

# FLEGT Quarterly Review & Planning

5-6 April 2016

Result A

## Activity A.1.1 National Steering Committee guides VPA negotiation

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	none
<b>Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones</b>	
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b>	
1) Second National Steering Committee Meeting held (tentative on 8 <sup>th</sup> of June) (remark: ask guidance from NSC to assign head of FLEGT Standing Office and elevate it to a Division)	

## Activity A.1.2 Operate Negotiation Support and Development Committee

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) NSDC members have assigned their staff (in writing) to commit time to FLEGT 2) All relevant Departments to include FLEGT in their quarterly (and annual) planning	1) All NSDC members have sent letters to DOFI to nominate their staff to work on FLEGT. MOIC structure is clear by having assigned Departments to get involved in FLEGT. (DG as NSDC member and Division staff as TWG members). FLEGT is now a proper part of the respective MOIC's staff's ToR. 2) included for DIMEX and DoF, PAFO SAY, as additional international cooperation activities for PAFO KM; not yet for annual plan for DoFI, PAFO ATT others) A MAF decision 1868 on new NSDC members from the central and provincial levels (from SAY, ATT and KM). ToR of NSDC members are clarified
<b>Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones</b>	
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b>	
1) The number of technical staff by key Ministries (MoF, MoNRE, MoLSW, MAF-DoF, NA) assigned directly and allocate sufficiently time to FLEGT as members of the TWG is increased 2) Integrate FLEGT activities in the DoFI and PoFIs, annual plan (May meeting) 3) NSDC meeting to discuss preparation of TLD and product scope	

## Activity A.1.3 Operate the Negotiation Team for VPA negotiation

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Complete team established for first face-to-face negotiation 2) Preparations for the first face-to-face negotiation started	1) Draft list of team members available 2) ongoing; (remark: TLD and product scope are the conditions for the first face-to-face negotiations)

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

none

## Activity A.1.4 Operate FLEGT Standing Office

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Head of FLEGT Standing office is officially assigned and acts according to the FLEGT Standing office ToR 2) ToR of FLEGT Standing office reviewed and available (including share of roles and responsibilities between DOFI and FLEGT support programs) 3) Common meeting between Pro-FLEGT and FLEGT Standing office have been done at least monthly (possibly including other DPs) 4) A proposal to the Minister of MAF has been written to propose the elevation FLEGT Standing office to Division level	1) Letter by FLEGT Standing office with recommendation to set up a FLEGT Division sent to DOFI DG 2) not done 3) done in Feb 4) pending

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

Risk, that negotiations will fail without the Head of the FLEGT Standing Office

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Head of FLEGT Standing office is officially assigned and acts according to the FLEGT Standing office ToR
- 2) A letter by DOFI on the establishment of the FLEGT Division has been sent to the HR Department of MAF
- 3) ToR of FLEGT Standing office reviewed and available (including share of roles and responsibilities between DOFI and FLEGT support programs)
- 4) Common meeting between Pro-FLEGT and FLEGT Standing office have been done at least monthly (possibly including other DPs)

## Activity A.1.5 Operate TWG

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1)TWG meets at least every 2 months (also see B.1.1. on contents issues)	1) no meeting

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

1)TWG meets on 26-27 April (topics: TLD definition, product scope, supply chain control)

## Activity A.1.6 Coordinate with FLEGT support programs

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Monthly informal lunch
- 2) Support projects' meeting is part of the Pro-FLEGT and FLEGT Standing Office meeting (19 April)

## Activity A.1.7 Organize the involvement of NPA (CSO) in the process (NSDC &amp; TWG)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) ToR of Lao CSO FLEGT is discussed with DOFI and endorsed (including organizational setup and procedures of the group) 2) At least 2 CSOs are involved in each TEG	1) ToR are drafted, 5 year strategic plan drafted, 17 members have regular meetings, 2) Representatives have joined meetings on TEG plantations in LPB others: needs assessment on FLEGT done

