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The FAO-EU FLEGT Programme

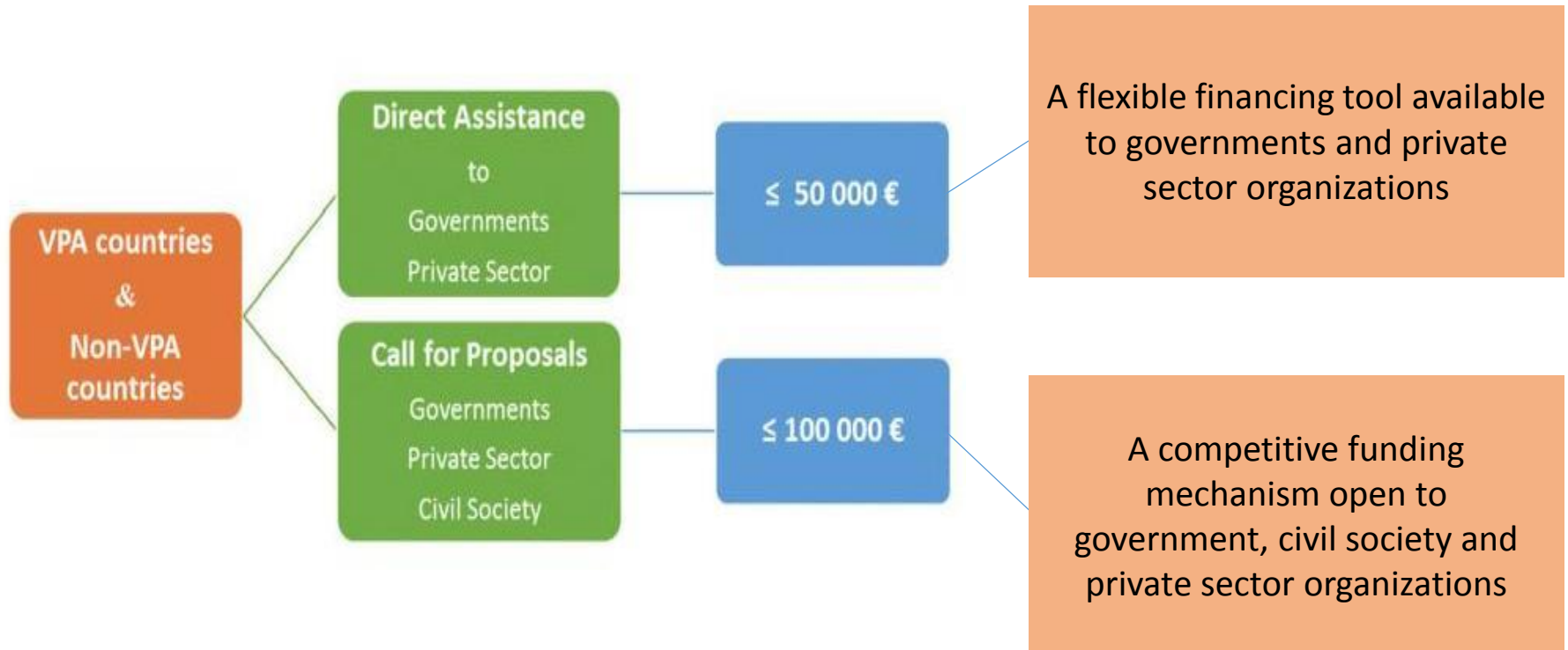
- Main objective - to tackle illegal logging, promote trade in legal timber products and ultimately contribute to sustainable forest management (SFM) and poverty reduction
- Multi-donor trust fund with a confirmed endowment of 45,000,000 EUR (50,000,000 USD) for 2016-2020
- Part of a global network of actors supported by the EU to implement the FLEGT Action Plan
- Provides technical and financial support (grants) to national stakeholders to implement locally defined solutions to FLEGT
- Supports 16 countries engaged in a VPA with the EU and 7 non VPA countries

Programme outcomes relevant to Lao PDR

- Outcome 1: Support VPA countries - successful negotiation and/or implementation of the VPA contributing to improve forest governance and timber legality
- Outcome 2: Support to Non VPA countries
- Outcome 3: Support to private sector - improved capacity to participate in the production, marketing & trade of legal timber
- Outcome 4: Increase Information, knowledge, capacity and International dialogue
- Outcome 5: Monitor the FLEGT Action plan and VPA impact

Available Support to Lao PDR

Indicative budget 2016-2020:
1.2 Million USD



Call for Proposal (CfP)

