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## **Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Proposed Workplan for 2017**

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Submitted by: EGILAT Chair



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## **EGILAT's Proposed Work Plan for 2017**

### **Introduction**

In 2017 the Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) will continue its efforts to build the capacity of member economies to take concrete steps to combat illegal logging and associated trade, and promote trade in legally harvested forest products through dialogue, technical workshops, and other means. In particular, host economy Viet Nam will focus on supply chain control using risk-based verification and strengthening connectivity between producers and industry in supply chain control.

### **1. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017**

- 1.1 Convene two EGILAT meetings (EGILAT 11, 20-21 February 2017, and EGILAT 12 in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017);
- 1.2 Finalize the EGILAT Strategic Plan 2018-2022 (in the intersession after SOM3, August 2017);
- 1.3 Develop the EGILAT Work Plan 2018 (between SOM3 2017 and SOM1 2018);
- 1.4 Hold two information sharing sessions during EGILAT meetings (EGILAT 11, 20-21 February 2017 and EGILAT 12 in the margin of SOM3, August 2017);
- 1.5 Complete, share and publish information gathered via the Timber Legality Guidance Template (TLGT) (no later than December 31, 2017);
- 1.6 Complete and share Law Enforcement Points of Contact List for economies (ongoing, no later than SOM 3, August 2017);
- 1.7 Deliver Public-Private Dialogue with SMEs on Promoting Legal Trade in Harvested Wood Products and Strengthening Supply Chain Connectivity towards Sustainable Growth (18-19 February 2017);
- 1.8 Co-develop and deliver joint workshop with SCCP on Customs Best Practices To Identify Illegal Timber and Wood Products (in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017);
- 1.9 Pathfinder IV Dialogue Series: co-develop and deliver dedicated ILAT sessions with ACTWG (in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017);
- 1.10 Develop a concept note to increase knowledge on technical matters related to preventing and combatting illegal logging and associated trade (Project Session 2, 2017);
- 1.11 Develop a concept note for a dialogue on best practices in domestic supply chain control in APEC (in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017, TBC);
- 1.12 Develop a Concept Note on Structural Reform and Corporate Social Responsibility Best Practices to Promote Legal Trade of Wood and Wood Products and Enhance Sustainable Change (Project Session 1, 2017).

## 2. Itemized Work Plans for 2017

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<p><b>Hold two information sharing sessions</b></p>	<p>EGILAT will hold an information sharing session at each working group meeting to share the experience and knowledge of member economies and relevant international/regional organizations with all EGILAT members</p> <p>Schedule: EGILAT 11, 20-21 February 2017, and EGILAT 12, in the margin of SOM3, August 2017</p> <p>Leads: All EGILAT members</p>	<p>Welcomed the increased collaboration with other fora, particularly on ... combating illegal logging, ... <b>(2016 AMM Joint Statement)</b></p> <p>Recognized the work of inter-governmental and international organisations and processes in addressing sustainable forest management, combating illegal logging and associated trade, improving forest governance and forest law enforcement, and enhancing trade in legally harvested wood products;</p> <p>Aspired to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhance cooperation among APEC economies through the EGILAT to combat illegal logging and associated trade, promote trade in legally harvested forest products, and build capacity;</li> <li>- Continue working through the EGILAT to share information and best practices on enforcement efforts and policies that are successful in combating illegal logging and associated trade, and promoting trade in legally harvested forest products;</li> <li>- Share experiences and lessons learned on the implementation of tools and mechanisms in order to advance forest governance in the</li> </ul>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b>(ECOTECH Priority)</b>;</p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b>(APEC 2017 Priority)</b></p>	<p>The session will involve cooperation with relevant international/regional organizations, such as European Commission, the Nature Conservancy, INTERPOL, etc.</p>

