



FEBRUARY 14, 2008 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

AGENDA

Objective: The objective of meeting is for participants to develop a better understanding of the issues, different perspectives and different initiatives currently being undertaken by governments, industry and NGOs. Ultimately, our goal is to foster a constructive network of stakeholders interested in working on this issue. The main focus will be on issues that are pertinent to U.S.-based organizations and markets. This can include international developments in both producer and manufacturing countries exporting to the U.S. (e.g. Indonesia, China) or consumer countries importing U.S.-produced wood products (e.g. China, Europe).

Location: House of Sweden, 901 30th Street NW, Washington D.C. Please refer to the detailed directions at the end of this document.

Questions and RSVP: The Forum is open invitation but pre-registration is essential. In order to confirm you participation and allow us to provide adequate facilities, please RSVP to Luke Bailey at lbailey@forest-trends.org or 202-298-3006. Please feel free to contact Luke Bailey or Kerstin Canby, kcanby@forest-trends.org or 202-298-3015 with any questions.

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8:30 – 8:55 a.m.	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome <i>Michael Jenkins, President, Forest Trends</i> <i>Kerstin Canby, Director, Forest Trade & Finance, Forest Trends</i>
9:15 – 9:45	<i>Session 1: Sourcing of Wood Products</i> <i>Chair: Michael Jenkins, Forest Trends</i> Wood for Paper: Fiber Sourcing in the Global Pulp and Paper Industry (commissioned by the American Forest & Paper Association) <i>Al Goetzl, President, Seneca Creek Associates, LLC</i> The U.S. Green Building Council <i>Brendan Owens, Vice President, LEED Technical Development, U.S. Green Building Council</i> Questions

9:45 – 10:35	<p><i>Session 2: Initiatives in Europe and Canada</i> <i>Chair: Jagmohan Maini, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Initiatives in Europe <i>Julia Falconer, European Commission</i></p> <p>Canadian Government Perspective <i>Peter Besseau, Director of International Affairs, Canadian Forest Service</i></p> <p>Quebec Wood Export Bureau Auditing and Traceability System: A Canadian Commitment to Responsible Trade <i>Carl-Éric Guertin, Responsible Trade Manager, Quebec Wood Export Bureau</i></p> <p>Questions</p>
10:35 – 11:00	Coffee Break
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p> <p>11:30 – 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45</p>	<p><i>Session 3: Update on Legislative Initiatives</i> <i>Chair: Michael Jenkins, President, Forest Trends</i></p> <p>Using Trade Policy to Stop Illegal Logging <i>Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), U.S. House of Representatives</i></p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Update from an NGO Perspective <i>Sascha von Bismarck, Executive Director, Environmental Investigation Agency</i></p> <p>Revisions to the Lacey Act: Implications for Prosecutors <i>John Webb, Assistant Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice</i></p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Update on the Combat Illegal Logging Act (S.1930) <i>Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), U.S. Senate</i></p> <p>Questions</p>
12:45 – 1:40	Lunch
1:40 – 2:30	<p><i>Session 4: Post-Bali: Carbon and Forest Governance</i> <i>Chair: David Cassells, Director, The Nature Conservancy - Asia Pacific Forest Program, and Chief of Party, Responsible Asia Forestry & Trade (RAFT) Project</i></p> <p>Update on Bali and REDD <i>Kate Hamilton, Associate Director, Forest Trends</i></p>

	<p>REDD and Forest Governance: Supply and Demand Perspectives <i>Jade Saunders, FLEGT support team, European Forest Institute</i></p> <p>World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Governance in Practice <i>Ken Andrasko, Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, World Bank</i></p> <p>Questions</p>
2:30 – 3:40	<p><i>Session 5: Use of Market Based Instruments</i> <i>Chair: Alex Moad, Assistant Director for Technical Cooperation, USFS International Programs</i></p> <p>China: PEFC Certification and the Combat against Illegal Logging <i>Benson Yu, China Initiative Director, Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes</i></p> <p>The Role of Chain-of-Custody Standards and SFI Procurement Objectives in Sourcing Legal and Well Managed Forest Products <i>Kathy Abusow, President & CEO, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.</i></p> <p>Legality Verification: What Should Voluntary Programs for the Private Sector Include? <i>Jeff Hayward, Verification Services Manager, SmartWood Program</i></p> <p>Citigroup’s Environmental and Social Risk Management Policy <i>Courtney Lowrance, Vice-President for Environmental & Social Risk Management, Citigroup</i></p> <p>Questions</p>
3:40 – 4:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
4:00 – 5:15	<p><i>Session 6: Trade Agreements</i> <i>Chair: Edgar Maravi, Natural Resources Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p>Recent Trade-Related Initiatives to Address Illegal Logging <i>Mark Linscott, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Environment & Natural Resources, Office of the US Trade Representative</i></p> <p>Activities under the U.S.- Indonesia Memorandum of Understanding <i>David Brooks, Director for Natural Resources Policy & Environmental Reviews, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative</i></p> <p>Peru Free Trade Agreement: Perspective of House Ways & Means Committee <i>Viji Rangaswami, Deputy Staff Director, Trade Subcommittee, Ways & Means Committee, House of Representatives</i></p>