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Technical training on TLD process for CSOs on 25 April
- 2) A plan for community level activities and proposals developed and submitted to WWF, VFI and others
- 3) ToR and strategic plan completed and sent to DOFI
- 4) Secretariat Assistance office for Lao CSO FLEGT (in LBA office) set up

## Activity A.2.1 Prepare and conduct Face-to-Face Meetings between Lao Chief Negotiator and EU Chief Negotiator

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Preparation of first face to face negotiation started 2) First draft of TLD is available (pre-condition for negotiations) 3) Scope of markets, sources and products are available as draft (pre-condition for negotiations)	see A.1.3

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

- 1) remark: First negotiation requires technical inputs regarding TLD and the product scope

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Courtesy visit by EU Chief Negotiator to Dr. Phouangparisak (to agree on date for video conference and timeframe for first negotiations) on 8 April  
see A.1.3

## Activity A.2.2 Prepare and conduct Joint Expert Meetings

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) One Joint Expert Meeting is prepared parallel to face-to-face negotiations	1) postponed to October/November

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

none

## Activity A.2.3 'Prepare and conduct Video Conferences between Lao Negotiation Team and EU

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) One Video conference conducted	1) postponed to May

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

1) One Video conference conducted

# Result B

Activity B.1.1 Hold multi-stakeholder workshops in the framework of Technical Working Group to consult on timber legality definition (>>>> link to Result C)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Compendium is approved by DoF and DoFI and published 2) Draft structure of TLD for principles, criteria, indicators and verifiers of TLD by TWG are available 3) TEG use the Compendium	1) Approval not finalized yet but compendium has already been used as resource and is published on the FLEGT website 2) DoF has a Thematic Working Group on Natural Production Forest and principles, criteria, indicators and verifiers have been discussed and currently checked by ProFLEGT and EFI 3) Compendium used (mainly Flow Charts)

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

- 1) Compendium was developed by experts, but there are many steps for approval which take time (and were previously not known) and a specific format is required
- 2) not all TEG members sufficiently knowledgeable yet on TLD
- 3) More awareness on the Compendium in different TEG required

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Compendium is approved by DoF and DoFI and published
- 2) Approval on the general structure of TLD by the TWG

Activity B.1.2 Collaborate with Ministry of Justice and other Government agencies to integrate timber legality issues into review of Forestry Law, National Land Policy, Land Law and related legislation.

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Revision of new regulation on product standards by DoIC. 2) Draft of decision on input-output system as national standard for companies (COC system) available. This needs to be strongly linked to FLEGT. 3) The new person responsible for regulations in Division of Import and Export Management gets involved in FLEGT 4) More cross-sectoral linkages of regulations. Product Standards, COC and Export procedures are linked.	1) regulation 2005/2015 replacing 1415/2008; remark: on 28 September product standards had been approved already 2) Structure of the decision is drafted and sent to Do legislation at MOIC 3) not done, as 2 persons are already responsible 4) Achieved in the new draft for input-output monitoring (compliance with Log Landing 2); linkages are ensured

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

Lesson learnt: processes are accelerated when good commitment (e.g. by MOIC in this case) by the assigned persons according to NSDC and Technical Working Group Decisions can be ensured

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

1) First draft of decision on CoC available

Activity B.2.1 Conduct appraisal study at national and pilot provincial level on existing timber tracking systems in Laos

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Finalization and discussion of results from the Attapeu study	1) study finalized in Jan (2 <sup>nd</sup> visit to Attapeu Province) and final version available but workshop to present not yet carried out.