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		<p>region. <b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Strengthened policy dialogue on combating illegal logging and promoting trade in legally harvested forest products, with an emphasis on timber and timber products;</p> <p>Collaborated with relevant international and regional organizations <b><u>(EGILAT Work Plan 2016)</u></b></p>		
<p><b>Complete, Share and Publish Timber Legality Guidance Template (TLGT) Information</b></p>	<p>Building on progress made in 2016, each APEC economy will continue to compile the information described in <i>the EGILAT Timber Legality Guidance Template</i> in accordance with <i>the APEC Common Understanding of the Scope of Illegal Logging and Associated Trade</i>. At the EGILAT meetings in 2017, members will report on their progress in compiling the information and share compiled information. Economies aim to complete this process in 2017, sharing the compiled information among EGILAT members, other APEC fora, and posting on the EGILAT public website.</p>	<p>Endorsed <i>the Common Understanding of the Scope of Illegal Logging and Associated Trade</i>, and <i>the Timber Legality Guidance Template</i> developed by the Experts' Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade. <b><u>(2015 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Called for enhanced cooperation among APEC economies through the EGILAT to combat illegal logging and associated trade, building on EGILAT's development of <i>the Common Understanding of the Scope of Illegal Logging and Associated Trade</i> and <i>the Timber Legality Guidance Template</i>. <b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Instructed officials to consider proposals related to information sharing and transparency, and to take concrete actions to combat illegal logging and promote trade in legal wood products. <b><u>(2014 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p>	<p>Regional Economic Integration <b><u>(ECOTECH &amp; APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b>;</p> <p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH Priority)</u></b></p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b></p>	<p>The information gathered via the completed and respective EGILAT Timber Legality Guidance templates will be shared with other relevant APEC fora, such as SCCP, ACTWG, SMEWG, etc. where appropriate.</p>

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	<p><b>Schedule:</b> ongoing, complete within 2017 (by EGILAT 12 in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017)</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> All EGILAT members</p>	<p>Invited APEC member economies to compile and share information described in the Timber Legality Guidance Template. (<b><u>EGILAT Work Plan 2016</u></b>)</p>		
<p><b>Complete and Share Law Enforcement Points of Contact List</b></p>	<p>The proposal was discussed and agreed by almost all EGILAT members at the 10<sup>th</sup> EGILAT Meeting. It was also introduced to SCCP and ACTWG members at the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGILAT-SCCP Joint Meeting and the Pathfinder Dialogue. Members of EGILAT and other relevant groups will compile information on law enforcement points of contact relating to ILAT with the aim of completing this task in 2017.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> ongoing, complete within 2017 (by EGILAT 12 in the margin of SOM 3, August 2017)</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> All EGILAT members</p>	<p>Reaffirmed APEC's commitment to take concrete steps to fight against illegal logging and associated trade in the region and efforts to facilitate law enforcement cooperation within and among APEC economies. (<b><u>2016 AMM Joint Statement</u></b>)</p> <p>Called for enhanced cooperation among APEC economies through the EGILAT to combat illegal logging and associated trade, promote trade in legally harvested forest products, and build capacity. (<b><u>2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement</u></b>)</p> <p>Reaffirmed commitment to promote trade in legal timber, legally harvested wood and wood products and combat illegal logging and associated trade. (<b><u>2014 AMM Joint Statement</u></b>)</p> <p>Called for the development and sharing of a list of law enforcement points of contact from each APEC economy on illegal logging (<b><u>EGILAT Work Plan 2016</u></b>)</p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth (<b><u>ECOTECH Priority</u></b>);</p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth (<b><u>APEC 2017 Priority</u></b>)</p>	<p>Cooperate with ACTWG and SCCP</p>
<p><b>Deliver APEC Public – Private Dialogue with SMEs on</b></p>	<p>The concept note of the project has been approved by the BMC. The project-based</p>	<p>Recognized the efforts of the private sector in sustainable forest management and support their efforts</p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable</p>	<p>Collaboration with the Nature Conservancy and SMEs from</p>

