



# Protecting forests, respecting rights: Policy options for EU action on deforestation

**Monday 30 March 2015, 2 - 5.30 pm  
European Parliament – Room P7C050**

From 1990-2008, EU consumption of agricultural commodities and timber resulted in the destruction of an area of forest equivalent to the size of Ireland (nine million hectares.) In June 2013 the European Parliament and Member States agreed to assess the environmental impact of the food and commodities consumed in the EU and to develop policy proposals, including potentially an EU action plan on deforestation and forest degradation. **This conference is being organised to help develop this EU action plan.**

Hosted by MEPs Catherine Bearder, Linda McAvan and Yannick Jadot.

### Opening speech by **Catherine Bearder**

Presentation of FERN's Demand-led Reduction of Agricultural Deforestation report by **David Kaimowitz**  
(Director of Sustainable Development, Ford foundation)

Panel debate chaired by the freelance author and journalist **Fred Pearce**.

**Susan George** (President of the Board of Transnational Institute and honorary president of ATTAC-France)

**Ruth Rawling** (Cargill's Vice President for Corporate Affairs Global Issues Management)

**Olivier De Schutter** (University of Louvain, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food and winner of 2013's Francqui Prize)

**Silas Siakor** (Goldman prize winner and Founder of Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia)

**Yannick Jadot** (Member of the European Parliament's International Trade committee)

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Closing speech by **Linda McAvan**

### Cocktail

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before 10th March. Number of places limited.

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