

Making forests fair

A practical guide for civil society taking part in FLEGT VPA negotiations

What is a FLEGT VPA?

European Council concludes VPAs should:

Strengthen land tenure and access rights

Strengthen stakeholder participation

Increase transparency

Reduce corruption



Good forest governance



VPA: A PROCESS, NOT JUST A DOCUMENT



What do you want to achieve?



Pre-negotiations

Form a coalition

Sustainable, representative, effective, with shared principles

Find allies

Allies at the local, national and international level

Own the process

Establish your status early on, share information

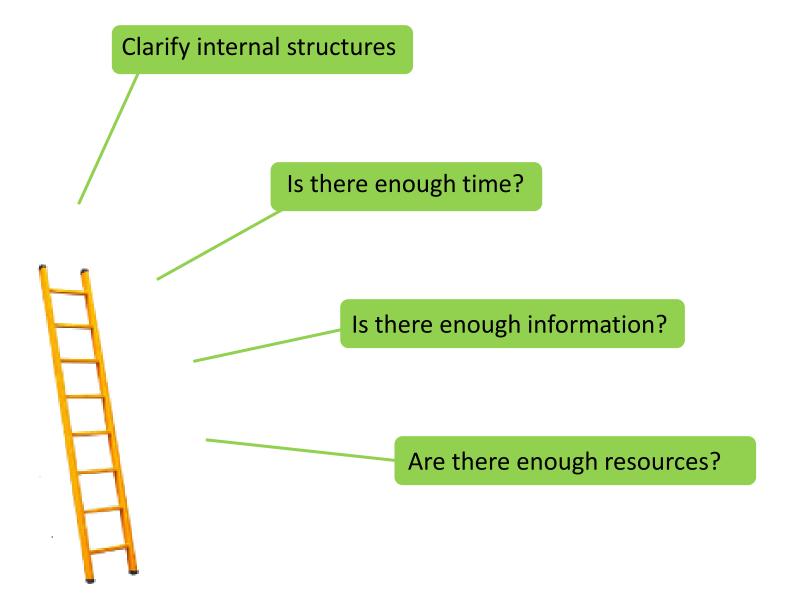


Negotiations

"strengthen effective participation of all stakeholders notably of non-state actors and indigenous peoples in policy-making and implementation." reforzar la participación efectiva de todas las partes interesadas, principalmente de agentes no estatales y de poblaciones autóctonas (¹), en las decisiones políticas y su aplicación;



Negotiations



Negotiations – Legal reform

Set the agenda



Clarify laws

Reform unjust laws

Incorporate international and customary laws

Negotiations – A learning approach

"Making it up as we go along"

What do you want to achieve?



Implementation – staying in the driving seat

PRE-NEGOTIATION NEGOTIATION IMPLEMENTATION



Probably more than you could ever want to know about civil society involvement in VPAs



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