



EU FAO FLEGT Programme



Programme objective

The European Union adopted the Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan in 2003 as a response to curb illegal behaviour in the forest sector. The EU FAO FLEGT is a global programme with 11 million Euro funding to support stakeholders in developing countries improve forest sector governance and promote fair and legal trade. The programme start date is 1 May 2012.

Programme objectives include:

- ▶ improved policy, legal and regulatory frameworks
- ▶ improved understanding of FLEGT principles by forest sector stakeholders
- ▶ increased capacity of stakeholders to sustainably manage forest resource
- ▶ increased stakeholder collaboration to enforce forest sector legal frameworks

Beneficiaries

The programme beneficiaries are government institutions, civil society and private sector organizations in countries engaged in implementing a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union and non-VPA developing countries that produce timber products and / or have significant international trade in these products.

Programme components

1. Support projects to local stakeholder groups in eligible countries through grants and technical expertise
2. Provide information services

Projects will be generated using demand driven mechanisms:

- ▶ **Direct assistance to governments** provides support to projects that contributes to an ongoing national FLEGT strategy.
- ▶ **Calls for proposals** target specific forest governance challenges identified by government, civil society or private sector organizations.
- ▶ **Information services** support stakeholders to understand the FLEGT Action Plan and develop national strategies for its implementation.

