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**WWF, TRAFFIC & SADC cordially invite
you to attend the side event:**

**EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE
INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EASTERN AND
SOUTHERN AFRICA ON TACKLING THE ILLEGAL
TRADE OF TIMBER**

**Wednesday, 9 September, 2015
12:45 – 14.15
Meeting room 11AB**

This side event will focus on exploring ways in which forest agencies, customs and other key institutions in Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, Uganda and Mozambique can collaborate to stem rampant illegal timber trade in their countries and the region.

Panelists:

Mr. Juma Mgoo

Chief Executive, Forest Agency, Tanzania

Dr. Sheha Idrisa Hamdan

Director, Zanzibar Department of Forestry and Non-Renewable Resources

Mr. Claudio Afonso

*Forest Engineer, Department of Lands and Forestry
Ministry of Agriculture, Mozambique*

Mr. Alex Lemarkokz

Deputy Director, Kenya Forestry Service

Representative

Southern African Development Community

Representative

East African Community

Across the region, there is an imbalance between domestic supply and demand contributing to the increase of illegal trade in timber within countries and across national borders. The scale of this trade continues to challenge the effectiveness of current national and regional mechanisms in controlling illegal trade in timber. Countries must collaborate more effectively across the region if there is to be greater progress in stemming illegal trade in timber.

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