

Conference Agenda

	Time	Activity	Chair
20 th Feb	8:00-9:00	Registration	
	9:00-10:15 Opening Session		
	9:00-9:20 Welcoming remarks		
	9:00-9:10	- ZHAO Lianjun, Municipal Party Secretary, The communist party of Suifenhe, Heilongjiang Province	CHEN Shaozhi
	9:10-9:20	-Alexander Mariev , Division Director, Ministry of Natural Resource and Ecology of Russia	
	9:20-10:15 Keynote Speech		
	9:20-9:40	Review on China's oversea forestry investment situation -ZHANG Yanhong, Deputy Director-General, Department of Development Planning & Assets Management, State Forestry Administration of China (SFA)	CHEN Shaozhi
	9:40-10:00	Advances in Russian legislative tools for timber legality confirmation (Roundwood Regulation Act) -Aleksenko Aleksandr, Deputy Director of Russian Far East Forestry Institute	
	10:00-10:15	Q&A	
	10:15-10:45	Coffee Break	
	10:45 -12:00 Session 1: Overview of Sino-Russian Forest Products Trade and Its Economic Significance		
	10:45-11:05	The China effort on combating illegal logging and associated trade -CHEN Shaozhi, Director, Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry	Vincent Van Den Berk
11:05-11:25	Forest Products Trade between Russia and China -Kerstin Canby, Director of Forest Trends' Forest Trade and Finance Program		

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	11:25-11:45	Impacts of illegal wood trade on Russian Far East and recommendations for addressing this problem - Brian Milakovsky, WWF Russia	
	11:45-12:00	Q&A	
	12:00-13:30	Working Lunch	
13:30- 15:15 Session 2: Responsible Investment and Ensuring Legal Supply of Russian Wood Products to China			
	13:30-13:45	Overview of international timber legality requirements. – Vincent van den Berk, Head of Asia Regional Office, EFI EU FLEGT Facility	SUN Xiufang
	13:45-14:00	Analysis of the Russian "Round Wood Act" -Christian Sloth, Manager of Forest Legality Program, Nepcon	
	14:00-14:15	Impacts of USA Lacey for RFE-China wood trade -Kate Horner, Director of Forest Campaigns, Environmental Investigation Agency (US)	
	14:15-14:30	ENPI East FLEG II Program and World Bank Russia cooperation in the Forestry Sector -Andrew Michael Mitchell, Sr Forestry Specialist, Europe and Central Asia Region, The World Bank	
	14:30-14:45	EBRD-FAO Forest Sector Study and Investment Roadmap in the Russian Far East -Jukka Tissari, Officer, Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries of FAO	
	14:45-15:15	Q&A	
	15:15-15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45-17:15 Session 3: Panel discussion on initiatives adopted by private sector			

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	15:20-16:50	Business Roundtable Discussion	CHEN Yong
	17:15 -17:30	Summary of the first day-- Kerstin Canby	
	17:40-19:30	Working Dinner	
21 st Feb	9:00 -10:20 Session 4: Enforcement practices to ensure legal supply of Russian timber to China		
	9:00-9:20	Overview of technologies for identifying wood species and origin -John Hermanson, Forest Products Lab, US Forest Service	JIN Zhonghao
	9:20-9:40	Wood import documentation and monitoring procedures in China -JIN Hongman, Deputy Director General, Suifenhe Customs	
	9:40-10:00	Overview of documentation of Russian wood products at point of export -Speaker from Russian	
	10:00-10:20	Q&A	
	10:20-10:50	Coffee Break	
	10:50-11:50 Session 5: Open discussion on further regional collaboration and next steps		
	10:45-11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing research and further research needs Governments' aspect Industry's aspect International organization's aspect 	Aimi LEE
	11:50 -12:00	Wrap up- Mr. CHEN Shaozhi	
	12:00-13:00	Working Lunch	
13:00-17:00	Field Trip		
17:30-19:00	Working Dinner		

Brief Introduction of Organizers

Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information (RIFPI of CAF)

The RIFPI is one of research institutes and centers under CAF which is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary and public research institution directly under the State Forestry Administration, and a special institution in China which undertakes the study of macro forestry strategy, forestry policy and forestry economy as well as scientific literature and information processing service. It is also where the Center for National Forestry Technology Literatures, the Center for National Forestry Technology Counseling and the Center for National Forestry Technological Information are located. In addition, the CAF Library is facilitated to the RIFPI, which boasts 800,000 monographs, subscribes over 700 foreign journals and more than 500 Chinese journals and maintain the business relationship with over 150 documentation institutions from 40-odds countries.

The RIFPI has trained and recruited talents in recent years for the study on China's macro sustainable development strategy, special study on forestry planning for some provinces and autonomous regions, as well as the studies of forest certification and sustainable management, community forestry, forest resource accounting and environment economy and forest product trade. With regard to international cooperation, the intelligence research institute of Chinese Academy of Forestry has established literature exchange relationships with many forestry developed countries since the 1950s. As of the 1990s, the RIFPI has maintained and developed close cooperation with international organizations such as ITTO, FAO, DFID, GEF, EFI, UNDP, EU, GTZ, RA, WWF, TNC as well as some countries and regions like the EU, Germany, Finland and Japan.