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

Development Advisor in Attapeu Province can currently not work

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

1) Workshop to present results of the study carried out



Activity B.2.2 Based on timber flow study and field assessment in pilot provinces, review and potentially improve Lao timber tracking systems according to EU requirements

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1). ToT for enterprises and MOIC, POIC carried out See B.12	1) not done yet

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

1). ToT for enterprises and MOIC, POIC carried out

Activity B.2.3 Review existing Lao verification systems (including FSC certification) and potentially improve TLAS to comply with EU requirements

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Results of different roles in FSC verification processes are clarified and a proposal how to include this into the TLAS system are clear. Remark: Pro-FLEGT finances the international and WWF the national consultant 2) A presentation of results is given to key stakeholders	1) Results of study (including matrix of responsibilities in different ministries) presented to TEG Log Landing 1-3 and the study draft report is finalized 2) not yet

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

Review of verification system is still very abstract because currently not applied because of logging ban in Natural Production Forest

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

1) A presentation of results is given to key stakeholders in the next TWG meeting

## Activity B.2.4: Licensing System (planned for 2017)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	

## Activity B.2.5: Independent Monitoring (planned for 2017)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	

## Activity B.2.6 Develop and implement pilot for applying draft TLD and TLAS for conversion timber

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	Hydropower related logging permit given in 1 area in Khammouane; field visit to site was planned but postponed
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Detailed field visit plan was required but no further problems for the visit are expected	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Field visit to site Thonglom Hydropower logging area in Khammouane carried out 2) Assessment of existing application of legislation and technical procedures is done	

## Activity B.3.1 Thematic Expert Group on enhancing private sectors involvement in FLEGT VPA, in particular TLD

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Feasibility study for the pilot plant is finalized and presented to companies 2) Initial Capacity Building measures carried out 3) Engagement of more companies in the TEG 4) Local subsidy by Pro-FLEGT for platform is signed	1) Study is finalized but not yet presented to stakeholders 2) Concept note on a PPP for training activities available 3) not yet done (see milestone 1) 4) not yet done
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
1) Availability of data on prices of timber and information on lesser known timber species from concessions is poor 2) CoC development is still in process and involvement of companies required for local subsidy	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Study results presented to stakeholders 2) Initial Capacity Building measures carried out 3) Engagement of more companies in the TEG 4) Local subsidy by Pro-FLEGT for platform is signed	

Activity B.3.2 'Implementation of Thematic Expert Group on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) (according to specific work plan)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) TEG Workshop on TLD and advanced draft of TLD (OSH part) is approved and fed into the TWG 2) ToT on OSH 3) Cooperation with SGS is initiated	1) 9 activities ongoing (partly finalized) and presented at Joint Expert Meeting; meeting (with involvement of SGS) on the accumulation on Laws and Regulations on OSH; gaps have been identified in an additional meeting with GIZ; data-analysis ongoing; implementation of activities in 3 pilot provinces; advanced draft of manual available 2) not yet done 3) SGS involved in meeting and SGS joined in training
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
1) How to extend to the topic of harvesting (MoLSW or DoF responsible?)	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Discussion of final draft of TLD and manual on OSH in Thematic Expert Groups (3-4 criteria on OSH to be selected for TLD) 2) ToT on OSH	

Activity B.3.3 Implementation of Thematic Expert Group on Export Procedure from log landing 3 to export point (according to specific work plan)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) First TEG meeting carried out 2) An additional staff from Import-Export Division is included in FLEGT 3) Relationship between Khammouane and Quang Binh customs department is established (see D.1.2)	1) not yet done (first draft available) 2) not relevant 3) Expanded provincial committee > participation from customs offices is expected
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Data-collection of timber entering Vietnam should be collected from customs and not from MOIC	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) First TEG meeting carried out 2) Exchange on timber data between Lao and Vietnamese customs in some checkpoints in pilot provinces (e.g. monthly) is initiated in reality (remark: Needs to be addressed by decision makers, e.g. by a letter issued by DOFI on request by DIMEX to be prepared by technical staff) 3) A monthly analysis of the data done and presented in NSDC and TWG meeting	

Activity B.3.4 'Thematic Expert Group on utilization of timber for village households (production forest and village use forest) and income (community forests)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Concept and Group members agreed-on and identified 2) Local subsidies (including workplans) signed	1) not yet done (but concept note for local subsidies drafted already) 2) draft available by DoF
<b>Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones</b>	
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b>	
1) Concept and Group members agreed-on and identified 2) Local subsidies (including workplans) signed	

