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## The Chatham House Dialogue on Illegal Logging: an Option for China?

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# Chatham House – The Royal Institute of International Affairs

- International profile
- Long relationship with government
- Independence
- Convening power
- Culture of open debate
- Chatham House Rule



## Energy, Environment and Development Programme

- Trade and environment specialists
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements & WTO
- Environmental crime
- Natural resource governance
- Illegal Logging programme



# Illegal logging work programme

- Public procurement
- FLEGT licensing scheme
- Finance and investment
- Website
- Meetings programme



## International stakeholder updates

- Every 6 months
- 9<sup>th</sup> event in January 2007
- Emphasis on illegal logging not general forestry
- Structured around FLEGT Action Plan
- Wide-ranging agenda



## International stakeholder updates

- Broad group of stakeholders
- 20+ countries represented
- NGOs, governments and researchers initially
- Private sector and financiers increasing
- No formal outcomes
- Emphasis on discussion



## Strengths

- Built personal relationships
- Shared analysis of problems and solutions
- Developed momentum for reform
- Coordinated within UK, EU and beyond
- Supported progressive actors in govt and private sector



## How could it work in China?

- Support domestic and regional dialogue
- Inform on European market developments
- Chatham House core expertise – engage different constituents
- Emphasis on commodity trade and regional resource security rather than ‘forestry’



## Next steps

- Assess need
- Identify partners
- Invite participants in January



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