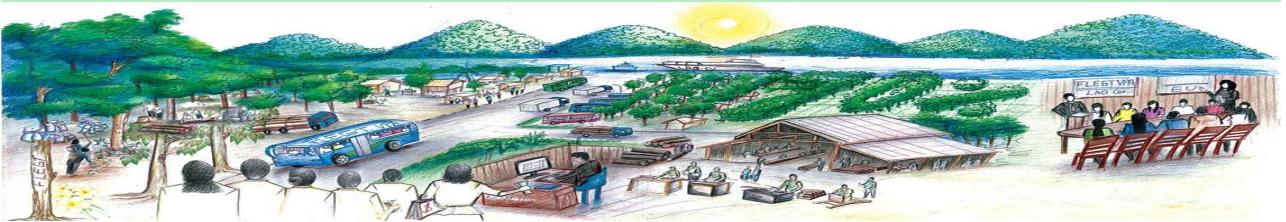


# Update on the Progress of FLEGT VPA in Lao PDR

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## 1. Achievement of FLEGT VPA in Lao PDR

### 2010

- TWO Ministers of MAF and MOIC submitted Letter of intention on FLEGT VPA to EU.

### 2011

- Baseline study on timber flow study in Laos completed.

### 2012

- Vice Minister of MAF, MOIC and MoNRE submitted Letter of Intention to prepare FLEGT VPA Negotiation.

### 2013

- GIZ project Support to the Lao-EU FLEGT (*ProFLEGT*) established.
- FLEGT VPA Standing office established under Department of Forest Inspection.

### 2014

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Video conference between Lao PDR and EU.
- 3 pilot provinces of FLEGT were approved (Sayaboury, Khammoaun, Attapeu).

### 2015

- Prime Minister Office approved the start of FLEGT VPA Negotiation between Laos and EU (Decision No. 986/PMO).
- The 1<sup>st</sup> National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting was held in October 2015, in Luanprabang Province.

### 2016

- Chief of Negotiation Team from Laos and EU prepare for the 1<sup>st</sup> face-to-face Negotiation on FLEGT VPA, April 2016.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting was held in July 2016, in Luanprabang Province.
- Appointed the Head of FLEGT VPA Standing Office, July 2016.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Video conference between Lao PDR and EU, October 2016.
- FLEGT VPA Standing Office submitted 5 draft TLDs and Product Scope to EU in December 2016 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Face-to-Face Negotiation in March 2017.
- The Negotiation Team and Technical Working Group Meeting with EFI was held in January 2017, on Scoping of FLEGT VPA assessments and Guidance for first VPA negotiation with EU.

## 2. Highlight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Video Conference

### Lao PDR:

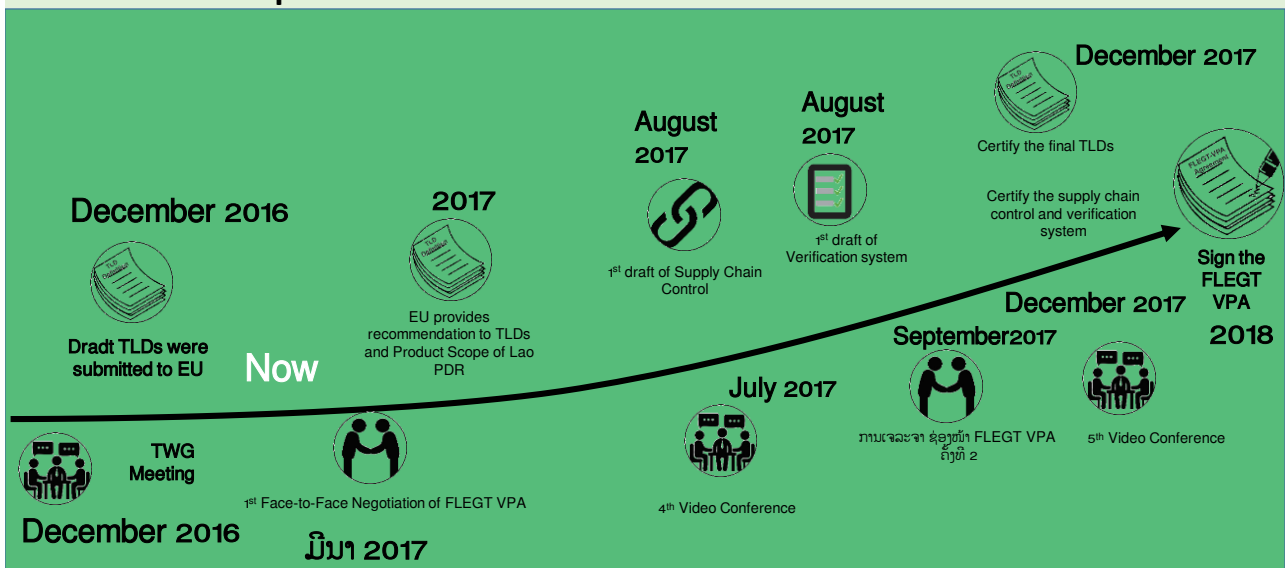
- GOL includes FLEGT VPA process in the national policies (as a significant pillar of Economic development – it is not covered only timber, but also the full range of wood processing sector).
- There are several challenges on forestry sector management, it needs the effectively resolution and development.
- The implementation of the Prime Minister's Oder No.15/PM is highly effective.
- Relevant development plan includes promoting on Plantation and modernizing/developing on wood processing sector to ensure that timber will be consumed productively.

## 2. Highlight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Video Conference

### EU:

- Lao PDR contains readiness for VPA, and FLEGT VPA is in consistent with PMO No. 15/PM.
- FLEGT VPA process is complicated for mutual comprehension, it would take years for implementation to achieve the VPA.
- EU requires country parties who joint FLEGT VPA shall accomplish FLEGT VPA assessments in order to create Baseline study for relevant implementations and further monitoring mutually.
- EU provides concept note to Lao PDR for review and recommendation.
- Technical Working Group Meeting with EFI was held in January 2017, on Scoping of FLEGT VPA assessments and Guidance for first VPA negotiation with EU.
- Consultation between Lao PDR and EFI was held, and the scoping of FLEGT VPA assessments was developed, and prepared for next assessments.

## 3. Road map of the First Face-to-Face negotiation with EU, and development of TLAS in 2017



#### 4. Milestones of Timber Legality Definition (TLD) Development, TLAS, Video Conference and Face-to-Face Negotiation

- Milestones of Timber Legality Definition (TLD) Development

	2017											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TLD 1: Natural production Forest (LL1-3)						F						
TLD 2: Conversion Areas						2			3			F
TLD 3: Plantation						3			F			
TLD 4: Village Forest						1			2			F
TLD 5: Confiscated Timber						1			2			F
TLD 6: Imported Timber									1			F
TLD 7: Labour obligations in Forestry and Wood Processing						2			F			
TLD 8: Wood Processing and Timber Trade						2			3			F

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#### 4. Milestones of Timber Legality Definition (TLD) Development, TLAS, Video Conference and Face-to-Face Negotiation

- Milestones of Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) Development, Video Conference, and Negotiation

	2017											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Core Elements of TLAS:</b>												
Timber Legality Definition (TLD)												
Supply Chain Control & Verification												
FLEGT Licensing												
Independent Monitoring												
Video Conference												
Face to Face Negotiation												
Final Draft TLD												
First Draft Supply Chain Control & Verification												

Remark: Development of FLEGT Licensing and Independent Monitoring only in 2018

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# Thank you

