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Agenda Item: I.E

Agenda

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: EGILAT Chair



**27th Experts Group on Illegal Logging
and Associated Trade Meeting
Gyeongju, Korea
26-27 February 2025**

ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE APEC EXPERTS GROUP ON ILLEGAL LOGGING AND ASSOCIATED TRADE (EGILAT 27)

**Vega Hall, Lahan Select
Gyeongju, Republic of Korea
26-28 February 2025**

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 – Plenary Day One	
Thursday, 27 February 2025 – Plenary Day Two	
Friday, 28 February 2025 – Field visit	
Day 1 EGILAT Plenary – Wednesday, 26 February 2025	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration of EGILAT Delegates and invited guests & APEC Observers
09:00 – 09:50	<u>Session I - Opening Session</u>
10 min	<i>The 27th Meeting of EGILAT will be chaired by Ms. Noraihan ABDUL RAHMAN.</i> A. Welcoming remarks by the EGILAT Chair 2024-2025 Ms. Noraihan ABDUL RAHMAN
5 min	B. Opening Remarks by APEC Host Economy Dr. Nam Songhee Korea Forest Service Director General of International Affairs Bureau
10 min	C. Introduction of APEC 2025 Priorities Ms. Koo Amy Ministry of Foreign Affairs Senior Researcher of Economic Organization Division & SOM Chair's Office
10 min	<i>The Meeting will introduce the representatives from each member economy. Non-Member Participants (NMPs) who are present will also introduce themselves to the Meeting. EGILAT PD to confirm the meeting quorum, and if quorum not met, to continue updating the meeting from time to time.</i> D. Introduction of EGILAT delegates

5 min	<i>The Meeting to consider and adopt the proposed agenda for its session.</i> E. Adoption of Agenda
10 min	<i>EGILAT PD will present an overview of APEC Projects and briefly outline the intersessional work undertaken.</i> F. Updates by the APEC Secretariat
09:50 – 10:30	<u>Session II – Exchange of Information Relating to Combating Illegal Logging and Promoting Trade in Legal Forest Products</u>
Approx. 15 min for each presentation, including Q&A, comments	<i>Volunteering member economies to share updates on their existing efforts and domestic work to combat illegal logging and promote the trade of legal forest products.</i> A. Australia B. China C. Japan
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	<u>Session II continued</u>
Approx. 15 min for each presentation, including Q&A, comments	D. Korea E. Malaysia F. New Zealand G. Peru H. Thailand
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	<u>Session III: EGILAT ToR (2026-2029) (EGILAT members only)</u>
	<i>Members to actively participate in the discussion on the comments received from members on the draft ToR and to strive to endorse the draft by Day 2 (Led by Chair).</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	<u>Session III continued: EGILAT ToR (2026-2029) (EGILAT members only)</u>

17:00 – 17:05	<u>Conclusion of Day 1 Plenary</u>
	A. Summing up of Day 1 (EGILAT Chair) B. Logistical information/administrative announcements by the Host Economy (RoK)

Day 2 EGILAT Plenary – Thursday, 27 February 2025	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration of EGILAT Delegates and invited guests & APEC Observers
09:00 – 09:30	<u>Session IV – Review of 2025 Workplan</u>
	<i>Member economies to discuss the draft Work Plan and to endorse for submission to the SCE.</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<u>Session V – Update and Exchange of Information Relating to Resources of EGILAT</u>
	<i>Member economies to be initiated to discuss on how TLGT has been utilized/promoted by them to spread awareness on timber legality framework. Members to discuss on how they can assist those who have yet to establish their TLGT (8 economies) on the key aspects of TLGT to be considered, among others, to encourage them to initiate the drafting process.</i> <i>Volunteering economies to share /updates on</i> <i>progress of Timber Legality Guidance Template (TLGT) development</i> <i>compendium of resources</i> <i>Share Law Enforcement Points of Contact Information on a voluntary basis</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<u>Session VI – Capacity Building and New Concept Note for 2025</u>
	Discussion on member capacity needs related to illegal logging and associated trade (led by Chair)

10:15 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:15	<u>Session VII – EGILAT Policy Theme III 2024-25 Activities</u>
	<i>A. Malaysia to present the new Self-funded project proposal titled Enhancing Enforcement and Legal Timber Practices through Stakeholder Collaboration</i> <i>B. Discussion on new Concept Notes, if any.</i> <i>C. Q&A</i>
11:15 – 11:30	<u>Session VIII – Review of EGILAT Implementation Progress and Reporting on APEC Policy Frameworks</u>
	<i>Members will discuss on the contributions of EGILAT to APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 and Aotearoa Plan of Action formulated based on the three key drivers of PV2040 i.e. Trade and Investment, Innovation and Digitalisation, and Strong Balanced, Secure, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth. Members will also discuss the implementation activities of the EGILAT Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027 endorsed in 2023.</i> A. Member economies to discuss EGILAT contributions to the Putrajaya Vision 2040 and Aotearoa Plan of Action B. EGILAT reporting on the Bangkok Goals Evergreen Compendium of Actions and Initiatives C. Member economies to discuss the implementation activities of the EGILAT Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027 D. Members economies to discuss the implementation activities of the La Serena Roadmap
11:30 – 12:00	<u>Session IX – Cross-Organization Information Exchange</u>
	<i>The EGILAT Guests will share relevant activity/project updates for the information of the meeting.</i> Presentation from international / regional organizations: A. International Tropical Timber Organization B. Q&A
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00	<u>Session X: Thematic Discussion - “Sustainable and Legal Timber Trade: Addressing Market Challenges and Opportunities”</u>
	<i>In support to APEC ROK2025 Theme: Building a Sustainable Tomorrow proposed members to discuss on the various timber trade regulation governed by trading economies (i.e. not limited to APEC members) at ensuring legality, sustainability, and fair trade practices. In this session members are expected to explore and learn best practices in overcoming the market access challenges governed by the imported economy while ensuring sustainable and legal timber trade.</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<u>Session XI – Discussion on Policy Theme (2026-2027)</u>
	<i>Members to discuss the development of a new policy theme for 2026-2027 and/or review the current policy theme.</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:30	<u>ToR (2026-2029) discussion (Session III continued, if needed)</u>
	<i>Members to finalise the endorsement of the draft ToR for EGILAT Chair to present to the Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE). In the case of EGILAT failing to endorse the draft ToR, members are to discuss the next step forward and establish a timeline for the endorsement to be finalised.</i>
16:30 – 17:15	<u>Session XII – Other Business and Closing Session</u>
	A. APEC Secretariat to announce Meeting Document Classification B. Remarks by Host Economy C. Closing Remarks by other Economies D. Closing Remarks by EGILAT Chair
	End of Meeting
Day 3 – Friday, 28 February 2025	
09:00 – 18:00	<u>Baekdudaegan National Arboretum (BDNA)</u>
	Registration required by 12 FEB. Contact chesa0420@korea.kr

