

**CHATHAM HOUSE GLOBAL FORUM ON  
FOREST GOVERNANCE 2022  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

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**AGENDA**

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**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**SESSION 1 | INDONESIA'S TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM: PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING DECADE**

**09.00 - 10.30 London | 15.00 - 16.30 Jakarta**

***A session co-convened with the Centre for Transdisciplinary and Sustainability Sciences, IPB University, Gadjah Mada University, and the University of Freiburg***

*Development of Indonesia's system for timber legality verification began in the mid-2000s, and has been fully implemented since 2013, with FLEGT licenses issued since 2016. The development and implementation of the system has been part of wide-ranging reforms within the country's forest sector, which have seen increased transparency, more effective law enforcement and improved business practices. The country has also succeeded in reducing its rates of deforestation since 2015.*

*This progress needs to be maintained and strengthened, as the country seeks to achieve its national priorities for sustainable development within the context of the global crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. This session will reflect on experiences with implementation of the SVLK over the last decade and how it can be strengthened and adapted for the next 10 years.*

Questions to be addressed:

- To what extent has the SVLK helped to achieve national priorities for the forest sector? (e.g. for sustainable forest management; social forestry; job creation...)
- Where next for the SVLK?

Chair:

- Professor Soeryo Adibwibowo, IPB University – online

Speakers:

- Dr Krisdianto Sugiyanto, Ministry of Forestry (KLHK) – online
- Professor Bramasto Nugroho, IPB University – online
- Professor Ahmad Maryudi, Universitas Gadjah Mada – online
- Professor Constance McDermott, Environmental Change Institute – in person

Respondents:

- Mardi Minangsari, Telepak – in person
- Julia Falconer – in person

**SESSION 2 | FOREST SECTOR REFORM IN CENTRAL AFRICA: WHAT LESSONS HAVE BEEN LEARNT**

**11:00 - 12:30 London & Kinshasa**

*The potential of the forest sector to contribute to equitable and sustainable development in Central Africa has yet to be fulfilled. Poverty levels remain high and forest loss and degradation are continuing apace. The region is set to receive significant international funding to address these issues: at the COP26, \$1.5 billion was pledged by donors to protect and maintain the forests of the Congo Basin. Achieving this will be challenging given the weak governance that prevails.*

*This session will reflect on previous experiences to reform the forest sector and will consider whether new approaches are needed in order to bring about faster, longer-lasting changes.*

A panel of experts from the region will be convened to consider the following questions:

- What lessons have been learnt from interventions to date? Where has progress been made and what have been the key challenges?
- Are new funding mechanisms and approaches to the provision of aid required? What would these look like?
- What role could or should international trade and businesses play in supporting reform?

Chair:

- Rigobert Minani, CEPAS – online

Speakers:

- Samuel Nguiffo, CED Cameron – online
- Rene Ngongo, OCEAN – online
- Mathieu Auger Schwartzbergm, AFD – online
- Alfred Nkodia, Client Earth – in person

Respondents:

- Dorothee Lisenga, Coalition des Femmes Leaders pour l'Environnement et le Development Durable – online
- Blaise Mudodosi, APEM – online
- Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR – in person

### **SESSION 3 | IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES (IPLCS) IN CENTRAL AFRICA 14:00 - 16:00 London & Kinshasa**

*\$1.7 billion of financing was pledged at COP26 to support the advancement of Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' forest tenure rights and greater recognition and rewards for their role as guardians of forests and nature. The session will consider what types of support and funding mechanisms are currently being implemented or developed to enable IPLCs to strengthen or develop sustainable forest economies in Central Africa. Discussions will consider how these could be scaled up and whether additional mechanisms are also needed. They will also address how funding allocations, and their impact, can be monitored and evaluated.*

Questions to be addressed:

- *What processes are needed to enable IPLCs to inform donors of the activities and programmes that should be prioritized for funding?*
- *What types of mechanisms and tools are in place to deliver funding and what new approaches are needed?*
- *How can the outcomes and impact of these efforts be monitored and evaluated and who should be doing this?*
- *What further commitments are needed at COP27 and at the CBD COP to facilitate faster progress?*

Chair:

- Thiago Uehara, Chatham House

Speakers:

- Patrick Kipalu, RRI – online
- Joseph Itongwa, REPALEC – online
- Joe Eisen, RF-UK – in person
- Madame Fifi Likunde, Chief of the Division of Community Forestry, Ministry of Environment – online
- Dorothee Lisenga, Coalition des Femmes Leaders pour l'Environnement et le Development Durable – online

