

# Lao FLEGT-VPA

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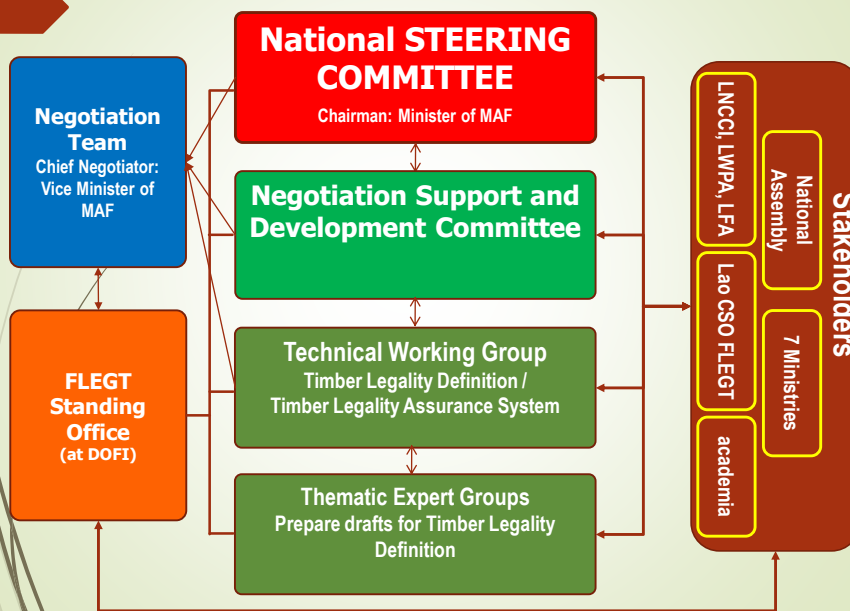
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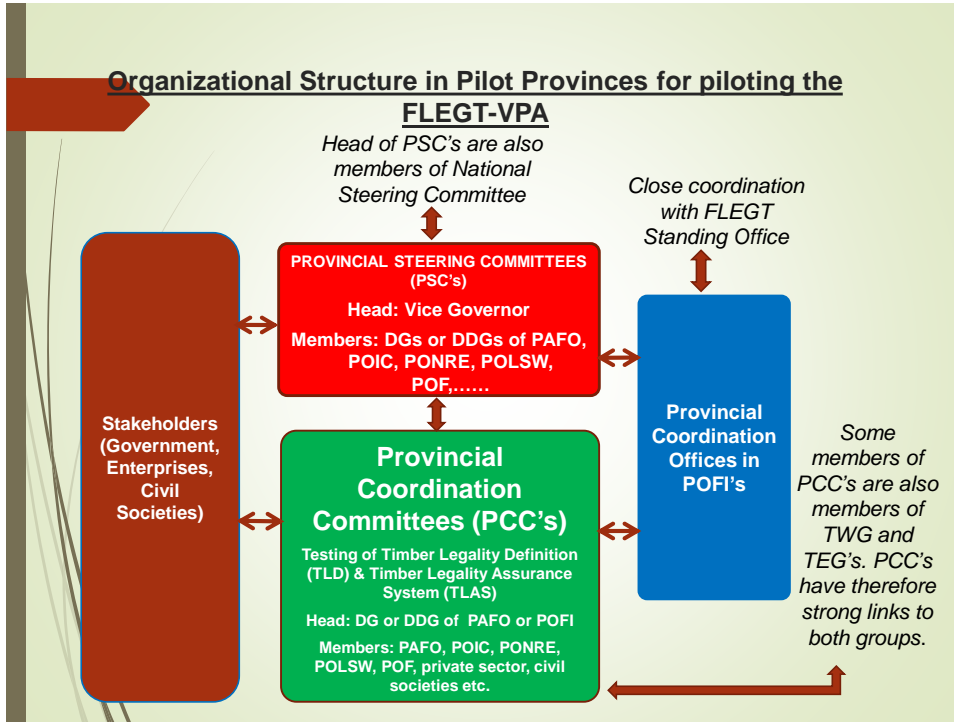
1. Progress of Lao PDR on FLEGT VPA
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## Summary of the progress

