC will review and fund it if in line with social fund policy (education, health and economic infrastructure). This has been working well so far by having inclusive social project development and increased transparency. Number of villages has increased from nine villages to 17 villages.



Crucial changes Btw 1992 and 2020

By Tony Finch

Within 25 years KVTC's shareholders have spent over \$50 million to establish 8,000 hectares of teak plantations and a modern sawmill to create Africa's largest private teak company and the largest exporter of wood products in Tanzania.

How does that compare with what was proposed by CDC in 1991? Basically, the concept proposed 27 years ago for the development of a viable teak business has changed dramatically in many ways. In technical and social terms, KVTC has achieved far beyond what CDC team could propose for a greenfield forestry investment in the Kilombero Valley.

The proposals for the development of teak plantations were kept as simple as possible and did not envisage any log processing, even though a very small timber sample of 28 year old teak from Mtibwa was valued in Denmark at US\$2,000/cu.m. At the time there was no ban on the export of teak logs, and a ready market locally for telephone poles. As the global export prices for larger logs were above US\$300/cu.m.; a financially viable business model existed for a CDC development investment to go ahead. Elsewhere in

Tanzania there were some outstanding teak stands within its plantations but insufficient land to scale up their extent. These plantations did, however, provide essential evidence of teak's potential within the country. Around Ifakara there were fragments of evidence that teak could grow as well as elsewhere. And, for some of its local farmers within the community teak was seen in the late 1980's as the "money tree" because they could sell their 10 to 15 year old teak trees to traders. There are two key parameters of plantation productivity: total crop height and the site's basal area capacity.

The site basal area potential was set at +/- 20 rather than +/-16 being achieved in practice. In hindsight that predicted site basal area potential was far too optimistic, and so resulted in an overestimate of crop sawlog yields per ha.

The other factor significantly reducing the total annual supply of sawlogs was the assumed area that would be available for KVTC to convert into productive teak plantations: the 20% over-estimate for the three blocks it holds: 8,000 ha instead of 10,000 ha given by the CDC Feasibility Study. To offset these negative impacts on its financial viability three very positive steps were taken by its management and the investors in KVTC:-

1. Establish an efficient sawmill to process small dimension teak sawlogs and proactively develop its product market in India, as well as locally;
2. Initiate its own research and development programme in 2013 to raise plantation productivity; and
3. Expand its out-grower support programme to a total 2,000 ha of teak plantations owned by around 1,000 participants. Plantation economics and financial viability of KVTC should be greatly enhanced by these measures. There was no provision originally for crop rotation age to be cut by 10 years, nor were the other measures mentioned above envisaged. Many dramatic changes have taken place globally since KVTC was established on 1992 - the latest being Covid-19. However, unlike the financial situation of most businesses around the world today, KVTC teak trees will continue to grow and add value, even if its harvesting operations are suspended for 12 months, or more. Locally, an in-country teak log exports did not bankrupt KVTC, nor did the development of mobile phones networks kill it when a financially lucrative teak telephone poles became obsolete. An impressive financial, environmental and social record has been created by KVTC already. It has brought world class benefits to the Kilombero Valley in terms





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"We're seeing an evolution in Tanzania in which a number of smaller companies have been coming to the fore in the past year or so, one being Poles Tanzania," said Dolphin Bay's Darren Marillier.

Poles Tanzania has grown to become a major supplier to the country's electrification programmes.

"The Tanzania Electric Supply Company is among the main buyers of treated poles in Tanzania that are now starting to give contracts to these up-and-coming companies.

"Our agreement with Poles Tanzania was signed in December 2019 and we have delivered the first container-load of CCA to the company. Salim said that his company is expecting production to rise from September, as it recently acquired new tenders.

"We will also make use of Dolphin Bay's services to help assure our clients that we're readily available to supply a product meeting international standards."

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SAWN TIMBER





African Forestry (AF) will convene a workshop on collaborative practices for small and medium-scale private plantation forestry. The event is supported by MAKUTANO, the research project implemented by the University of Eastern Finland (UEF) in collaboration with the College of Business Education (CBE) and the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).

The workshop will be held March 2021 at the Forestry and Wood Industry Training Centre (FWITC) in Mafinga. The workshop provides a forum to discuss important issues related to small and medium-scale commercial tree planting activities. The topics are identified by the participants, including possible misunderstandings as well as opportunities. The workshop allows participants to learn new skills to foster forest dialogue and collaborative efforts.

