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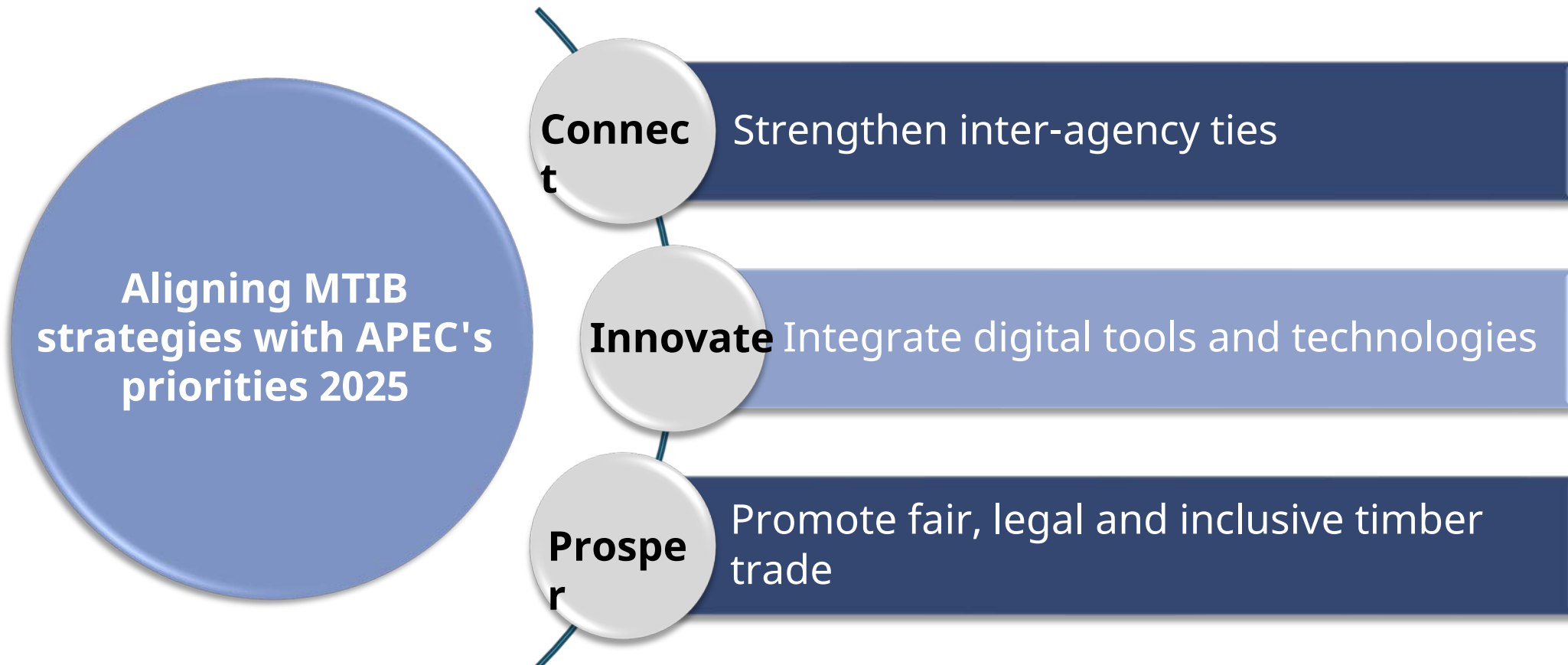
MTIB's Strategic Approach in Supporting APEC 2025

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Malaysia's commitment to sustainable, rules-based timber trade



MTIB: Ensuring Legal and Transparent Timber Trade

Regulatory agency under Ministry of Plantation and Commodities



Legal mandates:
MTIB Act 1973 &
Customs laws



Core enforcement
functions:

- Licensing & inspection
- Export-import documentation control
- Timber legality verification via MyTLAS

MTIB: Ensuring Legal and Transparent Timber Trade



- Investigate information and declaration



- Continuous study and improvement on documentation and regulation

MyTLAS Enforcement Activities



- Visit and documentation check to company



- Joint operation at port with relevant border control agencies



- Warning and legal action toward misconduct and operational

Traceability

Misdeclaration, species substitution

Processing

Operating unlicensed sawmills

Export

Falsified export documentation

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Timber Trafficking: Notable Cases Revealing the Scope & Tactics

Misdeclaration of High-Value Timber

- Declared premium timber as low-grade.