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<p><b><i>promoting legal trade in harvested wood products and strengthening supply chain connectivity towards sustainable growth</i></b></p>	<p>event is scheduled in 2017 in Viet Nam.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> February 18-19, 2017</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> Viet Nam, all EGILAT members</p>	<p>through appropriate policy frameworks. <b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Reaffirmed commitment to promote trade in legal timber, legally harvested wood and wood products and combat illegal logging and associated trade. <b><u>(2014 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Called for strengthening private sector investment in sustainable forest management across the APEC region, along with access to better technology and markets, by promoting enabling policy environments that attract investors, including sound forest-related legislation, effective law enforcement and forest governance frameworks, market-based instruments. <b><u>(2013 MMRF2 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Agreed to hold a public-private sector dialogue with SMEs to inform the development of best practices to combat illegal logging and associated trade and promoting trade in legal forest products <b><u>(EGILAT Work Plan 2016) and AMM 2016</u></b></p>	<p>Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH)</u></b>;</p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b></p>	<p>the private sector</p>
<p><b><i>Co-develop and deliver joint workshop with SCCP on Customs Best Practices To Identify Illegal Timber and Wood</i></b></p>	<p>The concept note on the joint workshop was presented and discussed at the 10<sup>th</sup> EGILAT Meeting and the 2<sup>nd</sup> EGILAT-SCCP Joint Meeting in August 2016 in Lima. Members of both groups agreed to continue working on the</p>	<p>Reaffirmed APEC's commitment to take concrete steps to fight against illegal logging and associated trade in the region and efforts to facilitate law enforcement cooperation within and among APEC economies. <b><u>(2016 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Enhanced cooperation among APEC</p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH Priority)</u></b></p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive</p>	<p>Joint activity with SCCP. ACTWG members as well members of the World Customs Organization (WCO), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, ITTO, GTTN and</p>

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<b>Products</b>	<p>content of the workshop, with a view to holding it on the margin of SOM3 in 2017. The concept note will be further updated and recirculated for comments in 2017, and submitted for APEC funding, with the aim to complete this work.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> in the margin of SOM 3 (August 2017)</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> USA, all EGILAT members</p>	<p>economies through the EGILAT to combat illegal logging and associated trade, promote trade in legally harvested forest products, and build capacity. <b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Reaffirmed commitment to promote trade in legal timber, legally harvested wood and wood products and combat illegal logging and associated trade. <b><u>(2014 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Co-developed a concept note with SCCP to deliver a workshop on customs issues related to preventing and combating illegal logging and associated trade <b><u>(EGILAT Work Plan 2016)</u></b></p>	Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b>	the CITES secretariat are invited to attend it.
<b>Pathfinder IV Dialogue Series: co-develop and deliver dedicated ILAT sessions with ACTWG</b>	<p>EGILAT will co-develop and deliver with ACTWG a session on preventing and combating illegal logging as part of the Pathfinder Dialogue series. EGILAT will increase cooperation and information sharing in the areas of anti-corruption authorities, customs bureaus and law enforcement agencies' through this project.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> in the margin of SOM3 (August 2017)</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> USA, all EGILAT</p>	<p>Enhanced cooperation among APEC economies through the EGILAT to combat illegal logging and associated trade, promote trade in legally harvested forest products, and build capacity. <b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Reaffirmed commitment to promote trade in legal timber, legally harvested wood and wood products and combat illegal logging and associated trade. <b><u>(2014 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH Priority)</u></b></p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b></p>	ACTWG, and external organizations such as UNODC, World Bank, INTERPOL, OECD and various non-governmental organizations