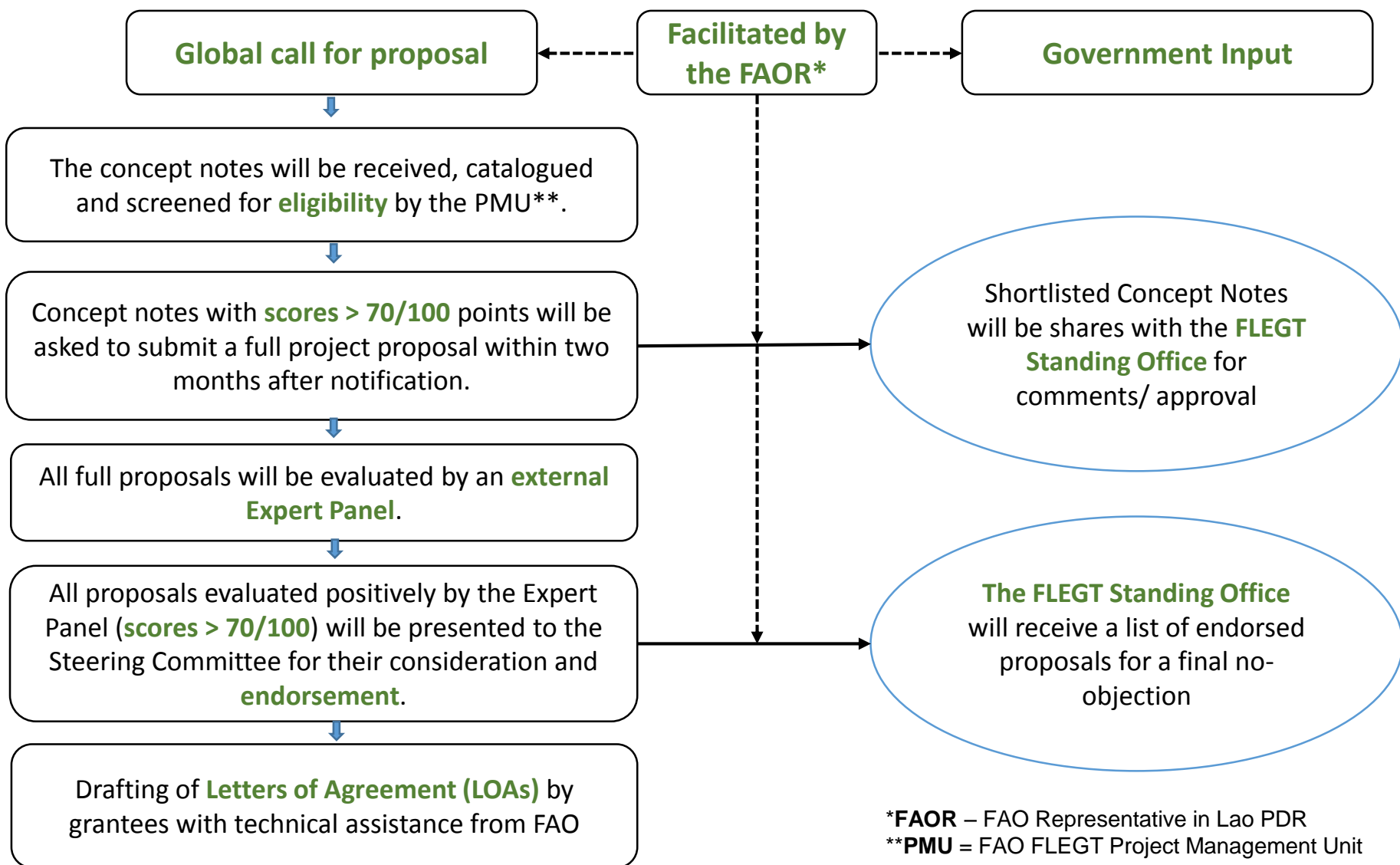
- **A competitive mechanism** open to all stakeholders (government, civil society and private sector organizations)
- **Annual** call for proposals –
- **Phased** approach:
 - Global Call for concept notes (**call to be announced today, deadline 15th of September!**)
 - Internal Review and shortlisting
 - Invitation to submit full proposals,
 - Evaluation process (international expert panel),
 - Writing of Letters of Agreement (LOAs)

FAO-EU FLEGT Phase III in Lao PDR

- Results of the 2015 CfP :
 - Lao PDR: 6 proposals
 - Endorsed for support: 3 (NUoL, ECCDA, LFA*)
- Results of the 2016 CfP:
 - Lao PDR: 6 proposals
 - Endorsed for support: 2 (LWPIA and PADETC)



Formalized government inputs



Direct Assistance (DA)

- More flexible, no phased approach
- Proposals can be submitted throughout the year
- Available to **government** and **private sector** organizations
- Respond to requests for immediate, specific actions connected with the implementation of a national VPA strategy/plan
- Requires government endorsement

Examples:

- VN:** first draft TLAS, National LD consultation process, pre-ratification VPA Impact Assessment
- THA:** Support to Standing Office and TWGs, National LD consultation
- MAL:** TLAS Training for SMEs, CoC regulation development
- PNG:** TLVS Gap Analysis

4 proposed Lao priorities for 2017 CfP

1. Development of the Timber Legality Definition (TLD) and Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)

Support legal framework reform to address gaps in existing laws and regulations as identified through the TLD development process.

Support consultation processes and testing of elements of the TLD and TLAS.

2. Support to Implementation of PM Order No. 15/PM and FLEGT related reforms

Support FLEGT related legal framework reform in the forestry and other relevant sectors.

Support the formulation of a strategic framework towards the modernization of the wood processing industry, promoting value addition and responsible business conduct

Support key FLEGT related developments for implementation of PM Order No. 15/PM and FLEGT related reforms, such as timber auction processes, and mechanisms to prohibit import/export of illegal timber.

4 proposed Lao priorities for 2017 CfP (Cont.)

3. Promotion of stakeholder participation and awareness

Support stakeholders to organize, participate in and contribute to the VPA process.

Improve the understanding by civil society and the private sector of regulations and laws related to the forestry sector in particular those identified through the VPA process.

4. Stakeholder research, assessments and field testing related to VPA priorities

Improve insights into VPA priority issues such as conversion areas and related timber production, transparency and access to information, mechanisms for monitoring and making complaints in the forest sector.

Improve understanding of factors effecting domestic and international markets, value addition and other elements affecting forest sector competitiveness including to inform discussions on strategies to promote production of finished wood products and policies to create value-adding

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