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Center for International Forest Products Trade, State Forestry Administration of China (CINFT, SFA)

Under the guidance by the Department of Development Planning and Finance Management, State Forestry Administration (SFA), and based in the Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF), the SFA Research Center for International Forest Product Trade (hereinafter referred as “the center”) is engaged in studying trade policy on forest products, providing technical supports to trade negotiations, promoting trades, etc. It aims at providing suggestions for the decision making related to forest products trade in China, supplying foreign consultancies, building a platform for exchanges among governments, business and domestic and overseas forestry institutions and accelerating the sustainable development of China’s trade in forest products.

The key tasks of the center are:

- (1) Studies on policies of forest product trade and forest product markets;
- (2) Providing technical support for SFA in related international trade negotiations;
- (3) Building and maintaining the forest products databases and data platform;
- (4) Monitoring forest product businesses and releasing information on forest products trades;
- (5) Promoting forest product trades, i.e. organizing symposia, workshops, exhibitions and expositions in China; and
- (6) Providing consulting service of forest product market to the industry.

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Forest Trends

Forest Trends is a Washington D.C.-based international non-profit organization that was created in 1999 by leaders from conservation organizations, forest products firms, research groups, multilateral development banks, private investment funds and philanthropic foundations. Our mission is four-fold: to expand the value of forests to society; to promote sustainable forest management and conservation by creating and capturing market values for ecosystem services; to support innovative projects and companies that are developing these markets; and to enhance the livelihoods of local communities living in and around those forests. We do this by analyzing strategic market and policy issues, catalyzing connections between forward looking producers, communities and investors, and developing new financial tools to help markets work for conservation and people. Our approach integrates the fundamental dimensions of ecology, economy and equity because our goal is to have an impact on a scale that is meaningful globally and for a diverse set of stakeholders.

The family of Forest Trends Initiatives includes Ecosystem Marketplace, the Katoomba Group, BBOP, MARES, Community & Markets, Forest Trade & Finance, Water Initiative, and Public Private Co-finance Initiative.

For Forest Trade & Finance initiative, in China Forest Trends has worked on promoting legal and sustainable timber trade through research, training, and organizing international workshops/conferences for the past ten years. We support policy making and practices for China's responsible timber import. For more information please visit: www.forest-trends.org

European Forest Institute (EFI) EU FLEGT Facility

The EU FLEGT Facility supports the European Union, EU member states, developing country governments and forest stakeholders in implementing the EU FLEGT Action Plan. Through our support to the Action Plan, we at the Facility combat illegal logging and strengthen forest governance while encouraging sustainable economic development in countries that produce or process timber and export timber and timber products to the EU. We work in more than 30 countries in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America.

A Voluntary Partnership Agreement or VPA is a legally binding trade agreement between the EU and a timber-exporting country outside the EU. A VPA develops in stages which often include: informing, preparing to negotiate, negotiating, implementing the VPA and operating the FLEGT licensing system. At the end of the process, a VPA country can issue FLEGT licences for timber and timber products. FLEGT licences will be accepted in EU countries as a means to comply with the EU Timber Regulation, another measure of the EU FLEGT Action Plan, which came into effect 3 March 2013.

The Facility is an independent and neutral supporter of VPA processes. We provide support to stakeholders, partner country governments and EU institutions. For example, we:

- Inform countries about the FLEGT Action Plan
- Support national dialogues on whether to pursue a VPA
- Advise partner countries on technical aspects of VPAs
- Advise countries on multi-stakeholder processes
- Assist countries in developing their frameworks for a VPA legality assurance system
- Commission studies on market developments, trade flows, legality assurance system testing and other technical issues
- Collaborate with regional programmes to complement and support actions already taking place

We also work in regional settings. We work to integrate FLEGT in regional institutions, networks and initiatives, share information, network and build capacity. We also assist the EU by facilitating FLEGT dialogues in major timber trading countries such as China and India.

In China we have conducted activities on awareness raising, information sharing and capacity building related to the FLEGT Action Plan and the EU Timber Regulation. In 2009, European Union Environment Agency and the State Forestry Administration of the People Republic of China (SFA) established the EU- China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) to conduct policy dialogue and information exchange, as well as sharing of efforts and experiences on Legal Timber Verification. The FLEGT Facility supports the BCM through activities that include research, training, translations, etcetera.

For more information please visit: www.euflegt.efi.int

World Wide Fund for Nature(WWF)

WWF is one of the world's largest independent conservation organisations, with more than five million supporters and a global network active in more than one hundred countries. Through our engagement with the public, businesses and government, we focus on safeguarding the natural world, creating solutions to the most serious environmental issues facing our planet, so that people and nature thrive. Find out more about our work, past and present at www.wwfchina.org.