


FOREST GOVERNANCE FORUM

PA Ribhouse – Sinkor – Monrovia – Liberia - May 1st/2nd 2012

DAY ONE

- 08:30-09:30** **Breakfast and Registration**
- 09:30-10:00** **Opening Ceremony:**
Welcome address by Moses Wogbeh, Managing Director, FDA
Welcome remarks by EU Delegation
- 10:00-10:10** **Overview of the two-day programme – Oscar Bloh, Facilitator**
- 10:10-10:30** **Screening of Film on FLEGT and VPAs**
- 10:30-11:00** **Break** *tea and coffee will be served*
- 11:00-12:30** **First Session: Update on regional and international FLEGT initiatives**
Chair: John Woods - University of Liberia
- ⊗ Global Status of VPA Implementation (*Carlos Battaglini – EU Delegation*)
 - ⊗ Status of VPA implementation in Liberia (*Charles Miller – VPA Secretariat*)
 - ⊗ Status of VPA implementation in Ghana (*Sam Nketiah, JMRM representative*)
 - ⊗ The Potential Contribution of FLEGT VPA to Challenges of Forest Governance in Cote D'Ivoire (*Qualou Kollou, ACP-FLEGT Project Coordinator, Cote D'Ivoire*)
- 12:30-14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:30** **Second Session: Ensuring communities benefit**
Chair: Jennifer Talbot - USAID
- ⊗ International models for benefit sharing from forests – (*David Young – Global Witness*)
 - ⊗ Benefit sharing examples in Cameroon (*to be confirmed*)
 - ⊗ Benefit Sharing Trust and Social Agreements - Building capacity of communities to manage forests or negotiate concessions (*Laurence Greene – FDA*)
 - ⊗ Q+A Session
- 15:30-15:45** **Break** *tea and coffee will be served*
- 15:45-17:00** **Third Session: Emerging challenges and opportunities in forest governance**
Chair: to be confirmed
- ⊗ Agricultural expansion and forest management (*to be confirmed*)
 - ⊗ Update on REDD and REDD pilot projects (*Nouhou Ndam, FFI*)
 - ⊗ Establishment of community forest and co-managed areas (*to be confirmed*)








 Q+A Session

DAY TWO

08:00-08:30 **Breakfast**

08:30-09:00 **Welcome** *tea and coffee will be served*

09:00-10:30 **Fourth Session: International Market Changes**

-  *Chair: John Deah – Liberia Timber Association*
-  *The Lacey Act (Caitlin Clarke – World Resources Institute)*
-  *The EU Illegal Timber Regulation (Emily Unwin – Client Earth)*
-  *Trends in the Liberian export market (Edward Kamara – Growing Forest Partnership)*
-  Q+A Session





10:30-11:00 **Break** *tea and coffee will be served*

11:00-12:30 **Fifth Session: Monitoring Forest Governance**

- Chair: Julie Weah, Foundation for Community Initiatives*
-  *An international perspective – (Ellen Brown - ProForest)*
 -  *Strengthening civil society participation in monitoring VPA implementation in Liberia (Jonathan Yiah - SDI)*
 -  *Monitoring the Forests – A governmental perspective (Saah David, M&E Specialist at FDA)*
 -  Q+A Session

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

1430-1600 **Sixth Session: Strengthening regulation in the domestic market**

- Chair: William Woods, Forestry Training Institute*
-  *The Ghanaian approach– (Emmanuel Marfo – Forestry Research Institute of Ghana)*
 -  *Sustainable Harvesting Practices (Arthur Karngbeae - LICSATDUN)*
 -  *The SGS/LiberFor tracking system – state of implementation (Ivan Muir, SGS)*
 -  Q+A Session

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