INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS (CSO) IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF TIMBER LEGALITY DEFINITION (TLD) IN THE FLEGT/VPA PROCESS IN LAO PDR
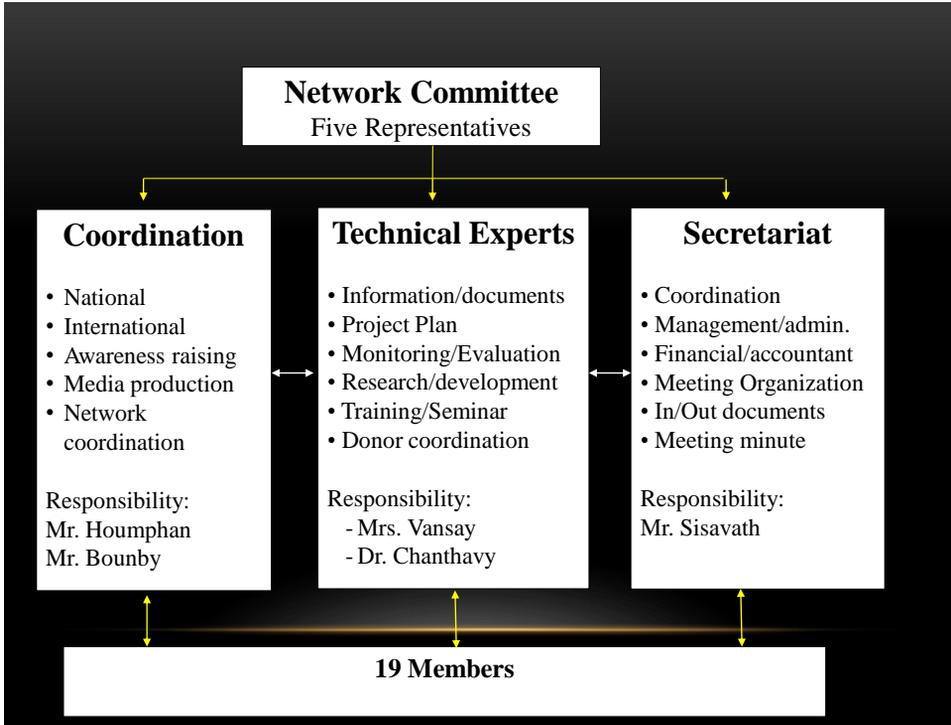

Mrs. Vansy Senyavong, Director of MHP (Women Participating in Development)

LAO-FLEGT CSO NETWORK

- Meeting on 14th September, 2015
- Participants from 19 Lao CSOs
- Votes for 5 representatives from 7 candidate CSOs.

Network Committee
Five Representatives

Coordination

• National
• International
• Awareness raising
• Media production
• Network coordination

Responsibility:
Mr. Houmphan
Mr. Bounby

Technical Experts

• Information/documents
• Project Plan
• Monitoring/Evaluation
• Research/development
• Training/Seminar
• Donor coordination

Responsibility:
 - Mrs. Vansay
 - Dr. Chanthavy

Secretariat

• Coordination
• Management/admin.
• Financial/accountant
• Meeting Organization
• In/Out documents
• Meeting minute

Responsibility:
Mr. Sisavath

19 Members

LAO CSO AS A PART OF THE FLEGT/VPA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Stakeholders
(Government, Enterprises, Civil societies)

STEERING COMMITTEE

One person:
Mr. Houmphan

FLEGT STANDING OFFICE

Head: Director of Division of DOFI

Negotiation Team

One person:
Dr. Chanthavy

Technical Working Group
Timber Legality Definition/Timber Legality Assurance System

Three persons:
- Mr. Sisavath
- Mrs. Vansy
- Mr. Bounby

Thematic Expert Groups
Prepare drafts for Timber Legality Definition

7/15/2016   Crash course FLEGT and VPA process

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

- Active participation in several FLEGT Committees
- Information Dissemeination on FLEGT process to 10 villages in Khammouan province
- Capacity building on legality for timber harvesting for 10 villages
- Assessment on timber supply chain
- Negotiation skills for communities in benefit sharing process

Regulary Network meetings

To report to members about the involvement of Lao CSO FLEGT committees in the process

To have consultation with Lao CSO FLEGT members on the activities of the network in FLEGT

To discuss on the work plan and next step of Lao CSO FLEGT involvement process

To exchange technical knowledge through workshops and study tours on specific FLEGT relevant topics

CSO participated in joint expert meeting (JEM) in December 2015

NEXT STEP OF CSO FLEGT INVOLVEMENT IN THE FLEGT PROCESS

- Finalize the CSO FLEGT Charter and Strategy in June 2016
- Identify the involvement of CSOs in the timber inspection at log landing 1 related Prime Minister Order 17/2008.
- Organize discussion platform regarding legal aspects between government and villagers.
- Strengthen further involvement of CSO in thematic expert groups to ensure that the rights of local communities are reflected in the timber legality definition
- Establish monitoring units with many stakeholders, including CSOs.
- Disseminate forestry law and existing regulations on anti-corruption
- Establish cooperation for better forest governance (Village authorities, District, CSO and private sector).
- Assess wood supply chain. CBED (Community Based Enterprise Development)
- Learn from other CSO Networks about their experience in the FLEGT Process