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**PUBLIC ANOUNCEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA'S
NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD AND
CERTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) is developing a national forest management standard for endorsement by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). This will lead to the establishment of a national forest and wood products chain of custody and forest management certification system for Guyana.

The Guyana national forest and wood products certification system, when established and endorsed by the PEFC, will enable Guyanese wood producers to access markets that require evidence for both sustainability and legality.

It builds on the work Guyana has done on the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union.

The initiative will also support two key initiatives in Guyana:

- the national Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS); and
- Guyana's international arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway related to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus (REDD+).

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