Case 1



Ghost Mills & Digital Forgery

- Inactive mills issued fake processing documents.
- Spoofed export permits with fake QR codes.

Case 2



Transshipment Loopholes

- Timber declared as 'in transit' was offloaded illegally.
- Enables timber laundering and law circumvention.

Case 3



Key enforcement partners:

Coordination:

- Royal Malaysian Customs
- MACC (Anti-Corruption)
- Forestry Departments
- Central Bank
- INTERPOL & EGILAT members

Strategies:

- Joint operations & intelligence sharing
- Legal harmonization efforts

Multi-Agency Coordination: Key to Success

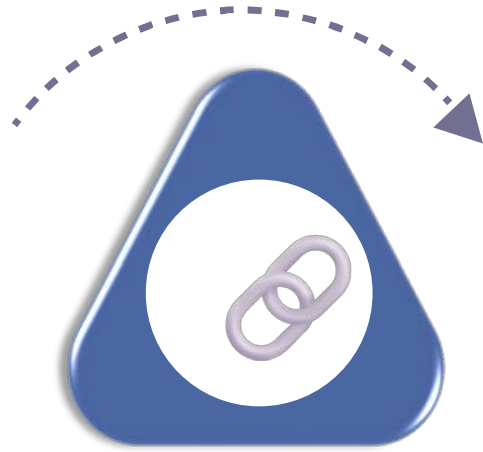


UNODC:
**Law Enforcement Assistance Programme
(CCP-LEAP) to Reduce Tropical Deforestation –
Train the Trainer on Forestry Crime and Illicit
Timber Trafficking**

Multi-Agency Coordination: Key to Success



**Forestry Department of Brunei Darussalam:
Agarwood Wood Identification and
Products Classification Training**



Connect:

- Integrate real-time data with Customs
- Enhance ASEAN timber intel-sharing information and collaboration

Innovate:

- MyTLAS+ (blockchain, geotagging)
- AI-powered timber species verification



Prosper:

- SME capacity building
- Incentives for legal sourcing & reforestation

Enforcement & Sustainability Roadmap (2025–2027)

**Connect: MTIB with other
enforcement agencies**

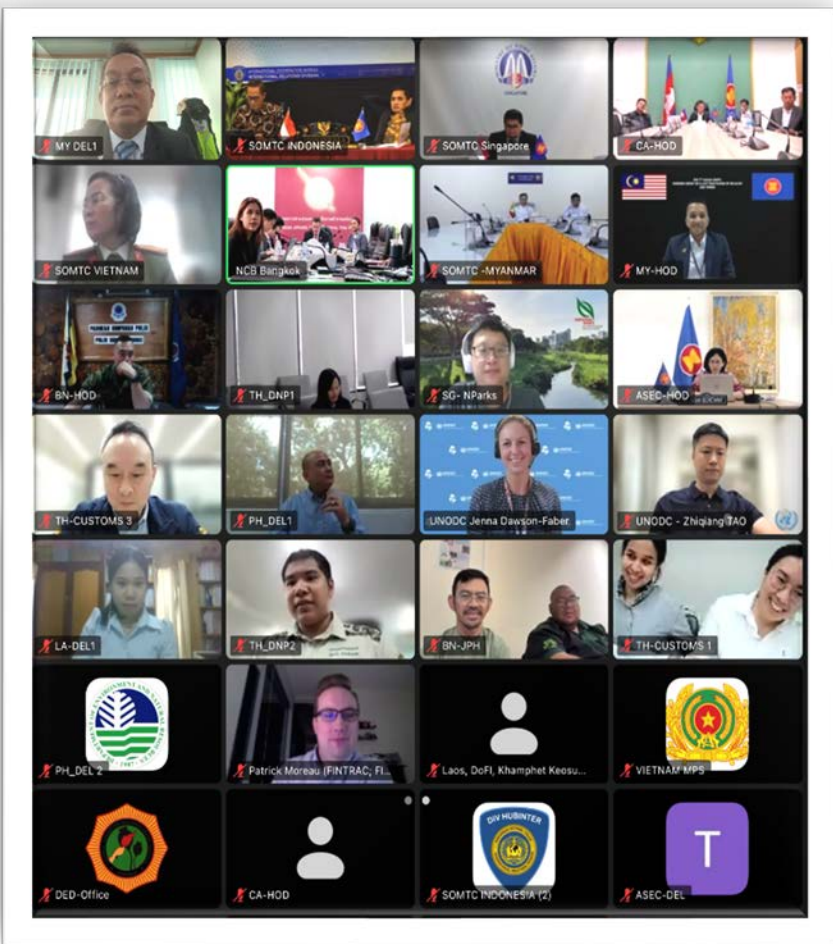


Enforcement & Sustainability Roadmap (2025–2027)

