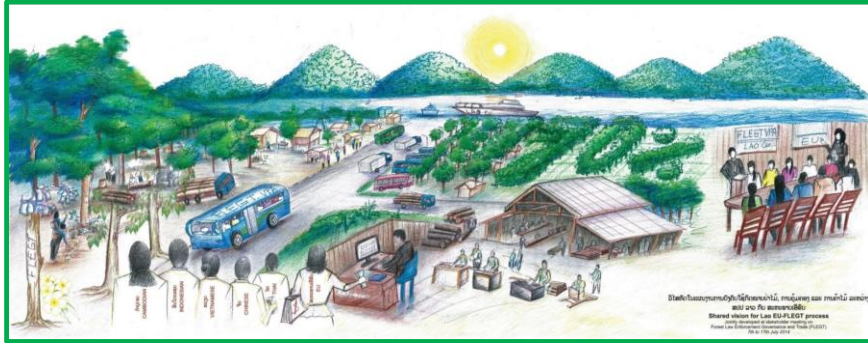


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### Plenary Discussion: Guiding Questions

- First Part: Discussion of selected topics raised as main challenges from review
- Second Part: Discussion on VPA Negotiation Roadmap, EU-Lao Roadmap and annual planning 2018

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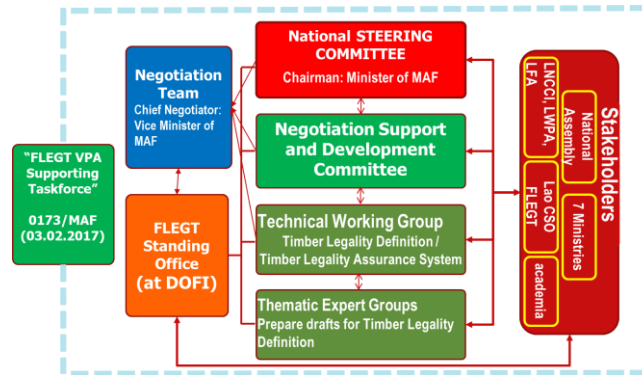
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## First Part: Discussion of selected topics raised as main challenges from review (1)

***Institutional setup: It is challenging to maintain the committees at all level***

- How can we improve the overall functioning of the steering structure of the process?
  - at national level?
  - in the pilot provinces?



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## First Part: Discussion of selected topics raised as main challenges from review (2)

***Institutional setup: It is challenging to maintain the committees at all level***

- How can we improve the communication and collaboration between the central and the provincial level?
- How can we assure sustainable commitment of all stakeholders at all levels, especially their availability for working groups and negotiation events?
- How can we strengthen the role and responsibilities of the FLEGT Standing Office (under new division DOFI) and the Taskforce?
- How can we strengthen the role and responsibilities of the PSC and PCC?

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## First Part: Discussion of selected topics raised as main challenges from review (3)

***Legal framework: Adjustments are necessary for the development of a TLAS, enforcement is crucial for its implementation***

- In general: How can we strengthen the political will for needed changes to manage more sustainably the forests and improve the wood processing sector?
- What is needed that the FLEGT VPA process is enhancing the implementation of PMO15?

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## Second Part: Discussion on VPA Negotiation Roadmap and Annual Planning 2018

### ***VPA Negotiation Roadmap***

- What do you think are the challenges in the future negotiations?
- What are risks not to comply with the the timeline of the roadmap?

### ***Annual Planning 2018***

- What should be the main achievements under:
  - A. Institutional set up/ negotiation
  - B. TLAS Development
  - C. Pilot Provinces
- Until the end of 2018

#### **Reminder:**

- 2nd & 3rd negotiations in 2018
- 4th & 5th negotiation in 2019
- 2nd negotiation: advanced TLDs ready, draft supply chain control & verification for production forests, conversion areas and wood processing and trade)
- Supply chain control and verification for all timber sources
- First draft of TLAS annexes

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# Thank You

