

# Cameroon Forest Governance Forum



# Forum sur la Gouvernance Forestière Cameroun

16<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, HOTEL LA FALAISE, YAOUNDÉ  
DAY ONE: Wednesday, 16TH MARCH, 2016

- 08:00-09:00**     **Arrival and Registration** *Tea and coffee will be served*
- 09:00-09:45**     **Opening Ceremony**  
*Chair: Tim Fomete*
- Address by Representative of the University of Wolverhampton – *Prof Philip Dearden*
  - Address by the representative of IPs in the CNS – *Mr Valere Akpakoua*
  - Address by Representative of COMIFAC – *Dr Raymond Mbitikon*
  - Opening address by the British High Commissioner – *His Excellency Brian Olley*
  - Opening address by the Head of the EU Delegation
  - Opening address by the Minister of Forests and Wildlife
- 09:45-10:15**     **Break** *Group Photo & Tea and coffee will be served*
- 10:15-10:30**     **Overview of the 3-day programme**  
*Moderator: Tim Fomete*
- 10:30-11:40**     **First Session: FLEGT Progress and Achievements and FLEGT Action Plan Evaluation**  
*Chair: Martin Tadoum, COMIFAC*
- Update on FLEGT-VPA processes globally (*Stéphane Sourdin, EU Delegation, Cameroon*)
  - Cameroon VPA update on Système informatisé de gestion des informations forestières (SGIF). How close are we to issuing a FLEGT License (*Bekollo Ferdinand, MINFOF, Cameroon*)
  - Appui à la mise en place d'un système de traçabilité du bois de l'ONAB au Bénin (*Jean Soh Ndeh, Prosygma*)
  - Central African Republic – state of the forest sector (*David Ouangando, DGI des Eaux et Forêts, RCA*)
  - Q+A Session (30mins)
- 11:40-12:50**     **Second Session: Transparency and Corruption in the Forest Sector**  
*Chair –Prof Philip Dearden, CIDT University of Wolverhampton*
- Progress with Annex VII of the Cameroon VPA (*Martin Mbongo, FLEGT Focal Point, MINFOF*)
  - Progress with addressing transparency in Ghana (*Samuel Mawutor, Civic Response and Forest Watch Ghana*)
  - Community access to information: some examples in practice within Cameroon's VPA process (*Anouska, Perram, Forest People Programme*)
  - Development of the REDD+ Transparency Guide based on experiences from FLEGT (*Rodrigue Ngonzo, FODER*)
  - Q+A Session (30mins)
- 12:50- 14:00**     **Lunch and Networking**
- 14:00-15:20**     **Third Session: The role of monitoring in Improving Forest Governance**  
*Chair – Patrice Bigombe Logo, Camerouns*
- FLEGT Mandated Independent Observation. Role, achievements and lessons. Example from the DRC (*Essylot Lubala, OGF, DRC*)
  - Civil Society led Independent Monitoring. Role, achievements and lessons. Example from Liberia (*Roland P. Harris, Liberia CS-IFM Monitors*)



- Système Normalise Observation Indépendante Externe (*Hervé Joël MOUNPEN, FODER & Ghislain FOMOU, SAILD*)
- Congo Basin forest atlas platforms: a contribution to forest resources governance (*Duclaire Mbouna, WRI*)
- Q+A 30mins

**15:20-15:50**    **Break** *Tea and coffee will be served*

**15:50-17:30**    **Interactive Panel discussion**  
*Moderator: Dr Jean Marie Noiraud, Independent Moderator*

**Question/Theme for Discussion: Where does FLEGT go from here?**

*Panelists*

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DAY TWO: Thursday, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016