The workshop will be facilitated by MAKUTANO research team members who are experienced to encourage an open and inclusive dialog.

Participation is entirely voluntary but would require full commitment for the whole workshop period. MAKUTANO research is focusing on environmental collaboration skills and conflict resolution methods in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. The project has received the Research Clearance from the Tanzania Commission of Science and Technology (COSTECH).

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Researchers are interested in what kind of misunderstandings might be present in relation to the tree-growing among smallholder farmers as well as small and medium-scale investors. The research team has already interviewed several village-based tree growers and authorities at village and district level. Many of the interviewees mentioned that there would be a need for a forum where different actors in small and medium-scale private plantation forestry could share their views. According to Dr. Ubaldus J. Tumaini, Senior Researcher at CBE, the idea of MAKUTANO research project is to co-produce new knowledge together with tree growers and other actors.

The planned workshop will be useful event to learn about how collaboration could be improved. At the later stage, this knowledge will be compiled to a Policy Brief and communicated to decision makers. There has been quite a limited research about the small and medium-scale investments in private tree planting in Southern Highlands.

According to Dr. Tumaini, the researchers would like to interview especially urban-based investors – in other words those investors who are living far from their tree plantations. Dr. Tumaini calls these investors as translocal forest owners. If you are translocal forest owner and willing to share your views and possible concerns on small and medium-scale private plantation forestry, contact us

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One of the good Engineering Wood Machine with more than RR50% works inside the forest plantation at Mafinga.

Mitibiaahara Forum currently have been more interactive in what's app Group and Other online forums including the android applications with an engaging topics towards forests activities, Where as many people have get clear understanding about the forest activities, and get enough chance to ask and answers have been provided by the professional forester.

Mitibiashara Forum WhatsApp. Group with more than members, which enable the exchange of informations and sell land/forest/timber, Join today get in touch expertise.

The future plans for the MBF is to create more engaging content in forums and the other online platforms.

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 Community projects
 Health & Safety Representative
 Operational Leadership Fire Management Training Courses

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 Advanced Fire Fighting Training
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Forestry Business Innovative Company

Is a registered company number 459704 by the Tanzania Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) specialised in provision of Commercial forestry support services. Initially, it started as a small firm in 2018, being called Shalom Enterprises with our operations focusing in Kilolo district, Iringa region with three founding members. The firm started growing slowly, and within the first year alone, we managed to provide services to 6 clients who wanted to buy land and establish forest plantations in the area. Towards the end of 2018, we received a call from Forestry Development Trust who wanted to learn about the services offered by our firm and how they trust could contribute to the improvement of these services and provide market linkages. Later on in 2018, FDT staffs visited us in Dar es salaam and we had a fruitful meeting, FDT agreed to support us on capacity building, as they learnt that we had only one forestry professional in our team and also they promised that they could invite us to promote our business during their Medium tree growers events famously known as Mitibiashara events.



In May 2019, as promised, we got an invitation to attend Mitibiashara event which took place on 18th May 2019 at Seashells Hotel, Dar es salaam. The events brought in many other Service providers as well as medium tree growers (clients) and potential medium tree growers from Dar es salaam, Zanzibar, Morogoro, Mbeya and Coastal region. The event provided a room for discussing opportunities and challenges facing medium scale tree growers (target market segment) in Tanzania. At the end of the event, each Service provider was granted an opportunity to promote his/her services. We managed to get a chance to know other Service providers and potential clients as well. FDT provided us with training materials and organised capacity building in collaboration with African Forestry (AF) for at least 15 Forestry service providers.



The capacity building took place in July 2019 in the Southern highlands involving experts from large private forestry companies (Green Resources, Sao Hill Industries and Tanganyika Wattle Company), Sao Hill government plantation and private small and medium tree growers 'nurseries and plantations. We had opportunity to promote our services to large forestry companies and Green Resources Tanzania management were highly impressed with the introduction of forestry service companies and they pointed out that, they were willing to work with only registered service providers. Apart from capacity building on forestry technical skills, they (FDT & AF) also hired Legal experts who exposed us on legal issues related to land acquisition, business registration and the importance of entering contractual agreement with our clients.

The capacity building and exposure visits changed the way we used to operate completely, we decided to rename Shalom Enterprise to Forestry Business Innovate Company (FOBUICO). We went further and registered the company to BRELA, TRA for TIN and opened a bank account to NMB bearing our company name. We wanted to have all necessary documents so that we could not miss opportunities ahead of us. With the above documents, we have managed to increase the number of our clients from six (6) to eleven (11) Tanzanian medium tree growers and one large company, Green Resources Tanzania in which we took a contract to do land preparation and plant three hundreds hectares.

