



Tackling deforestation and illegal logging

Conference session I:

Tackling illegal logging and related trade through the FLEGT Action Plan - challenges, lessons learnt and ways forward

Key points of Thematic Group 2

“Private Sector: Deepening its contribution to the attainment of the FLEGT objectives”

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On governance.....

Private sector wants more transparency

Private sector wants less corruption

Need to find new forms of collaboration between CS and PS

Need to explore further anti-corruption strategies

Need to link governance and technology

National governance environment impacts “finance attractiveness”

(Is the Government able to secure investments ?)



SMEs-Domestic market nexus

Strong link SMEs and informal operators / domestic market
Domestic market cannot absorb high prices of legal timber
Duality legality / exclusion (marginalization).

Need for adaptation of the legal framework.

Need for accompaniment for continual improvement.

Forest plantation is a promising option : reduce pressure on natural forest, easier to control (legality), shorter financial return, and labour intensive



On Finance...

Huge gap between the requirements for large scale investments and characteristics of forest sector

Need innovative financial engineering

Interest of rating biodiversity impact of financial products (index)

On Private certification...

Has a cost, not always (financial) added value, hardly fit for domestic market

Bring transparency, positive image, valued framework

Need to develop further synergies between private certification & VPAs

How better integrate and value sustainable forest management ?