

29th Global Forum on Forest Governance

1-2 July 2019

Venue: Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LE

This meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish

Monday 1 July

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 10:30 | Session 1 | Coordinating deforestation and legality initiatives

In response to growing concern about climate change, there have been an increasing number of initiatives aimed at reducing deforestation in tropical forest countries, both national and international. This session will focus on how these initiatives are being coordinated and integrated with efforts to improve legal compliance in the forest sector; what opportunities these have presented as well as challenges.

Chair: Alison Hoare | Chatham House

Speakers: Roselyn Fosuah Adjei | Forestry Commission, Ghana
Tackling deforestation: linkages and coordination with forest legality initiatives

Saah David | Forestry Development Authority, Liberia

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 | Session 2 | Ghana's progress towards a legal & sustainable forest sector

This session will consider the impact that the VPA process has had to date on forest sector governance in Ghana, and the implications of this for the country's ambition to increase forest cover as part of its climate strategy. The lessons that can be applied to other land-use sectors will be addressed, focusing in particular on cocoa.

Chair: Caroline Haywood | Client Earth

Speakers: Chris Beeko | Forestry Commission, Ghana
Perspectives on, and potential of, the VPA governance model: Lessons from Ghana

Clement Kojo Akapame | TaylorCrabbe Initiative
Transformations in the development and enforcement of forest legislation in Ghana

Duncan Brack | Independent
Tackling the impacts of cocoa production: Options for the EU

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch

13:30-15:00 | Session 3 | Honduras – next steps for implementing the VPA

The VPA between the EU and Honduras was agreed in June 2018. In this session, the next steps for its implementation will be set out, as well as perspectives from the private sector on what they hope will result from the VPA.

Chair: Nhaydú Bohorquez | FAO

Speakers: Mario Antonio Martínez Padilla | Institute for Forest Conservation, Protected Areas and Wildlife (ICF)

Norma Rodríguez | Honduran Federation of Agroforestry Cooperatives (FEHCAFOR)

Juan Francisco Santos García | Association of Foresters of Honduras (ANASILH)

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee

15:30 – 17:00 | Session 4 | Forest sector transparency

Focusing on contractual and revenue transparency, this session will consider the impact to date of EU reporting requirements and international initiatives in promoting greater transparency in the forest sector.

Chair: Steffen Lackmann | GIZ

Speakers: Clotilde Henriot | Client Earth
Obstacles to the applicability of the EU company reporting rules in the logging sector

Marie-Ange Kalenga | Fern
Forest revenue transparency: What do the VPAs and EITI bring?

Kerstin Canby | Forest Trends and Hugh Speechly | Independent
EITI & FLEGT in Myanmar: impacts on transparency and reform

17:00 – 19:00 | Reception

Tuesday 2 July

09:00 – 09:30 | Coffee

09:30 – 11:00 | Session 5 | Progress in forest sector enforcement

This session will consider how approaches to enforcement are being adapted in response to new opportunities and challenges in the forest sector, particularly those that have arisen from reforms implemented under the VPAs. In addition, the application of approaches developed in the wildlife sector aimed at strengthening the gathering of legal evidence will be presented.

Chair: Aurelian Mbzibain | University of Wolverhampton

Speakers: Rasio Ridho Sani | Law Enforcement of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (GAKKUM), Indonesia
Enhancing good forest governance through law enforcement in forest-related crimes

Luc Mathot | Conservation Justice, Gabon
Tackling illegal logging in Gabon: experiences and lessons

Fernando Navarro Trinca | Interpol

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee

11:30 – 13:00 | Session 6 | Supporting legal compliance: successful approaches to support the private sector

In collaboration with the Global Timber Forum, this session will provide perspectives on the opportunities and challenges that are faced by the private sector to achieve legal compliance and/or to meet due diligence requirements, and what their needs are for capacity building.

Chair: David Hopkins | Timber Trade Federation

Speakers: Andrew Escott | Global Timber Forum, UK

Ruth Nogueron | WRI, USA

Benoît Jobbé-Duval | ATIBT

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 | Session 7 | Gender equity in forest and land-use policy-making

In collaboration with the Rights and Resources Initiative, this session focuses on the critical importance of promoting gender equality in forest policy processes to ensure successful shared development goals. The presenters will share practical approaches and tools to enable rural and indigenous women to be fully engaged in forest governance processes and institutions, and discuss the role of the international community in advancing women's rights.

Chair: Penny Davies | Ford Foundation

Speakers: Claire Biason-Lohier | Rights & Resources Initiative, USA

Enabling conditions to strengthen indigenous and community women's governance rights

Doreen Asumang-Yeboah | Tropenbos, Ghana
Mainstreaming gender in FLEGT-VPA implementation in Ghana

Melania Canales Poma | ONAMIAP, Peru
Indigenous women and territorial governance

Loretta Alethea Pope Kai | Foundation for Community Initiatives, Liberia
Land is power: How land rights can enfranchise Liberia's women

16:00 – 17:00 | Coffee

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