



ROSTAND MOUTOU-PITTI

From France to Sweden



Project: **Effects of climatic and mechanical variations on timber durability**

Research topic: **Engineering**

Swedish Institution: **Luleå University of Technology**

French Institution: **University Blaise Pascal Auvergne**

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PRESENTATION

[Rostand Moutou-Pitti](#) is an Associate Researcher at the Gabon Center for Scientific Research and Technological Development ([CENAREST](#)) and Professor at the [University Blaise Pascal](#) where he teaches structural mechanics, civil engineering materials (wood, composites, steel) and finite elements. He obtained his PhD in Civil Engineering and Mechanics from the [University of Limoges](#) in 2008 and was habilitated (HDR) in 2015.

ACTIVITIES IN SWEDEN

Rostand Moutou-Pitti's mobility to [Luleå University of Technology's](#) (LTU) [campus in Skellefteå](#) was mainly constituted by discussions with [Prof. Dick Sandberg](#), head of the [Division for Wood Science Engineering](#), located in Skellefteå, and editor in chief of the [Review Wood Material Science and Engineering](#). They exchanged views on wood mechanics and their tropical dimensions, common research projects, and envisaged a co-tutored PhD project with sub-Saharan countries. He also had discussions with [Assc. Prof. Manja Kitek Kuzman](#) ([University of Ljubljana](#)), [Prof. Mats Ekevad](#) (LTU) and [Assc. Prof. Olov Karlson](#) (LTU). They all participated in a visit to the [laboratories](#) and evaluated experimental opportunities.

Future mobilities of the Swedish colleagues to the University Blaise Pascal and a research visit from PhD student [Pambou Nziengui](#) (University Blaise Pascal) to Luleå were envisaged. An eventual field trip to Gabon for Moutou-Pitti, Sandberg and Kitek Kuzman were also planned.