Activity B.3.5 'Thematic Expert Group on log landing 1-3 (including inventory and harvesting)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Integrate the instruction (decision of Minister of MAF 0141) for verification into the thematic expert group 2) Link TEG to STEPP 3) Draft of TLD matrix on principle indicators and criteria available 4) WWF continues support of the TEG	1) Matrix (on roles and responsibilities) was discussed during TEG meeting 2) not yet done 3) draft available 4) continued support is ensured
<b>Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones</b>	
1) Short notice to TEG meetings has limited involvements of some actors	
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b>	
1) Link TEG to STEPP (slot for this topic to be integrated into meeting by 18 POFIs and DOFI) 2) Final draft TLD matrix on principle indicators and criteria available and presented to TWG 3) Increased involvement of CSOs and Provincial actors in the TEG	

## Activity B.3.6 Thematic Expert Group on principle and criteria for TLD

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Leaders from other TEG have agreed on and proposed a basic structure of TLD to the TWG	

## Activity B.3.7 Thematic Expert Group: Analyze legality framework on plantation (smallholder plantation, industrial plantation)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Study Tour to LPB Teak Programme carried out > lessons learnt are exchanged and are reflected in the TEG work 2) Registration of smallholder plantations in Sayaboury is supported (trainings, advice, backstopping) 3) The concept of the matrix of principles, criteria, indicators and verifiers is introduced as first draft of the TLD	1) done and useful lessons learnt collected especially on plantation management, data-collection and inventory 2) Training carried out for smallholder plantation holders willing to register their plantation Assessment on registration of smallholder plantation holders done. 3) not yet done
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) The concept of the matrix of principles, criteria, indicators and verifiers is introduced as first draft of the TLD (planned for 26-27.04.)	

## Activity B.4.1 Define and agree product scope

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Timber species identification project is approved, MoU signed and team identified 2) Proposals for scope of timber sources, products and markets are presented to TWG for approval	1) Timber species identification project is approved by FAO 2) not yet
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
1) Personnell in the proposal design not included > proposal needs adjustment	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Timber species identification project MoU signed and team identified 2) Proposals for scope of timber sources, products and markets are presented to TWG for approval	

## Result C

## Activity C.1.1 Set up organizational structure in pilot provinces

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KM: Initial meetings with committee held and members understand FLEGT and know their relevant roles and expected contributions</li> <li>- ATT: Committees are revised and additional members approved by the provincial governor</li> <li>- SAY: Initial meetings with committee held and members understand FLEGT and know their relevant roles and expected contributions</li> </ul>	<p>KM: Coordination Committee Meeting was done and also included private sector actors and Village Forest Development Company Nakhai</p> <p>ATT: done (including wood processing companies and associations)</p> <p>SAY: done (including 9 sectors, but CSO participation still to be clarified, but individual plantation owners are involved)</p>
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
<p>ATT and SAY: understanding by stakeholder is not yet very good</p> <p>KM: ongoing infrastructure projects</p> <p>SAY: plantation owners are not organized in an association</p>	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) ATT: Results of the study on timber flow are presented to stakeholder</li> <li>2) KM and ATT: 4 villages in each ATT and in KM are identified for PCC</li> <li>3) SAY: Training by the central level on FLEGT</li> </ol>	

