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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





Framework of the Project



Tentative Agenda





Timeline & Members' Participation



Conclusion

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 | | | |
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| Legality standards | Transparency and Traceability | Government Oversight and Enforcement | Market Access and Trade Facilitation |
| 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 |
| OUTPUT | | | |
| Dialogue session on Enhancing Enforcement and Legal Timber Trade | Mini-exhibition | *Dialogue/Pocket Talks on Wood | Project Summary Report |

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

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

Tour on the mini-exhibition experiences

To exchange information with the exhibitor and networking with fellow participants on enforcement, legal timber trade, and related innovation as well as discuss the potential area of collaboration.

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 3: Key Aspects for Wood Identification

Session 2: Collecting Wood References

4.30 pm – 5.00 pm

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



III. Timeline and Members' Participation



January, 2025

October, 2025



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Close Project

Develop a program plan (including the General Information Circular [GIC])

Program Plan and GIC

Identify experts, logistic arrangement/procurement

• List of experts, and hosting cost estimate

Obtain nomination/registration -

panelists, speakers, moderators,

and participants

• Full RSVP list



• Post-program Evaluation Survey and List of role Finalize substantive and logistics for the programs

• Tentative program; Presentation Slides; Program

Conduct the half-day Dialogue, Mini-

Exhibition, and *Pocket Talks Evaluation

Post and Pre-program evaluation survey, and Final

Carry out Post -Programs Coordination

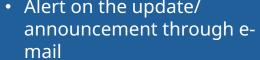
Meeting

Circulate and obtain endorsement for the

draft project report

• Endorsed APEC Project Report

Members' **Participation**







- Propose potential experts as speaker, exhibitor, moderator
- Attend the 1-day program along with the EGILAT28 Plenary Meeting (in the margin of SOM3, 2025)





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"