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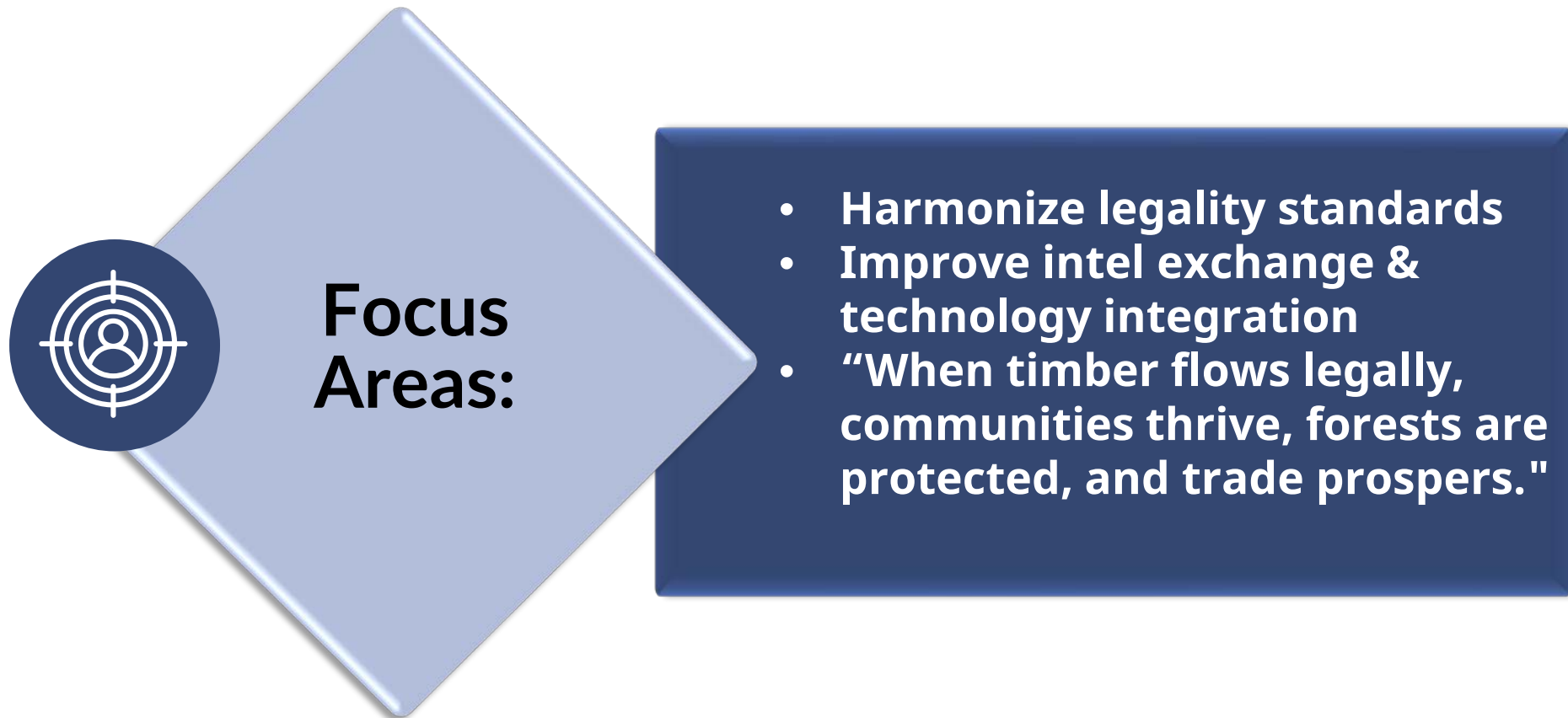


Enforcement & Sustainability Roadmap (2025–2027)



Engagement with Domestic and International Enforcement Agencies

Shared responsibility across economies and agencies



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