

# FAO FLEGT PROGRAMME



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## Concept Idea

### Laos - FAO - EU FLEGT Networking Event

#### 1. Introduction

The FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Programme is a multi-donor trust fund established with contributions from the Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the European Union and FAO with a confirmed endowment of USD 50 Million for 2016-2020. The overall objective of the FLEGT Programme is to support the VPA process, tackle illegal logging, promote trade in legal timber products and ultimately contribute to sustainable forest management (SFM) and poverty reduction. The FAO-EU FLEGT Programme, through the FAO Representation to Lao PDR and in close consultation with the FLEGT Standing Office, aims to ensure effective and targeted support to FLEGT VPA stakeholders in Laos through its technical and financial (grants) support to the VPA process.

#### 2. Background

Initial support to Lao PDR began in 2015 when the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme funded the Rural Research and Development Promoting Knowledge Association (RRDPA) in a project to increase awareness of Provincial (Khamouane), District and Community level stakeholders about the forestry sectors' legal framework and the FLEGT initiative. Since the start of 2017, the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme has seen an increase in support to Lao PDR through proposals received from Global Call for Proposals. The two operational projects funded by the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme are implemented by the Faculty of Forest - National University of Laos (NUOL) and Environment Conservation and Community Development Association (ECCDA). The FAO-EU FLEGT Programme is in the process of finalizing two new projects to support the private sector in Laos through the Lao Wood Processing Association (LWPIA) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) through the Participatory Development Training Centre (PADETC). On 20 April 2017, the Department of International Cooperation under the Ministry of Planning and Investment signed the Government Cooperation Agreement (GCP Agreement) with FAO endorsing the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme to operate and support the FLEGT VPA process in Lao PDR in close collaboration with the FLEGT Standing Office.

#### 3. Objectives

In light of the growing support to the FLEGT VPA Process in Lao PDR and the interest of the FAOR to better coordinate and engage with FLEGT stakeholders in country, the FAO Representation in Lao PDR would like to propose the organization of a 'Laos FAO-EU FLEGT Day' at the FAO Representation in Vientiane.

The objectives of the Laos FAO-EU FLEGT Day are:

1. To showcase on-going and new FAO-EU FLEGT Programme supported projects in Laos
2. To create an opportunity to network and for dialogue between FAO-EU FLEGT supported projects, key FLEGT stakeholders in Laos, EU delegation and FAO

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## Annex 1: Agenda

Time	Activity	Responsible person
08.00 – 08.10	Welcome remarks by the FAO Representative to Lao PDR	Dr. Stephen Rudgard
08.10 – 08.20	Welcome remarks by Department of Forest Inspection (DOFI), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Mr. Thongphanh Ratanalangsy
08.20 – 08.40	The FLEGT updates and overview for Lao PDR by the FLEGT Standing Office	Dr. Khamfuea Sirivongs
08.40 – 09.00	Speech by the EU Delegation to Lao PDR	Mr. Ignacio Oliver-Cruz
09.00 – 09.15	Speech by the European Forest Institute's FLEGT Facility	Mr. Tim Dawson
09.15 – 09.40	Coffee / Tea break and Networking	
09.40 – 10.40 (15 min each)	Presentations by FAO-EU FLEGT funded projects	
	1. <i>Building Capacity for Timber Species Identification to Strengthen the Timber Legality Assurance System in Lao PDR – NUOL</i>	Dr. Latsamy Boupaha
	2. <i>Support the production of legal timber and timber products through improved competitiveness of small and medium businesses in Lao PDR – ECCDA</i>	Mr. Khanthone Phamuong
	3. <i>Sustainable use and better management of forest through empowered community to participate in FLEGT and VPA dialogue process – PADETC</i>	Mr. Khamphoui Saythalat
	4. <i>Enhancing private sector participation in the VPA process in Lao PDR – LWPIA</i>	Ms. Thu Nguyen
10.40 – 11.00	Linking the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme support to the wider FLEGT VPA process in Lao PDR by the FAO-EU FLEGT Regional Coordinator for Asia	Mr. Bruno Cammaert
11.00 – 11.45	Open discussion / targeted discussions between FLEGT Stakeholders - facilitated by GIZ ProFLEGT	Mr. Heiko Woerner
11.45 – 12.00	Closing remarks by the Co chairs	Co-chairs
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch and Networking	