Chatham House Global Forum on Forest Governance Number 30

13-17 July 2020
Online via Zoom

Monday 13 July 2020

14:00 - 15:30 BST  Panel 1: International Trade, and its Role in Leveraging Forest Sector Reform

International trade has been assumed to be an important lever in driving governance reforms and changes in business practices in the forest, agriculture and land use (AFOLU) sector. This panel will scrutinize international trade mechanisms and regulations, including free-trade agreements, voluntary partnership agreements, trade restrictions and bans. The effectiveness of different policy tools in promoting improved governance and sustainable production and trade will be considered, including their impact on livelihoods, domestic markets, land and forest management. Further, it will reflect on the implications of these experiences for future efforts to reform the AFOLU sector through trade mechanisms, particularly in the context of Covid-19.

The panel discussion will be followed by a live Q+A. Panellist details will be shared shortly.

Tuesday 14 July 2020

11:00 - 12:30 BST  Panel 2: Options for Demand-Side Regulations: Aligning with Producer Country Priorities

Demand side regulations have been widely used as a tool aimed at reducing negative environmental and social impacts in commodity supply chains, for example, on conflict minerals; illegal timber; and cross-sectoral requirements on human rights. The US, EU and UK are currently exploring the further use of such measures to reduce the environmental and social impacts of imported goods.

This panel will bring together experts from key producer countries and trading partners to hear perspectives on the potential implications of such legislation for their countries. The needs and priorities of producer countries for their land-use sectors will be considered, and the extent to which these intersect with potential new demand-side regulations in the EU and US. The types of measures that would best support their domestic agendas for sustainable development will be discussed.

The panel discussion will be followed by a live Q+A. Panellist details will be shared shortly.
Wednesday 15 July 2020

14:00 - 15:30 BST     Panel 3: Transparency in the Forest and Land-Use Sector

Improving forest sector transparency has been a priority for those seeking to strengthen forest governance. This panel will consider what progress has been made with respect to government and private sector transparency, reflecting on how public and private sector initiatives have been interacting, drawing on experience in Africa and Asia. What types of information have been most useful and how this information has been used, and by which stakeholders will also be discussed? Panellists will give their perspectives on where gaps remain, and what measures should be prioritized, to further support accountable and effective governance in the forest and land-use sectors.

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Friday 17 July 2020

11:00 - 12:30 BST     Panel 4: Emerging and Radical Ideas for Forests

This panel will discuss the emerging and radical narratives related to forests, land use and livelihoods considering how these narratives and frameworks could reduce poverty and inequality, the implications for climate and biodiversity objectives, the necessary changes that would allow for the transitions that are envisioned, and how we can ensure the younger and future generations will not be hindered from enjoying nature.

An online discussion with younger people (18-30) in Africa and Europe will be convened prior to the live event via Chatham House’s ‘Common Futures’ platform, to collate views and questions on this matter, which panellists will respond to during the live event.

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