



Forest Legality Week

October 23—25, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, October 23

12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Opening Remarks Chip Barber, Director, Forest Legality Initiative, World Resources Institute (WRI) Rod Taylor, <i>Global Director, Forests, WRI</i>
1:30 PM	Forest Legality in the Congo Basin, Part I: Shifting Dynamics in the Private Sector Moderator: Marie Vallee, WRI Speakers: Stephane Glannaz, Precious Woods Gagan Gupta, Olam Nicolas Pillet, Le Commerce du Bois Caroline Duhesme, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT)
3:00 PM	Coffee Break
3:30 PM	Forest Legality in the Congo Basin, Part II: Independent Monitoring—What's Next? Moderator: Marie Vallee, WRI Speakers: Igerha Bampa, Observatoire de la Gouvernance Forestière (OGF) Serge Moukouri, Field Legality Advisory Group (FLAG) Valerie Vauthier, Resource Extraction Monitoring (REM) Nicolas Pillet, Le Commerce du Bois



Wednesday, October 24

8:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM

High Risk Timber from Eastern Europe and Ukraine: Recent Research and Investigations

Moderator: Alexander von Bismarck, Environmental Investigation Agency

Speakers:

Sam Lawson, Earthsight

David Gehl, Environmental Investigation Agency

Johannes Zahnen, WWF Germany

10:30 AM

Coffee Break

11:00 AM

Shifting Patterns in the Timber Trade: Legal and Economic Implications

Moderator: Kerstin Canby, Forest Trends

Speakers:

Melissa Blue Sky, Center for International Environmental Law

Indroneil Ganguly, Center for International Trade in Forest Products (CINTRAFOR),
University of Washington

Kip Howlett, Decorative Hardwoods Association

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

Timber Legality and Forest Landscape Restoration: Fostering Dialogue and Avoiding Unintended Consequences

Moderator: Guillermo Navarro Monge, FAO FLEGT Programme

Speakers:

Rene Zamora, WRI

Maria Ines Miranda, Good Wood

Richard Gyimah, Forestry Commission Ghana (TBC)

3:00 PM

Coffee Break



3:30 PM **Blockchain and Timber Supply Chains: Silver Bullet or Hype?**

Moderator: Chip Barber, Forest Legality Initiative, WRI

Speakers:

Alan Laubsch, Generation Blue
Cindy Squires, International Wood Products Association
David Kennan, Timberchain
Phil Guillery, Forestry Stewardship Council
Christian Sloth, NEPCon

5:15 PM **A Dialogue on Key Forest Issues with the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service and the President of WRI**

Keynote Speakers:

Vicki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service
Andrew Steer, President & CEO, WRI

Moderator: James Astill, Washington Bureau Chief, *The Economist*

6:00 PM **Reception**

7:00 PM **Special Event:** Premiere screening of a short documentary film—*Antamiki*—featuring insights from the Peruvian Amazon

(offsite event organized by the Environmental Investigation Agency)

Thursday, October 25

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Early Warning Remote Sensing Systems and Illegal Logging, Part I: Current Capabilities to Detect Illegal Logging**

Moderator: Alex Moad, U.S. Forest Service – International Programs



Speakers:

Matt Hansen, University of Maryland

Mikaela Weisse, WRI

Ruth Nogueron, WRI

10:30 AM

Coffee Break

11:00 AM

**Early Warning Remote Sensing Systems and Illegal Logging, Part II:
Application of Remote Sensing in Law Enforcement and with Local
Communities**

Moderator: Alex Moad, U.S. Forest Service – International Programs

Speakers:

Tom Bewick, Rainforest Foundation US

Tamia Souto, Amazon Conservation

Alvaro Samayoa, Astrosat

George Porto-Ferreira, IBAMA

12:30 PM

Closing Remarks, *followed by Lunch*



Side Meetings, *hosted by WRI and partners & open to Forest Legality Week participants, Thursday, October 25*

1:00-3:00 PM

Forest Trends, Natural Resources in Transition: Forests, Conflict, and Peacebuilding in Myanmar

Forest Trends has recently expanded the work on forest governance in Myanmar to promote equitable and accountable management of natural resources for peacebuilding, with particular focus on Myanmar's forest-rich ethnic territories. Art Blundell of Forest Trends will discuss the role of natural resources in conflict and peace agreements, and how Myanmar's forest sector can boost – or undermine – economic growth during the country's crucial transition period from military rule to more democratic governance. He will also present recent research on the first-ever Myanmar Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (MEITI) forestry report and its implications for supply- and demand-side efforts to improve the legality of Myanmar's timber exports.

Keynote Speaker:

Art Blundell, Forest Trends

To register, please email Naomi Basik Treanor (NBasik@forest-trends.org).

3:15-5:00 PM

Follow-up discussion: prioritizing new features and activities of the Open Timber Portal based on the findings from the Congo Basin panels

Invitation only. For more information, please email Camila Hernandez (camila.hernandez@wri.org).