



Improving Forest Governance

for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Six week training course
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For people working in the forestry and natural resource sector, the rapidly moving management situation can be complex and difficult to keep pace with.

Improved forest governance, through Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) processes or certification, is a pre-requisite for initiatives such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) funding and other market opportunities such as Payment for Environmental Services (PES). How do these approaches fit together - and what do they mean? This course unpacks these issues and examines their impact on different parts of the forest sector.

The course will analyse reasons for poor forest governance and look at the use of multi-stakeholder processes and enterprise development as tools to improve the situation. It aims to give you understanding and skills to analyse and improve forest governance processes so that you are better equipped to design and implement forest management delivery mechanisms, including REDD and Climate Change, mitigation and adaptation.



Context

The policy aims and objectives, processes and practice of forestry have changed greatly over the last ten years - FLEGT, climate change and REDD+ have been at the heart of these changes. There is a need to understand the changing agenda of international forest and natural resource management in terms of climate change, livelihoods and sustainable economic production. There are also technical skills and knowledge challenges associated with creating evidence bases: demonstrating legal and sustainable management; securing and certifying supply chains; and measuring carbon sequestration.

Improving forest governance, by involving a range of stakeholders to hold authorities to account and to report corruption, intimidation and criminality in the forest sector, lies at the heart of these developments.

Programme delivery sequence

- The first 4-weeks of the course focus on core concepts and understanding the drivers of forest governance (Modules 1 – 4);
- The 2 final weeks of the course are optional. Participants choose up to two optional skills based modules (Modules 5,6,7);
- Participants will be offered on-line mentoring support following the course for a period and task agreed prior between participants, their managers and course tutors.

The six-week programme will specifically address:

Core modules:- Learn the theory and application of FLEGT & REDD

Module 1: Forest Governance Issues

- Illegal logging, corruption and criminality in the forest sector.
- Exploring the drivers of poor forest governance.
- Actions being taken to confront illegal logging and trade in illegal forest products.
- Overview and update of the VPA processes.
- Multi Stakeholder Processes.
- Rights based approaches.
- Institutional reform.
- Decentralisation – community based management.
- Legality of formal and informal forest trade.

Module 1b includes attendance of the Illegal Logging Update Meeting, at Chatham House, London:

- an oversight of progress from a range of countries. (Date to be confirmed). NB: travel and accommodation for this event are included and arranged as part of course fee.
- VPA negotiation & implementation update.
 - Private sector update.
 - EU and US legislation updates.
 - REDD update.
 - Research updates.
 - Networking with international forest governance specialists.

Module 2: Planning and Communication Skills

- Communication analysis and strategy.
- Participatory planning tools – stakeholder, problem and risk analysis.
- Advocacy and negotiation skills.
- Influencing skills.

- Planning tools – stakeholder and problem analysis.
- Presentation skills.

Module 3: Forestry Carbon Markets, REDD+ and Payments for Environmental Services

- Understanding and responding to climate change.
- The role of forests in mitigating climate change.
- Carbon Financing, forestry carbon markets and REDD+.
- REDD: safeguards and governance issues.
- Environmental Valuation and ecosystem services.
- Understanding the links and relationships between forest ecosystem valuation and forest governance.
- Payments for Environmental Services

Module 4: Developing Trade Incentives

- International timber trade flows.
- Forest Economics – GDP and economic value of forests.
- Value chain system.
- Independent verification and certification.
- Chain of custody documentation and control.
- Timber Legality Assurance Systems.
- Certification – legality and sustainability.
- Corporate Social Responsibility – consumer demand, private sector response.
- Timber as a carbon neutral material has been removed

Tutorial support is provided throughout the course in small groups and 1:1
Presentations and action plans will be formally assessed.



Skills Modules (Participants select up to two from these options):

Module 5: Training of Trainers

- Training needs assessment & target groups.
- Setting training aims & objectives.
- Training methods.
- Use of visual aids & real material.
- Practice of presentation & training skills.
- Assessment & Evaluation.

Module 6: Project design, Programme Cycle Management and Proposal writing

- Understanding funding proposals.
- Situation and needs analysis.
- Stakeholder analysis.
- Setting objectives.
- Identifying and mitigating risks.
- Setting indicators for monitoring.
- Review and Evaluation.
- Setting budgets and work plans.
- Developing your proposal or project.

Module 7: Developing a communication strategy (including the use of social and mass media)

- Understanding different communication strategies.
- Development of a communication strategy.
- Using mass media for communication and lobbying.
- Electronic and social media as forest governance tools.

Module 8: TLAS and Chain of Custody

- Conducting an audit – theory and practice
- Other standards used for TLAS assessment
- Plan, conduct, report and follow-up an audit in accordance with ISO 19011 and internationally recognised Forest Management and Chain of Custody Standards
- Facilitation and communication skills for audit and monitoring

The Course Programme:

- Is 6 weeks long but individuals can select the weeks and modules they want to attend (places funded by DFID require attendance for the first four modules). In addition other bespoke needs for groups can be taken into account and built into the course programme if time is sufficient to negotiate and plan for this. The July element enables participants to return home with a tangible proposal, action plan or influencing strategy.
- Is targeted at participants from the private sector, natural resource ministries, trade and finance ministries, civil society, and development agencies from, or working with, low or middle income countries. Potential candidates should be actively engaged in the forest sector and issues at a managerial or decision-making level; have at least a first degree; and have a high competency in the English or French language. Internet access would be useful for pre and post-course communication.
- Will include input by cutting edge practitioners from key think-tanks, international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), consultancy organisations and government.
- Will be applied and based on real world situations. The style of learning will be active and experiential, based on case studies and structured facilitated group exercises, designed to be of direct relevance to participants' working lives.
- Will be delivered in Telford, UK by the Centre for International Development and Training, University of Wolverhampton with study trips.

The course can be accredited through the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM)

Costs

The course programme fee is UK £1,156 per week – including all materials, study tour costs, translation and administration.

Accreditation fee £60.

Accommodation, subsistence and international travel are not included in the course fee but we recommend that the following amounts be earmarked by sponsoring agencies:

- £412 per week allocated for accommodation and subsistence;
- £2,000 (approximately) travel from home base to and from Telford (includes flights and visas).

Contact details

Contact us for further information or an application form.

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