- 08:00-08:30**     **Welcome** *Tea and coffee will be served*
- 08:30-09:50**     **Fourth Session: Low carbon development and Tackling Climate change**  
*Chair: Richard Eba'a Atyi, CIFOR*
- Synergy between adaptation and mitigation and forest management in the Congo basin: Some lessons from COBAM project (*Anne Marie Tiani, CIFOR*)
  - Implementation of REDD+ at the local scale: challenges of inclusive MRV at the pilot project level in Cameroon, DRC and Rwanda (*Richard Sufo, CIFOR*)
  - After Paris: some realities and challenges to move ahead with INDCs in Central Africa (*Philippe Guizol, CIRAD*)
  - COP21 and commitments for the Congo Basin (*Gervais Ludovic Itsou Madzous, COMIFAC*)
  - Q+A Session (30mins)
- 10:00-10:30**     **Break** *Tea and coffee will be served*
- 10:30-11:40**     **Fifth Session: Exploring synergies between FLEGT and Certification**  
*Chair: Ouangando David, MEFCP RCA*
- The role of certification in improving forest governance and sustainable forest management. Case of the Programme d'Appui à la Certification Forestière (*Romain Lorent, PPECF*)
  - What are the opportunities for FLEGT and certification synergies (*Mathieu Auger-Schwartzberg, FSC, Congo Basin*)
  - Lessons from the pilot project on synergies between FLEGT and certification (*Belinga Solomon, MINFOF, Cameroon*)
  - Q+A Session (30mins)
- 11:40-13:00**     **Sixth Session: Markets and Trade**  
*Chair: Blandine L'Or Ouogua, Groupement de la Filière Bois au Cameroun*
- Les investissements asiatiques dans le secteur forestier camerounais: implications en matière gestion durable et gouvernance forestière (*Norbett Sonne, GFTN, WWF Cameroon*)
  - Informal trans-border timber trade between Cameroon, Nigeria and Chad: importance of flows and related governance issues. (*Richard Eba'a Atyi, CIFOR*)
  - How to integrate the Domestic Timber market into the traceability system – progress on implementation of MIB pilot project (*Akagou Zedon Henri Charles, MINFOF, Cameroon*)
  - Update on the Global Timber Forum (*Germain Yene, Global Timber Forum*)
  - Q+A Session (30mins)
- 13:00-14:30**     **Lunch and Networking**
- 14:30-16:00**     **First Working Groups on 3 thematic areas**  
*Facilitators for each working group*  
(1) Forest Governance in Gender (2) Forest Governance in Academic Curriculum (3) Independent Forest Monitoring
- 16:00-19:00**     **Cameroon Forest Media Awards and Drinks Reception at Venue**  
*See Separate Programme for the Cameroon Forest Media Awards*



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DAY 3: Friday, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

- 08:00-08:30**     **Welcome** *Tea and coffee will be served*
- 08:30-09:30**     **Working groups to reconvene and present keynotes to the Forum**  
*Q+A Session*
- 09:30-11:00**     **Second Working Groups on 3 thematic areas**  
*Facilitators for each working group*  
(1) Tenure & Rights (2) Benefit Sharing & Participation (3) Writing and Winning Proposals
- 11:00-12:00**     **Working groups to reconvene and present keynotes to the Forum**  
*Q+A Session*
- 12:00-13:30**     **Lunch and Networking**
- 13:30-15:00**     **Seventh Session: Inclusive Engagement**  
*Chair: Sarah Thomas, CIDT, University of Wolverhampton*
- The role of parliamentarians in promoting good forest governance (*Honorable Zam, Réseau des Parlementaires, Cameroon*)
  - How FLEGT's making a difference – lessons from multi-stakeholder collaboration to influence constitutional reform in CAR (*Jean Jacques Mathamale, CIEDD, CAR*)
  - The role of coalitions and CSO platforms in forest governance initiatives (*Indra van Gisbergen, Fern*)
  - Structures of power, climate change mitigation and forest management in the Congo basin (*Felicien Kengoum, CIFOR*)
  - Indigenous Peoples participation in VPA implementation (*Parfait Dihoukamba, REPALÉAC, Cameroon*)
  - Q+A Session (30min)
- 15:00-15:30**     **Next steps and Closing Remarks**  
*Moderator: Tim Fomete*
- Closing Remarks (*Dr Aurelian Mbazibain, Project Manager, CIDT*)

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