

Forest-based value chains in Africa

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Promoting EU interventions related to forest investments

A PROMISING SECTOR FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND TRADE

Sustainable and inclusive **forest-based value chains** are key to a new EU approach to forests, reflected also in the Forest Partnerships.

They serve EU Global Gateway ambitions attracting green investments, and mitigating climate change, by creating:

- More formal forest jobs
- More value and revenues
- New sustainable wood and non-wood sectors
- Legal deforestation-free production and trade

Feasibility studies for selected products 2025

- Promising investment cases for the African region
- Support to promising less developed value chains
- Alignment with Global Gateway and national/regional priorities
- Meeting EU interests and values

WOOD products

Solid wood products (sawnwood, wood panels, engineered wood and furniture products)



NON-WOOD products

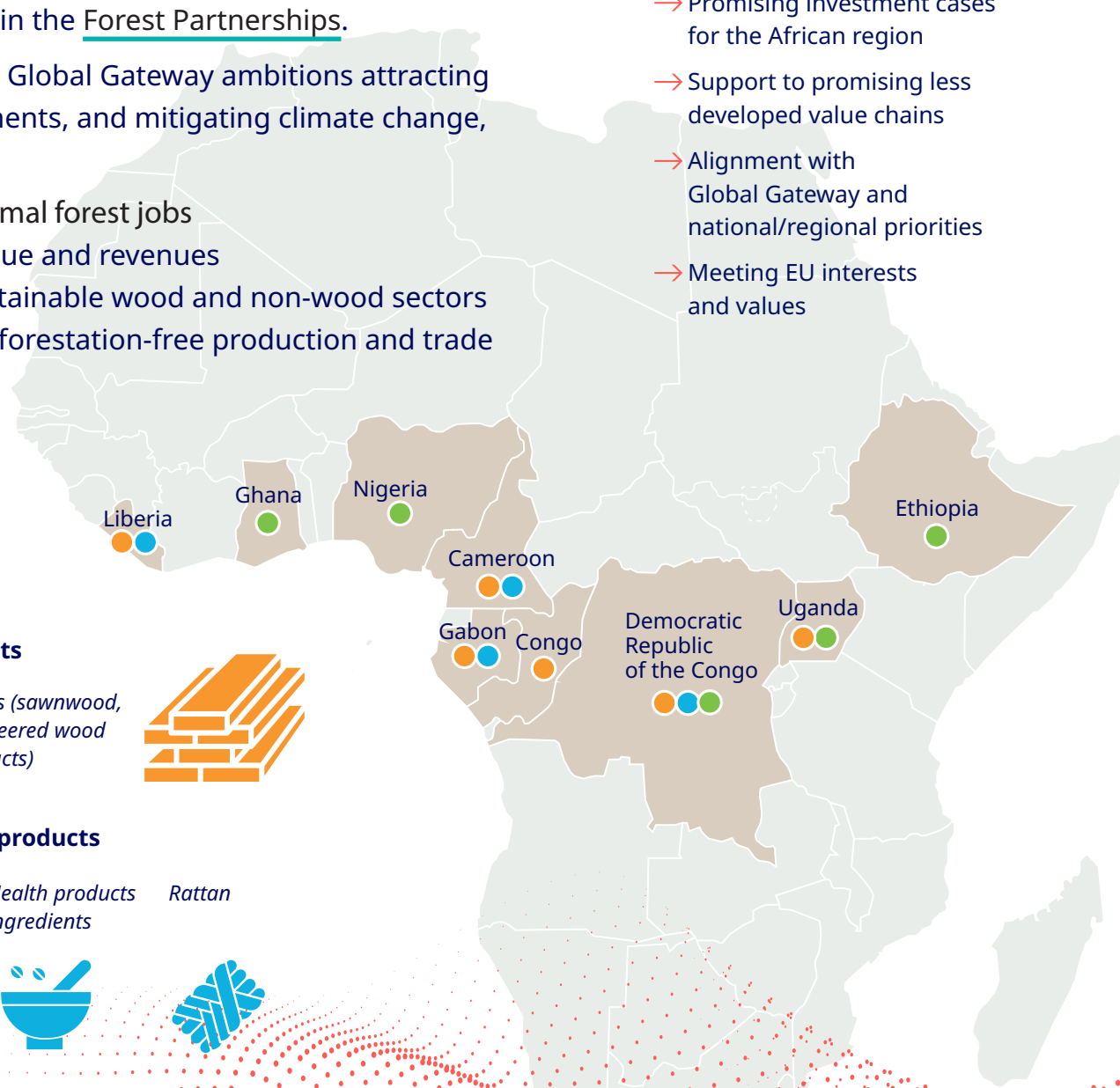
Bamboo



Health products ingredients



Rattan



DEMAND, MARKET TRENDS AND TRADE FLOWS

Products selected for the feasibility studies are those with a **high potential for growth** and a substantial **EU trade interest**.

WOOD PRODUCTS

Sub-saharan countries are important wood products exporters despite an overall negative trade balance



- **Trade deficit**
for all wood products
for most countries*
- **Increasing global demand**
by 0.4 to 1.2% per year
- **Asia and EU main trading partners**
(roundwood exports mostly to China, added value products to EU and China)
- **Solid wood products**
(sawnwood and wood panels) dominate with growing trade flows

* except for Congo Basin, Uganda and Tanzania with surpluses varying from USD 75 million to 1 billion



NON-WOOD PRODUCTS

An increasing internal and external demand

Bamboo

i.e. used for plaiting, fibre composites, baskets, plywood, furniture and edible bamboo shoots

- **Asia and Africa main trading partners**
(exports mainly to African countries, imports from China)
- **Demand** is anticipated to grow in the region

Forest ingredients for health products

i.e. Iboga, Prunus africana, Griffonia, Cinchona, Okoumé oil, Moabi oil, kola nuts, grains of paradise (Aframomum melegueta)

- **Production and export data very scanty**
due to largely informal character of the sector
- High annual growth rates in the **health and dietary** supplement markets

Rattan

- **Furniture market potential**
(active domestic markets with 20 species in Western and Central Africa)