Our current services are:-

Land acquisition· Seedling production (nursery)·

Land preparation· Plantation establishment and management· Verification

Our next services will include:-

Forest valuation·

Timber processing·

Sale of fire suppression tools

As of December 2019, our company has provided employment to 81 people in different areas we are operating, and we have extended our reach to more districts in the southern highlands of Tanzania. We are so proud with the support extended to us by Forestry Development Trust and African Forestry, we are who we are today because of their moral, material and technical support and the linkages they have provided to us.

UBORA FORESTRY SOLUTIONS AND GENERAL SUPPLY

Ubora Forestry Solutions and General Supply is a quality-driven forestry Service provider established in 2019 with a team of Foresters and Business professionals who possess a proven practical knowledge in commercial forestry. The company is registered by BRELA with registration number 461731. The company team members have undergone a rigorous training process in commercial forestry and business development supported by the Forestry Development Trust for 9 months. African Forestry and Forestry Development Trust exposed the team to African Forestry members to learn from their experienced forestry experts at both Green Resources and Tanganyika Wattle Company. The team decided to put the lesson learned into practice, we managed to produce and sale 150,000 seedlings from improved seeds and provided plantation establishment services to 6 clients in Njombe and Mahenge since January 2020 and some of them are still in progress.

Products/Services

Description:

Support services Services description:

Land acquisition·

Site-Species-Matching·

Plantation establishment and management·

Forest verification·

Forest valuation & forest business plans



CORE TEAM DETAILS:

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The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on human life and brought major disruption to economic activity across the world. The impact of this unprecedented crisis on human life and the global economy reflects the speed and magnitude of the contagion, greater global integration, and the major role that China plays in global supply chains, travel, and commodity markets.

Despite a late arrival, the COVID-19 virus has spread rapidly across eastern and Sub-Saharan Africa in recent weeks. It is projected World Bank projects that economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa will decline from 2.4 percent in 2019 to -2.1 to -5.1 percent in 2020, the first recession in the region in 25 years. It will cost the region between US\$37 billion and US\$79 billion in terms of output losses for 2020. The downward growth revision in 2020 reflects macroeconomic risks arising from the sharp decline in output growth among the region's key trading partners, including China and the euro area, the fall in commodity prices, reduced tourism activity in several countries, as well as the effects of measures to contain the COVID-19 global pandemic.

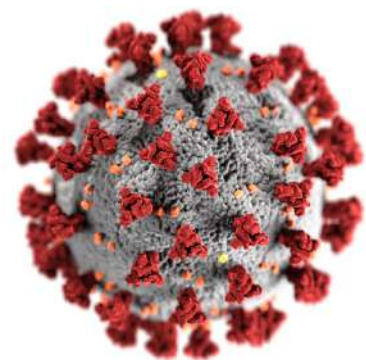
The COVID-19 shock is hitting the region's three largest economies (Nigeria, South Africa, and Angola) in a context of persistently weak growth and investment, and declining commodity prices. The downward growth revision in 2020 reflects macroeconomic risks arising from the sharp decline in output growth among the region's key trading partners, including China and the euro area, the fall in commodity prices, reduced tourism activity in several countries, as well as the effects of measures to contain the COVID-19 global pandemic.

For commercial forestry impacts are already apparent in Real estate; Contracting construction sector; Spill over from global recession and Tightening government purse strings & aid budgets recession by the dip in demand of EWPs, sawn timber and poles. The credit crunch will also increase the need for capital for firms to ride out the pandemic shock waves. In addition, the Disrupted supply chains and increased cost of inputs will drastically increase the costs of production. Companies are now adopting standard operating procedures for dealing with the threat of COVID-19 at workplaces. As some countries are now coming out of various forms of lock-down, severe job cuts and tax buffs maybe required to get operations running as smoothly especially due to cash flow issues.

During this transition period African Forestry urges its members and partners to continue taking health precautions and while working with workers unions and Governments to find amicable solutions amid the crisis. AF will continue to push for measures mitigating impacts resulting from COVID-19 through its platforms.



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A young pine tree with vibrant green needles stands in the foreground, its trunk slightly curved. The background is a soft-focus landscape of rolling green hills and distant mountains under a blue sky with light clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of growth and environmental stewardship.

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