	<p>Peru Free Trade Agreement: Impact and Challenges in the Peruvian Forest Sector <i>Lucila Pautrat, Environmental & Forestry Specialist, Peruvian Public Ombudsman's Office (Defensoria del Pueblo)</i></p> <p>Questions</p>
<p>5:15 – 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrap-Up <i>Michael Jenkins, President, Forest Trends</i> <i>Kerstin Canby, Director of Forest Trade & Finance, Forest Trends</i></p>

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DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

Dear Colleague,

Forest Trends is pleased that you will join us Thursday February 14, 2008, for the 2nd Potomac Forum on Illegal Logging & Associated Trade in Washington D.C. Registration will take place from 8:30-8:55 a.m., and the conference will begin at 9:00.

Location: House of Sweden, Alfred Nobel Conference Hall
901 30th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

The House of Sweden (tel. 202-536-1500, <http://www.houseofsweden.com/>) is situated at the Georgetown Waterfront, facing the Potomac River. From the intersection of 30th St. & K St. NW, head south on 30th St. towards the river; House of Sweden is the last building on the left.

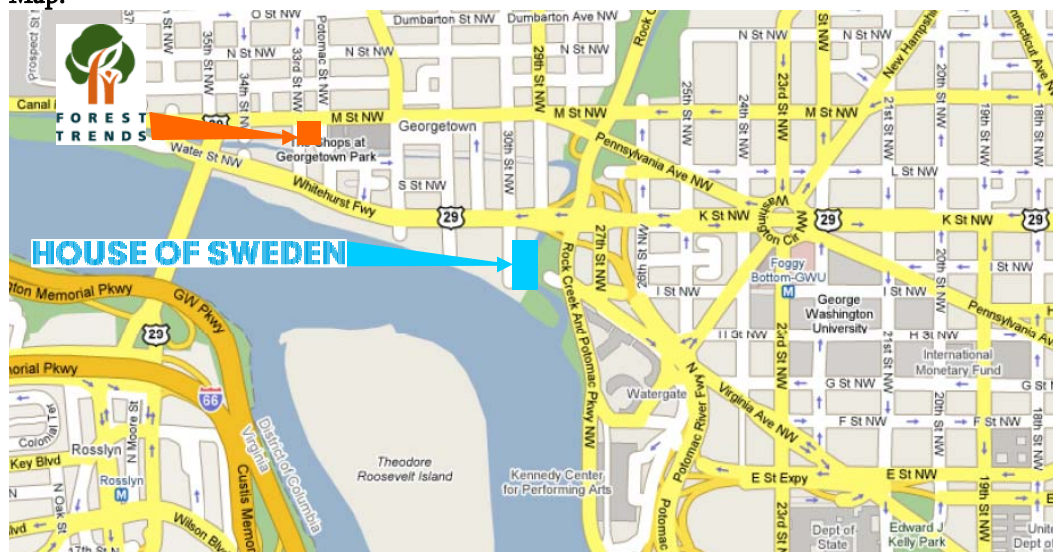
Accommodations:

For this one-day meeting, Forest Trends is unable to provide lodging for participants. Should you need to stay overnight in Washington D.C., we suggest you look into the Georgetown Suites for competitive rates and a convenient location to the meeting place (<http://www.georgetownSuites.com/>).

Public Transportation:

The closest Metrorail station to the House of Sweden is Foggy Bottom/George Washington University; about a 15 minute walk to the venue (see map below). The nearest Metrobus line is the 30s (30, 32, 34, 35, 36) which stop on M St. at 30th St. The Circulator bus makes a stop on K St. at 30th St. on its westbound route and M St. at Wisconsin Ave. when heading east.

Map:



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