



Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange

October 23rd – 25th, 2017

Carrer de Castan Tobeñas, 77

Valencia, Spain

Hosts: The meeting will be co-hosted with the Consellera de Agricultura, Medio Ambiente, Cambio Climático y Desarrollo Rural, in Valencia.

Background: Since 2012, Forest Trends and Chatham House have been working with officials from EU Member States and US Lacey enforcement agencies, to further understanding of complex high-risk supply chains for wood products and support coordinated implementation of the EU Timber Regulation and US Lacey Act. These two workstreams have merged into a process called the Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE), an ongoing series of networking and information-sharing meetings, which bring the growing group of officials together every six months.

Objective: The TREE process aims to support robust and consistent enforcement of demand-side timber regulations by providing a forum for officials to gain detailed insight into high- and low-risk timber flows entering their countries, discuss practical enforcement issues with each other and relevant experts from the forest sector and other relevant product/environmental sectors, establish emergent norms for Due Diligence/care in relation to different forest products, and build relationships with producer country governments, industry representatives, and other stakeholders involved in combating illegal logging and promoting global markets for legal timber.

DRAFT Agenda

Monday 23 rd October	
08.30	<i>Coffee and registration</i>
09.00 – 10.00	Welcome, aims and introductions Sra. Elena Cebrián Consellera de Agricultura, Medio Ambiente, Cambio Climático y Desarrollo Rural José Brotons Martínez – EUTR enforcement in Spain: Present and future

10.00 – 11.00	Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange Introductory session for new officials	USG Risk Flag database Shelley Gardner, US Forest Service
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee</i>	
11.30 – 12.30	VPA institutions: Information for due diligence and enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Brogan, Palladium • Iola Leal, European Forest Institute FLEGT Facility 	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 17.00	Breakout groups: Source country training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central African Republic • Liberia • Belarus (tbc) 	
17.00 – 17.30	Myanmar closed session: Government officials only	
Evening meeting point to be identified near meeting venue (self-funded)		
Tuesday 24th October		
08.45 – 12.00	Port field trip for Government officials only Please register separately for a place by contacting Lina Scott (lscott@forest-trends.org). Participants will meet in the lobby of the Expo Hotel at 8:45 on Tuesday morning. A bus will meet us there and take us to the Port de Valencia. All participants will be provided with the necessary safety equipment.	
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 - 14.30	WRI Open Timber Portal interactive Marie Vallee, World Resources Institute Introduction to the new Open Timber Portal, an innovative tool to facilitate access to standardized independent forest monitoring information.	
14.30 – 17.00 (including coffee break at 15.30)	New furniture processing hubs and trade trends Marigold Norman, Forest Trends India	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajesh Rawat, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts <p>Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker tbc
<i>Tuesday night group dinner 8pm: Location to be identified</i>	
Wednesday 25th October	
09.00 – 11.00	<p><i>Complex supply chains in focus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marigold Norman, Forest Trends • Jean Luc Blakey, Global Witness • Jago Wadley, Environmental Investigation Agency • Cristina Santos, Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas • Shingo Masuda, Nordic-Baltic coordination group
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee</i>
11.30 – 13.00	<p><i>Enforcement and investigation update: Peru</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Blue Sky, Center for International Environmental Law • Elinor Colbourn, US Department of Justice
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	<i>Brazil and Peru closed session: Government officials only</i>
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee</i>
15.30 – 17.30	<p><i>Closed case training for new agents: Government officials only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forest Trends</i> • <i>Netherlands</i> • <i>Czech Republic</i>