## Activity C.1.2 Explain, test and evaluate draft timber legality definition

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ATT: Attapeu contributes to TEGs related to private sector and export procedures</li> <li>- SAY: TLD draft for plantations is available</li> <li>- KM: TLD Log Landing 1-3 draft for production forest is available</li> </ul>	<p>ATT: done (support given to Timber Flow study)</p> <p>SAY: in process</p> <p>KM: draft sent to Pro-FLEGT for review</p>
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
<p>ATT: development advisor currently not on board</p> <p>SAY: complicated process and requires a lot of discussions</p> <p>KM: this year no quota for logging in production forest</p>	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
<p>ATT: management of wood processing and export procedure, exchange meeting between provinces, presentation of draft TLD at provincial level, exchange among TEG regarding CoC, introduce TLAS to districts, monitor inputs and outputs at log landing 3, introduce information to private sector wood processing and stock management, collect timber data from wood processing factories</p> <p>SAY: TLD draft for plantations is available</p> <p>KM: monitoring of harvesting of timber of infrastructure projects; meeting on Log Landing 1-2 presented in KM</p>	



## Activity C.1.3 Test and evaluate draft models for TLAS timber tracking systems

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Basic data concerning timber flow are collected in all 3 Provinces 2) Improvements in the availability of data can be seen 3) Data on knowledge and the actual application of laws and procedures collected in 3 provinces	1) not yet started 2) Province specific tools to collect data is available, timelines and responsibilities are clarified and introduced 3) not yet started

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones**

obtaining data from sector agencies can be difficult

**Milestones set for next Quarter**

- 1) Basic data concerning timber flow are being collected in all 3 Provinces (ongoing process), first report available in June
- 2) Improvements in the availability of data can be seen
- 3) Data on knowledge and the actual application of laws and procedures collected in 3 provinces

## Activity C.1.4 Test feasibility of consultation of TLD in provinces through members of National Assembly

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones****Milestones set for next Quarter**

- 1) Explore concept of consultations in provinces with the NA

## Activity C.1.5 Clarify with RRDPA

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Link between RRDPA work and TEG on Village Use Forest is established	1) PRA/CBNA report to FAO submitted and consultation workshop with 10 villages done

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones**

Short time available  
Data-collection on legality of timber from local people is difficult

**Milestones set for next Quarter**

- 1) Meetings on supply chains with 10 villages held
- 2) National meeting to share results/lessons learnt with stakeholders held

## Activity C.1.6 Integrate WWF into TLAS pilot in pilot provinces

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones****Milestones set for next Quarter**

none

## Activity C.2.1 Prepare Capacity Development Plan for TLAS (provincial level)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Coordination amongst FLEGT support projects and other projects concerning Capacity Building Measures is ensured 2) Capacity Building Measures are prioritized	1) not yet 2) done in all pilot provinces
<b>Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones</b>	
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b> 1) Coordination amongst FLEGT support projects and other projects concerning Capacity Building Measures is ensured	

## Activity C.2.2 Train staff for implementing TLAS according to capacity development plan

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) All PCC members communicate by Email (SAY and ATT) 2) District Staff and Communities know how to register plantations (SAY) 3) Responsible forestry staff at provincial and district level are able to use the handed over equipment (KM)	1) training done, but communication not yet regularly done by email 2) Training for district staff on registration and inventory was held (implementation has been focusing on 3 districts so far) 3) not yet 4) GPS training manual elaborated
<b>Milestones set for next Quarter</b> 1) Target communities know how to register plantations (SAY) (remark: monitor number of registered plantation holders over time (now approx. 10%) 2) Responsible forestry staff at provincial and district level are able to use the handed over equipment for forest measuring/inventory, 3) GPS training held for district forest inspection units in the field and GPS is applied in the monitoring of timber legality 4) At least 5 enterprises apply CoC procedures in ATT (remark: WWF to join) 5) POIC sets up a harmonized data base on wood processing industry in ATT 6) A database on registered plantations is established in SAY	

