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Agenda Item: VII

Enhancing Enforcement and Legal Timber Trade Through Stakeholder Collaboration

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: Malaysia



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

SELF-FUNDING PROJECT

ENHANCING ENFORCEMENT & LEGAL TIMBER TRADE THROUGH STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

Co-proposing economies: Malaysia and The Republic of Korea (ROK)

Co-sponsor economy(ies): Chile, China, and The United States

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This presentation aim to:

- provide the understanding on the project
- seek active participation of APEC members to the programs
- welcomes feedback to improvise this project

Objectives



I. Framework of the Project

OUTCOME

1. Strengthened relationships and coordination between government agencies, industry players, civil society, and multilateral organizations involved in timber trade enforcement.
2. Clear, actionable steps to enhance enforcement of timber legality measures, addressing gaps and inconsistencies in policies across different economies.
3. Exchange of best practices among APEC economies, highlighting successful approaches to promoting legal timber and enforcing trade regulations.
4. Increased knowledge and capacity among stakeholders to implement and enforce timber legality measures, fostered through expert presentations, discussions, and training.
5. Greater alignment and cooperation between different working groups and fora (e.g., EGILAT, ACTWG, SCCP) in APEC, creating a unified approach to timber trade issues.

OBJECTIVE

1. Provide a **networking platform and inculcate relevant stakeholder (interdisciplinary) engagement** and coordination to promote legal timber and associated trade through the understanding on its significance.
2. Exchange of **views, information, experiences, and analyses based on real-time case studies, best practices, innovations**, and relevant matters on promoting legal timber through stakeholder collaboration, within APEC economies.
3. **Outline potential collaboration/ concrete steps/ actions** (approaches) toward enhancing APEC cross-fora and stakeholders to promote legal timber and associated trade in the Asia Pacific region.

FOCUS AREAS

Legality standards	Transparency and Traceability	Government Oversight and Enforcement	Market Access and Trade Facilitation
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SCOPE

APEC member economies, law enforcement bodies, industry stakeholders, civil society	Upstream to downstream of timber process (harvesting, processing, transporting and trading)	Law, enforcement and governance - producer and consumer economy	Domestic and international collaboration/ engagement
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OUTPUT

Dialogue session on Enhancing Enforcement and Legal Timber Trade	Mini-exhibition	*Dialogue/Pocket Talks on Wood	Project Summary Report - Outline of potential collaboration within
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II. Tentative Agenda