Respondents:

- Jenny Lopez, FCDO – online

## **TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

### **SESSION 4 | INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON ILLEGAL LOGGING & TRADE 09:00 - 10:30 London | 04.00 – 05.30 Washington DC | 15.00 – 16.30 – Hanoi**

*Following an investigation by the USTR into the risk of illegal timber entering supply chains for timber products manufactured by Vietnam and destined for the US market, the two governments reached an agreement in 2021 to work together to combat illegal logging and trade. As part of this agreement, Vietnam also committed to work with high-risk source countries to improve forest governance, and its government has proposed memoranda of understanding with those countries that are the main suppliers of tropical timber.*

*International cooperation has been an important element of efforts to tackle illegal logging and trade, and both the U.S. and Vietnam have been actively engaged in this area. This session will hear from government representatives as to what their priorities are for international cooperation, what lessons can be learnt from previous efforts, and the steps taken in early 2022 to realise these commitments.*

Chair:

- Alison Hoare, independent consultant – in person

Speakers:

- Kelly Milton, USTR – in person
- Mr Bui Chin Nghia, VT Forest – in person

Respondents:

- Charles Barber, WRI – in person
- Phuc Xuan To, Forest Trends – online
- Julia Falconer, FCDO/FGMC – in person
- Mr Sirivongs Khamfeua, Forestry Inspection Department Laos – in person
- Mr Ngo Sy Hoai, Vietnam Timber and Forest Product Association – in person

### **SESSION 5 | REGULATING TIMBER IMPORTS: EXPERIENCES TO DATE & PRIORITIES FOR ENHANCED ACTION 11.30 – 13.00 London | 06.30 – 08.00 Washington DC | 17.30 – 19.00 Hanoi | 19.30 – 21.00 Tokyo | 20.30 – 22.00 Canberra**

*Legislation aimed at reducing imports of illegal timber products has been introduced by a number of countries in the Asia-Pacific. The US Lacey Act was introduced in 2008, with a step-wise process of implementation and enforcement. Australia and Japan are both currently reviewing their legislation, and Vietnam is strengthening its approach to enforcement, its legislation having come into force in 2020.*

*This session will consider the experiences of these countries with the implementation and enforcement of their legislation and the lessons that have been learnt. It will also address opportunities and priorities for strengthening and building on these regulations, in the context of shifting trade patterns and increasing demand for sustainable and deforestation-free products.*

Session format

- Panel of government representatives: to outline the state of implementation of their legislation, their experiences with its enforcement and any plans for reform.
- Private sector representatives: to provide their perspectives on these legislative processes

Chair:

- Phuc Xuan To, Forest Trends – online

Speakers:

- Mr Taylor Duke, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment – online
- Mr Hiroaki Kohima, Wood Utilization Division, Japan – online
- Ms Laurie Dubriel, USDoJ – online
- Dr Pham Van Dien, VNForests - online

Respondents:

- Mr Phuong, Handicraft and Wood Industry Association of Ho Chi Minh – in person
- Ms Thiengchanhxay Souphayvanh, association representative, LNCCI/Burapha, Lao – in person
- Duncan Brack, Associate Fellow Chatham House – in person

**SESSION 6 | PRIORITIES FOR THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON**  
**14:00 - 16:00 London | 10:00 – 12:00 Brasilia**

***A session co-convened with CEBRAP-Sustentabilidade, Brazil***

*Consideration of the best models for development of the Amazon is high on the political agenda in Brazil as it builds up to elections in late 2022. This session will present different perspectives on what approaches and policies could be pursued to tackle deforestation and strengthen livelihoods in the region.*

*Reflecting on experiences from the last two decades, panellists will consider what policies, market mechanisms and governance tools have proven most effective at addressing these issues, and where there are most likely to be opportunities for change in the coming years. In addition, they will consider what role international cooperation could play in supporting sustainable forest economies in the region.*

Chair:

- Louise Nakagawa, CEBRAP – online

Speakers:

- João Paulo Capobianco, Instituto Democracia e Sustentabilidade – online
- Marina Piatto, Imaflora – online
- Anthony Bebbington, Ford Foundation – online
- Francisco Piyãko, Leadership of the Ashaninka people - Acre, Former Advisor to the Presidency of Funai and Former Secretary of State – online

Respondents:

- Ana Yang, Chatham House – in person
- Marcio Szutman, Palladium - online