# Result D

Activity D.1.1 Link to Chinese TLAS

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones**

**Milestones set for next Quarter**

none

Activity D.1.2 Support Action Plan of 2015-2016 for the implementation of the co-operation program between DOFI (Lao PDR) and Forest Protection Department (FPD) of Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) The contents of the (upgraded) MoU are specified in terms of concrete activities 2) Project proposal for customs for timber exports data exchange is available (supported by Forest Trends)	1) no specification of contents; on provincial level improving existing MoU between KM and Ha Ting not yet done and elaborating the new MoU between KM-Quang Binh MoU will be done without direct contributions by ProFLEGT 2) No project proposal written (An update of customs data from 2015 was reported by Vietnam to Laos. Laos has shared the list of timber species with Vietnam. A format for data collection is available in Lao and Vietnamese)
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Clarify involvement of ProFLEGT into the cross border MoUs 2) A meeting with various line agencies on possibly initiating MoU between ATT and Kon Toum has been organized. 3) Report of implementation of activities since last year's meeting by WWF 4) A letter by DOFI to the Customs Department has been sent to request for KM collect customs data (and later to share customs data with Quang Binh) 5) First customs data is collected by KM	

Activity D.1.3 Exchange of experiences in FLEGT VPA processes in Thailand and Laos

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	1) In the Asia Pacific Forestry week Thailand reported on the progress of their TLAS system.
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Report on first negotiation round by Thailand with EU received by Lao	

## Activity D.1.4 Discuss and further advance FLEGT approaches in a South-South dialogue

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Participation in the Asia Pacific Forestry week in the Philippines. Presentation on the process of the Lao FLEGT process	1) done others) Multi-Stakeholder study tour to an FSC certified SFE in Kon Toum Vietnam conducted on the sustainable forest management, chain of custody and timber auction.

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones****Milestones set for next Quarter**

1) A presentation by Tim Dawson held at the TWG meeting end April on the progress of the Vietnamese negotiation (specifically on imported timber)

## Activity D.2.1 Conduct livelihood impact assessment to enhance benefits and mitigate potential adverse impacts e.g. for local communities, SMEs and smallholders

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Livelihood impact assessment pre-study started	1) pending (ToR available and proposal available) others) Case Study ToR are available

**Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones****Milestones set for next Quarter**

1) Case Study report and leaflets (or similar) is available and study tours conducted

Activity D.2.2 Establish synergy effects between REDD+ and FLEGT in monitoring illegal logging

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) A concept on synergy effects between REDD+ and FLEGT has been written for MRV and TLAS	1) not done
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) A concept on synergy effects between REDD+ and FLEGT has been written for MRV and TLAS	

## Result E

## Activity E.1 Implement communication campaign

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Production of TV program and TV spot initiated 2) Producer for drinking cups identified 3) FLEGT Video (on TEG) available 4) FLEGT Standing Office is involved in the management of the website 5) Legal texts of Forest Legality uploaded onto the website 6) Partner organizations are contributing to website contents	1) on hold because waiting for cooperation with other GIZ projects 2) cancelled because no producer could be found 3) visit to KM made, still ongoing due to other delays, a video shooting done with Boualapha company 4) ongoing 5) done 6) ongoing others) cotton bags produced 7) presentations held at NUoL
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Production of TV program and TV spot initiated 2) FLEGT Video (on TEG) available 3) Forestry Legality Compendium introduction done on website 4) Factsheet for TEG private sector produced 5) Visual factsheet on the development of the FLEGT process available 6) at least 3 press releases 7) at least 3 newsletters sent 8) Flyers and posters designed 9) Workshop with CSOs on which communications materials to produce 10) Coordination between support projects and FLEGT Standing Office on communication activities is ensured 11) Stakeholders are more prominently represented on the webpage	

## activity E.2 'Implement tailor-made awareness raising activities for high-ranking Government officials and National Assembly (NA)

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
Remark: work will be continued after the new NA members are well established	

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

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## Milestones set for next Quarter

Remark: work will be continued after the new national and provincial NA members are well established
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## Activity E.3 Engage with military and Ministry of National Defense

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) The relevant department in the Ministry of National Defense is identified and initial discussions held 2) Role/scale of the Military in logging is understood better	1) Provincial level (ATT) contacts established (members of police and military in the PCC) 2) Report by Mike Dryer available
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
remark: activity postponed after first face to face negotiations	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
none	

