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
• 9th 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
Thank you

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