



Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange

April 5-7, 2017

FAO – Rome, Italy

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Background: Since 2012, Forest Trends and Chatham House have been working with officials from EU Member States and US Lacey enforcement agencies, to further understanding of complex high-risk supply chains for wood products and support coordinated implementation of the EU Timber Regulation and US Lacey Act. These two workstreams have merged into a process called the Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE), an ongoing series of networking and information-sharing meetings, which bring the growing group of officials together every six months.

Objective: The Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE) process aims to support robust and consistent enforcement of demand-side timber regulations by providing a forum for officials to gain detailed insight into high- and low-risk timber flows entering their countries, discuss practical enforcement issues with each other and relevant experts from the forest sector and other relevant product/environmental sectors, establish emergent norms for Due Diligence/care in relation to different forest products, and build relationships with producer country governments, industry representatives, and other stakeholders involved in combating illegal logging and promoting global markets for legal timber.

DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday April 5	
08.30 – 9:00	Coffee and registration
09.00 – 09.30	Aims and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks from FAO – Andrey Kushlin, Deputy Director of the Forest Policy and Resources Division and Robert Simpson, Manager of the FAO-FLEGT Programme
	Breakout groups - country document training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Republic of Congo• Gabon• Bosnia and Herzegovina

13.30 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 17.00 including coffee break at 15.30	Closed session: Case building experience <i>Peer sharing and facilitated discussion</i>
Thursday April 6	
09.30 – 11.30	Technology update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RADIX – Caroline Stein, Global Traceability • Global Risk Assessment Services Tool – Mohammad Abdel-Razek and Peter Hawighorst, GRAS • Cameroon timber tracking initiative – Jack Soh, FAO consultant
11.30 – 12:00	Coffee
12.00 – 13.30	Ivory coast stakeholder session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade data analysis - Marigold Norman, Forest Trends • Country risk assessment - Achille Djeagou, NepCon • Due Diligence in Ivory Coast - Katerina Germanis, Brooks Brothers UK
13.30 – 14:30	Lunch
14.30-16.00	Beyond illegal harvest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally-mandated social payments - Julia Christian, FERN • Labour rights and slavery in timber harvesting and processing - Sarah Hickman and Katie Kenrick, TFT Global
16.00 – 16:30	Coffee
16.30-17.30	Permitting without due process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Nkodia, Client Earth • Emily Unwin, Client Earth <i>Facilitated discussion</i>
Evening	Group Dinner
Friday April 7	
09.30 – 10.30	Closed session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of the Timber Sector reports – Sarah Fumey, FAO
10.30 – 12.30	Pulp and Paper – compliance challenges and standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import/export analysis - Jeremy Williams, Forest Trends consultant • Olivier Guichardon, CSR Director, Sequana Group • Chinese sourcing/DDS case studies – Xiao Ma, TFT Global • Thorsten Hinrichs, German Competent Authority

12.30 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 16.30 including coffee at 14.30	<p>Closed session: Flooring, panel furniture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement updates • High-risk products • Trade trends – import and export <p><i>Peer sharing and facilitated discussion</i></p>
17.00	Workshop ends

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