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	members			
<p><b>Develop a concept note to increase knowledge on technical matters related to preventing and combating illegal logging and associated trade</b></p>	<p>EGILAT will develop a concept note to build capacities in terms of wood traceability and incorporation of the use of satellite images for the detection of forest cover changes</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> Project Session 2, 2017</p> <p><b>Leads:</b> Chile, all EGILAT members</p>	<p>Reaffirmed APEC’s commitment to take concrete steps to fight against illegal logging and associated trade in the region and efforts to facilitate law enforcement cooperation within and among APEC economies. In addition, we note the importance of increasing trade in legally harvested forest products.</p> <p>Looked forward to further development in favor of trade in legally harvested forest products, and welcome member economies’ endeavors to pursue measures to establish effective timber traceability systems, including through strengthened government capacity. <b><u>(2016 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH Priority)</u></b></p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Develop a concept note for a dialogue on best practices in domestic supply chain control in APEC</b></p>	<p>The dialogue will cover one or more of the following sub-topics: appropriate technology for supply chain control, risk-based verification, reconciliation data, connectivity between producers and industry in supply chain control, role of the ‘voluntary certification CoC in the ‘regulatory/mandatory’ supply chain control.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> in the margin of SOM 3 (August 2017, TBC)</p>	<p>Looked forward to further development in favor of trade in legally harvested forest products, and welcome member economies’ endeavors to pursue measures to establish effective timber traceability systems, including through strengthened government capacity. <b><u>(2016 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p>	<p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth <b><u>(ECOTECH Priority)</u></b></p> <p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth <b><u>(APEC 2017 Priority)</u></b></p>	



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	<p><b>Leads:</b> Viet Nam, all EGILAT members.</p>			
<p><b><i>Develop a Concept Note on Structural Reform and Corporate Social Responsibility Best Practices to Promote Legal Trade of Wood and Wood Products and Enhance Sustainable Change</i></b></p>	<p>EGILAT will develop a Concept Note to structural reform and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Best Practices to promote legal trade of wood and wood products and enhance sustainable change.</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> Project Session 1, 2017</p> <p><b>Lead:</b> PNG, all EGILAT members</p>	<p>Invited Leaders to jointly pledge to undertake robust, comprehensive and ambitious structural reforms to reduce inequality and stimulate growth in APEC Economies and contribute to APEC overarching goal to promote balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth, through measures in line with the following pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. more open and functioning, transparent and competitive markets;</li> <li>2. deeper participation in those markets by all segments of society, ...;</li> <li>3. sustainable social policies that enhances promotes above mentioned objectives, enhance economic resilience and are well-targeted, effective and non-discriminatory.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>(2015 SRMM Joint Statement, Attachment A)</u></b></p> <p>Aspired to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognise and encouraged policy mechanisms that promote and encourage fair and transparent investment for the development of the forest sector and trade in legally harvested forest products;</li> <li>- Build capacity of all stake holders in the forestry sector to contribute to</li> </ul>	<p>Fostering Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth (<b><u>APEC 2017 Priority</u></b>)</p> <p>Safeguarding the Quality of Life Through Sustainable Growth (<b><u>ECOTECH Priority</u></b>)</p>	

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		<p>sustainable forest management;</p> <p>- Recognise the efforts of the private sector in sustainable forest management and support their efforts through appropriate policy frameworks.</p> <p><b><u>(2015 MMRF3 Joint Statement)</u></b></p> <p>Looked forward to further development in favor of trade in legally harvested forest products, and welcome member economies' endeavors to pursue measures to establish effective timber traceability systems, including through strengthened government capacity.</p> <p><b><u>(2016 AMM Joint Statement)</u></b></p>		

**Non-Capacity Building Activities are as follows:**

- *Convene two EGILAT meetings (EGILAT 11 on 20-21 February 2017 and EGILAT 12 in the margin of SOM3, August 2017)*
- *Develop 2018 Work Plan (between SOM3 2017 and SOM1 2018, EGILAT Core Group members to take the lead, including PNG as 2018 host)*
- *Develop and adopt the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan (in the intersession after SOM3, August 2017, EGILAT Core Group members to take the lead)*