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Invitation to nominate a representative to the national standard-setting working group for the national forest and wood products certification system

Guyana is developing a national forest and wood products certification system to assist forest operators in Guyana to demonstrate both legality and sustainability on the international markets.

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) will be having an upcoming engagement to form the National Standard Setting Working Group (NSSWG) for Guyana's national forest and wood products certification system.

The NSSWG will develop the standard and the associated procedures that will be the basis for the national certification system.

The GFC has committed to completing the national certification system by the end of 2021 to be available for international assessment and endorsement by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification systems (PEFC) sometime in 2022.

We expect to finalise the composition of the NSSWG at this meeting on April 30, 2021, and encourage you to send us suggested candidates for this Working Group **by close of business on Friday, April 30, 2021. You can do so by contacting us through our email: guyanaforestrypec@gmail.com or calling us on 223 5136.**

In suggesting your candidates for the Working Group, consideration should be given to ensure that the following key sectors (based on the UN Agenda 21) are covered. Also, each candidate suggested should play an active role in the forestry sector so that all forestry stakeholders are well represented:

- Business and industry;
- Non-governmental organizations;
- Scientific and technological communities;
- Loggers and small forest landowners;
- Workers and trade unions;
- Local authorities;
- Indigenous people;
- Women;
- Children and youth

If you have any further questions regarding this email, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Basmatee Mohabeer at the FLEGT Secretariat at the GFC.