INvolvement of Civil Society Organisations (CSO) in the Development Process of Timber Legality Definition (TLD) in the FLEGT/VPA Process in Lao PDR

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

• Active participation in several FLEGT Committees
• Information Dissemination 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
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 to 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.