

Concept Note

The Forum: “**Governance, Legality Verification Systems, and Competitiveness of the Latin American Forest Sector**”, seeks to facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learnt to guide decision-making processes that will strengthen institutions and the business climate to enable fair and equitable forest management.

The forum is organized by TRAFFIC the wildlife trade monitoring network, EU FLEGT Facility, EU FLEGT FAO Program, the Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (ORMACC) of IUCN, the World Resources Institute (WRI), the World Wide Fund (WWF), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN South), the Ecuadorian Ministry of Environment, with the support of the Sustainable Forest Management Corporation (COMAFORS) in representation of the private forestry sector in Ecuador.

The forum will include keynote presentations on specific topics, which participants will have the opportunity to discuss in detail in working groups. At the end of each day, participants will reconvene in plenary sessions to outline and summarize their inputs, and provide feedback for decision makers.

Representatives from public, private sector and civil society organizations in Latin America have been invited to participate. Invitees include experts in governance, legality verification systems, and promotion of legal timber trade in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

The meeting will extend over 3 days. The first day will be focused on forest governance, the second day on traceability and control systems and the third day on competitiveness of the forest sector. An optional field trip is planned on the fourth day, to a site called Golondrinas which demonstrates practical application of forest sector control and monitoring by both the public and private entities.

The intended audience for the event are representatives from government agencies, private sector and civil society experts on the topics covered in the forum.

Attendance is expected to be around 120 individuals, including speakers and representatives from the public, private sector and civil society from Latin America.

Expected outputs from the event include a synthesis for decision makers (public, private and civil society) based on the cumulative experience of the participants, which can be used to inform processes, strategies and policies on forest governance, traceability and competitiveness.



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Forum: Governance, Legality Verification Systems, and Competitiveness of the **Latin American Forest Sector**

30 September to 3 October 2014
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Tuesday 30 September

Time	Tuesday 30 September
8:00 - 9:00	Registration of participants
	CEREMONIAL OPENING SPEECHES
9:00 - 10:20	Peter Schwaiger, Representative of the EU in Ecuador
	Pedro Pablo Peña, Representative of the FAO in Ecuador
	Steven Broad, Executive Director of TRAFFIC
	Roberto Troya, Director of WWF for Latin America and the Caribbean
	Víctor Hugo Inchausti, Director IUCN South America
10:20 - 10:50	COFFEE BREAK
	INTRODUCTION
10:50 - 11:20	General introduction and objectives
	Agenda and dynamic of the event
	General presentation of the participants
	FOREST GOVERNANCE - Session 1: FOREST GOVERNANCE MODELS
11:20 - 13:15	Introduction to the sessions on Forest Governance
	Ecuadorian Forest Governance Model - Luis Fernando Díaz, Ecuador Ministry of Environment
	Questions and answers
	FOREST GOVERNANCE - SESSION 2: PROJECT RESULTS "SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU FLEGT ACTION PLAN IN SOUTH AMERICA"
	Measurement of forest governance in the region - Bernardo Ortiz, Director of TRAFFIC South America
	Synergies between law enforcement, forest governance and forest trade and related initiatives in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru - José Miguel Orozco, TRAFFIC Consultant
	Online course on forest governance for Indigenous leaders in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru - Ana Puyol, Programme Officer, TRAFFIC South America
	Questions and answers
	LUNCH
14:45 - 17:35	Group Work
	Two parallel presentations of two relevant experiences:
	- Governance Process for legality in Guatemala - Juan Morales, Alianza Forestera Comunitaria de Guatemala
	- Indigenous Peoples' Oversight of Forests in Peru - Daysi Zapata and George Cunashi, AIDSESP Representatives
	Discussion on Lessons Learned
17:35 - 18:00	Plenary Session: report back of the working groups
	End of the Day

Wednesday, 1 October

Time	Wednesday, 1 October
9:00 - 9:15	Summary of the previous day
	LEGALITY VERIFICATION SYSTEMS
	Panel 1: Control and Traceability Systems
9:15 - 10:45	Introductory remarks. Definition of traceability and verification - Daphne Hewitt, EU FAO FLEGT Programme
	Lessons learned from the DOF and control systems of forest concessions - José Humberto Chavez, Ministry of Environment of Brazil
	Lessons learned from SIFGUA in Guatemala - Amauri Molina, INAB
	Lessons learned from monitoring and surveillance of Colombia/Safe Conduct and other actions as the Pacto Madera - Stella Luz Pulido, Ministry of Environment of Colombia
	Questions and answers
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 - 13:00	Discussion in four groups on Lessons Learned
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 - 14:50	Plenary Session: report back of the four working groups
	Panel 2: Legality Verification Systems (Monitoring, Oversight, Audit)
14:50 - 15:30	Global Forest Watch, a tool to support legality verification - Ruth Noguérón, World Resources Intitute, WRI
	Questions and answers
15:30 - 15:45	COFFEE
15:45 - 17:35	Group Work
	Parallel presentations of three relevant experiences:
	- Challenges in implementing control mechanisms in Peru - Rolando Navarro, OSINFOR
	- Lessons learned from the National Strategy to Combat Illegal Logging in Honduras (MFI/Advances VPA-FLEGT) - Misael León, ICF
	- Monitoring SVLF: MFI and Technical Forest Audit (Nicaragua) - Marvin Sujo Betancourt, INAFOR
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Thursday, 2 October

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9:00 - 9:15	Summary of the previous day
	COMPETITIVENESS AND INTERNATIONAL FOREST TRADE
	Panel 3: Regulations on international trade and consumer country perspectives
9:15-10:50.	Timber legality initiatives around the world - Ruth Noguérón, World Resources Institute, WRI
	United States and the Lacey Act - Thomas Swegle, Senior Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice
	Presentation of a timber buyer of USA (in the context of Lacey Act, CITES and Certification) - Marc Barany, SITCO Lumber Company, representing IWPA
	Questions and answers
10:50 - 11:20	COFFEE BREAK
11:20 - 13:00	Current enforcement of the EUTR - Emily Unwin, Client Earth
	Implementing the EUTR in Holland - Meriam Wortel, Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, Netherlands
	Presentation of a timber buyer of the EU (in the context of EUTR, CITES and Certification) (video) - Alberto Romero, AEIM (Spain)
	Questions and answers
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH
	Panel 4: Legal trade from the perspective of the producing countries
14:30-16:00	Opportunities and support needs to adapt to the new conditions of international timber markets (private enterprise vision from South American) - Guilherme Carvalho, AIMEX, Brazil
	Opportunities and support needs to adapt to the new conditions of international timber markets (private enterprise vision from Central America) - Representative from private enterprise from Mesoamerica
	Study of timber flows in CA and DR - Guillermo Navarro, Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and Caribbean (ORMACC) of IUCN
	Competitiveness Index (ICOFE) in Mexico - Ernesto Herrera, Reforestamos Mexico
16:00 - 16:20	COFFEE
16:20 - 18:00	Panel discussion between speakers
	Panel discussion between speakers and participants
	Closing third day
	CLOSING EVENT
18:00 - 18:30	Closing Speech - Bernardo Ortiz, Director of TRAFFIC South America
	Closing Speech - Juan Carlos Palacios, COMAFORS
	Campaign Launch: Give illegal timber the Red Card - Juan Carlos Palacios, COMAFORS
	END OF THE EVENT