- National Support Development Committee and Technical Working Group on FLEGT VPA Decree No. 1915/MAF (under revision)
- 3 Thematic Expert groups are completed set up
- 4 Thematic Expert groups are under preparation
- TOR of National Steering Committee approved
- NSC to nominate Chief Negotiator and TOR for negotiation team
- Completed on setting up Provincial steering committee for the three pilot provinces

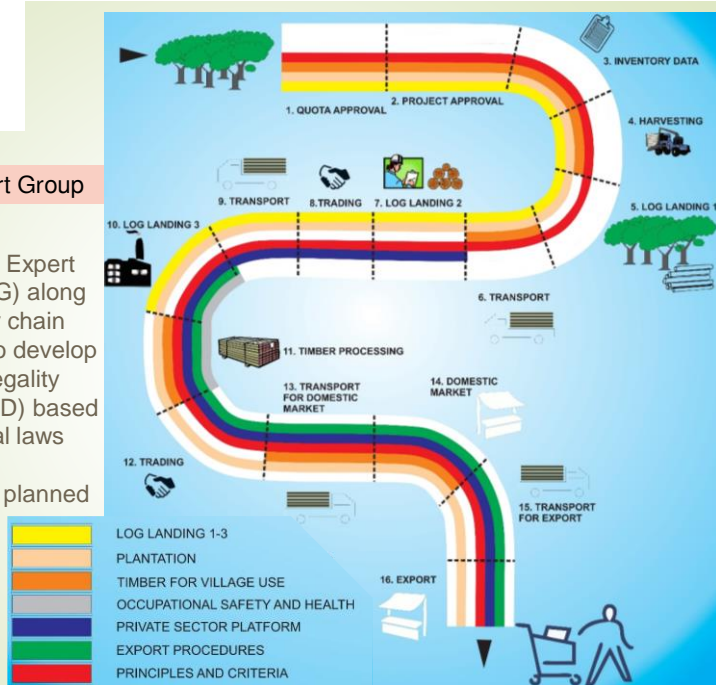
### 3. Organizational Structure for VPA for Lao PDR





#### Thematic Expert Group

- 5 Thematic Expert Groups (TEG) along the supply chain established to develop Timber Legality Definition (TLD) based on national laws
- 2 more TEG planned



Crash course FLEGT and VPA process

UPDATE STATUS of THEMATIC EXPERT GROUPS

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THEMATIC EXPERT GROUPS

- LOG LANDING 1-3
- PLANTATION
- TIMBER FOR VILLAGE USE
- OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
- PRIVATE SECTOR PLATFORM
- EXPORT PROCEDURES
- PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA


The illustration shows a person on the left with three red question marks above their head, suggesting uncertainty or a need for information. In the center, four stylized figures (red, green, purple, orange) stand on a raised platform, each holding a stack of books. On the right, a person sits at a desk with a computer monitor displaying 'Timber Legality Definition', with another person standing beside them. The background is a blue gradient with a light green border at the top and bottom.

## Progress of the private sector on FLEGT-VPA

**Stepwise implementation of the newly developed Sector Strategy**

- Ensure timber supply for companies
- Increase qualification of staff /workers
- Promote and support engineered products manufactures of lesser known species, small diameter logs, branches, waste wood
- Support increased value-added, competitiveness and performance of companies
- Develop chain of custody procedures and any supporting regulations to facilitate the full benefit of existing and future forest management and timber industry.

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- Update of Decision MOIC 1415 „Product Standard“ to new Decision MOIC 2005 with the following changes:
  - Need for an improved traceability system in the wood processing sector
  - Development of MOIC Degree for a mandatory Chain of Custody (CoC)
  - CoC Guidelines and manual
  - Capacity building for MOIC/POIC in verification procedures
  - Support programme for enterprises in an implementation phase



■ Thank you