28 July 2025 (Friday) | Incheon, ROK



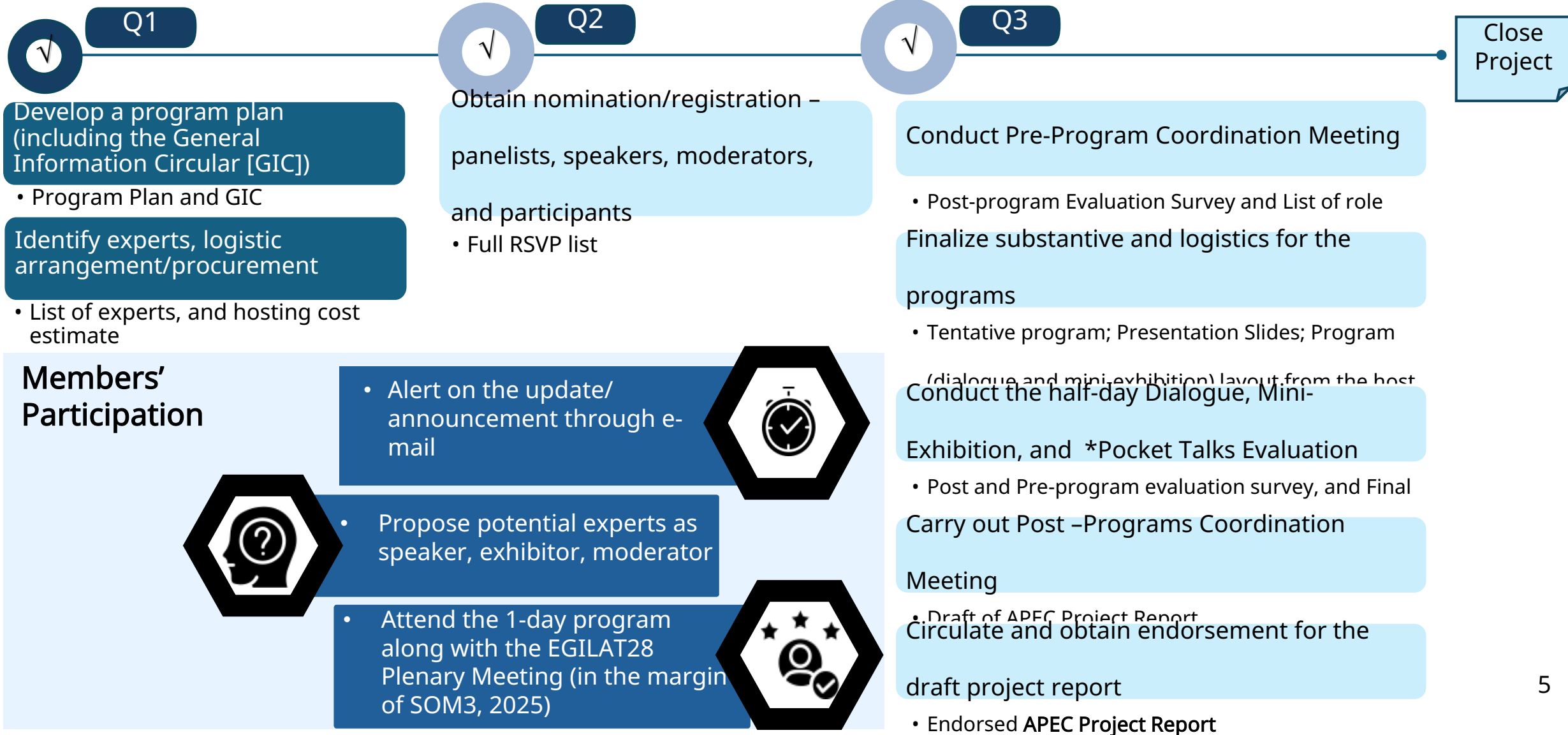
8.50 am – 9.15 am	Welcoming Remarks & Keynote speech by Chair of EGILAT, ACTWG and SCCP		
9.15 am – 12.45 noon	Dialogue on Enhancing Enforcement and Legal Timber Trade Practices through Stakeholder Collaboration	Session 1: Economy (ies) Perspective - Economy A: ILAT - Economy B: Customs - Economy C: Transparency	Session 2: NMP's Perspective - NMP 1 (ITTO) - NMP 2 (Guest- EGILAT) - Civil society - Industry - UNODC - INTERPOL
12.45 noon – 2.00 pm		Mini-Exhibition	
2.00 pm – 2.15 pm		Reflection on the mini-exhibition experiences	
2.15 pm – 4.30 pm	Dialogue/ Pocket Talks* on Wood Identification for Legal Timber Trade	Session 1: Wood Identification for Legal Timber	Session 2: Collecting Wood References
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm		Session 3: Key Aspects for Wood Identification	Closing Remarks

- **21** sharing from member economies, and NMPs
 - **5** Panelist Discussion and Q&A at the end of each session
- **10*** mini-exhibition
 - **80** participants – EGILAT, SCCP, ACTWG and NMPs
- **40%** female participants and presenters
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III. Timeline and Members' Participation

January, 2025

October, 2025



Conclusion

Active participation and contribution of APEC members to this project is significance in support and to achieving EGILAT Policy Theme 3: “Promoting Legal Timber Trade through Enhanced Stakeholder Collaboration for Effective Implementation and Enforcement”