## Activity E.4 Operate M&amp;E system for FLEGT process

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) In the quarterly monitoring meeting, results are presented by partner agencies 2) The next steps and milestones are actively used in guiding the implementation	1) ongoing 2) approx. 70-80% of milestones fulfilled. Most participants of the quarterly review and planning meeting have used the Powerpoint at least once;
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
1) The way to present the results can be made more interesting	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) In the quarterly monitoring meeting, results are presented by partner agencies 2) The next steps and milestones are actively used in guiding the implementation (TWG, NSDC, FLEGT Support projects, FLEGT Standing Office) 3) NSDC meeting on M&E held on 22.04 3) Quarterly report put on website 5) Next Review & Planning Meeting 20-21 June (remark: probably needs to be moved)	

## Activity E.5 Develop Work Plan for fiscal year 2016 / 2017

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
none	

## Activity E.6 Conduct capacity building for stakeholders through trainings and participation in FLEGT events

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Pass on knowledge by candidates from IFG and further capacity building (Improving Forest Governance) course to new members of TWG.	1) Postponed others) concept note for training center (PPP) developed
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
1) Pass on knowledge by candidates from IFG and further capacity building (Improving Forest Governance) course to new members of TWG. Organize workshop to new members of TWG and NSCD (national and provincial) 3) CIDT course attended by 1 CSO representatives	

Activity E.7 Key members of relevant FLEGT committees and related decision-makers attend relevant international events linked to forest governance and FLEGT

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Possibly study tour for NPAs to Vietnam to see role of CSOs in Vietnamese FLEGT	1) Partner meeting between Vietnamese NGOs and 5 Lao CSO Committee members. Presentation by Vietnamese FLEGT done. > no need for a study tour

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Possibly study tour for NPAs to Cambodia, Indonesia or Thailand to see role of CSOs in their FLEGT
- 2) Participation by representatives of Lao FLEGT process in Chattam House meeting on illegal logging in UK (June)

Activity E.8 Identify existing local institutions / establish new ones (FLEGT academy) to provide capacity building for FLEGT

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) Concept for specific training module on CoC developed (also see B 3.1)	1) initiated with the development of the National Standard for CoC (contains training on CoC)

#### Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

remark: potentially merge E.6 and E.8

#### Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) Trial CoC training in May or June

## Activity E.9 Collaborate with other projects in the sector

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
1) DoF presents the Forest Legality Compendium in the Sub-Sector Working Group on Forestry (if meeting takes place in next quarter)	1) postponed

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

1) DoF presents the Forest Legality Compendium in the Sub-Sector Working Group on Forestry (if meeting takes place in next quarter)

## Activity E.10 Support the development of new FLEGT support programs

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
none	approval of the 3 proposals to FAO FLEGT facility (NUoL for timber species identification, ECCDA on the competitiveness of SMEs in wood processing in KM, Furniture Association on verification process)

## Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones

## Milestones set for next Quarter

- 1) FAO technical staff give an introduction to the EU FLEGT facility and other financial support
- 2) relevant draft MoU for FAO proposals agreed on
- 3) FAO projects included into FLEGT quarterly review and planning meetings

Activity E.11 Get additional stakeholders on board and strengthen relationships with existing stakeholders

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
see A. (new members in TWG and NSDC)	see A and C.1.1. (new members in TWG and NSDC and PCC)
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
none	

Activity E.12 Review of stakeholder analysis

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	
none	

Activity E.13 Activity to be defined later

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	

Activity E.14 Activity to be defined later

Milestones set in past Quarter	Achievements of Milestones in past Quarter
None	
Challenges in Making Progress towards Milestones	
Milestones set for next Quarter	

# Suggestions for improvements of the Workshop

- have a few short presentations on key topics (by different stakeholders)
- at least one representative (preferably the head) from each TEG should be present
- strategically invite some TWG members for certain sessions
- in case invited participants cannot join, they should send informed representatives