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EU FLEGT Update

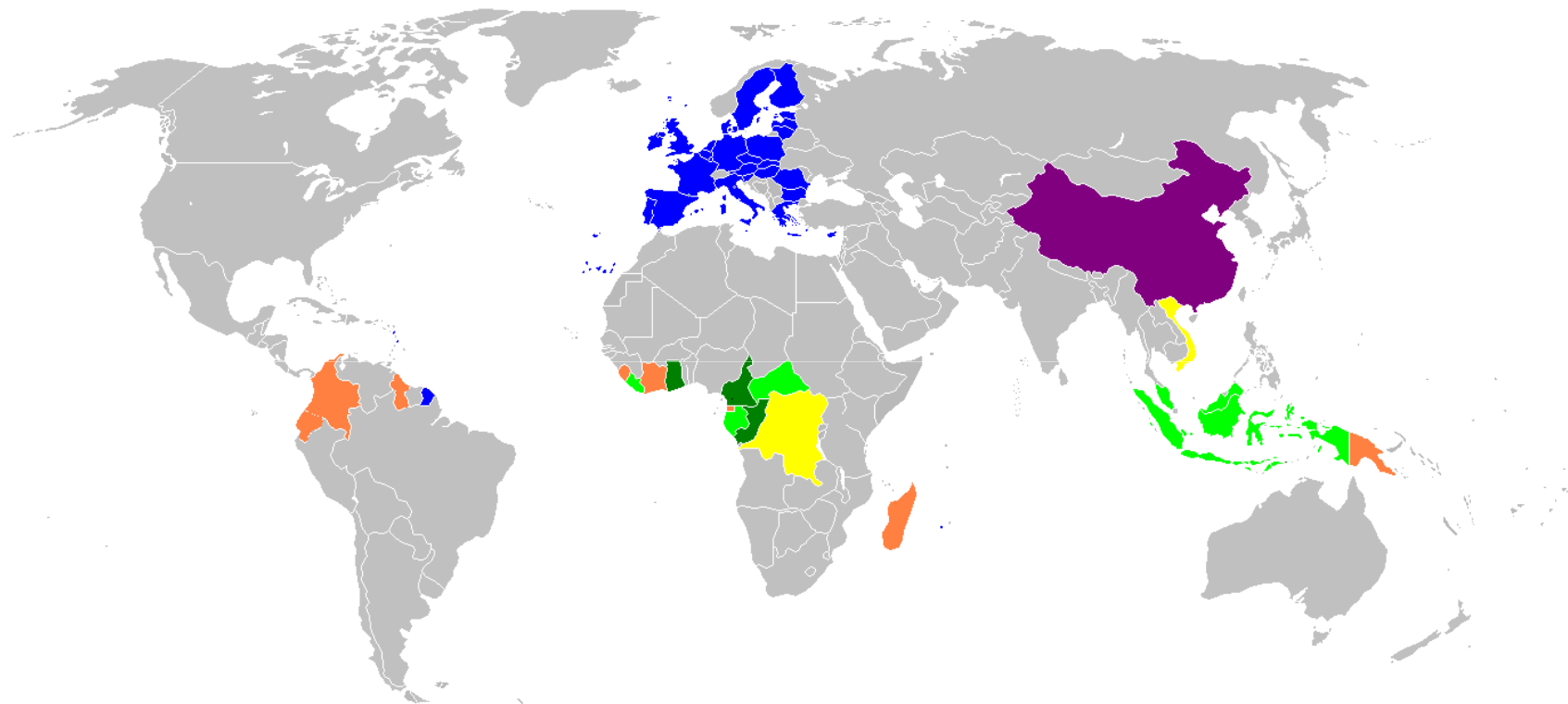
Chatham House, January 20 2010
DG Development, European Commission





Ghana VPA signed and ratified





-  EU-China coordination mechanism on FLEG
-  Information
-  Pre-negotiation
-  Negotiation
-  Implementation
-  FLEGT licences

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Concluded negotiations

Initialling

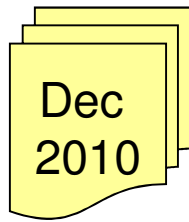
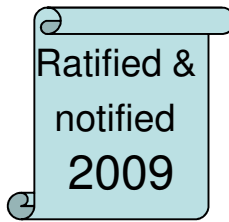
Licences

JIC

Stakeholder
involvement



Ghana

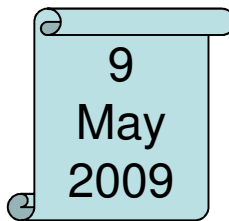


JMRM
Joint Monitoring &
Review Mechanism
1st - 29 January

Timber Validation
Council
+reporting



Congo

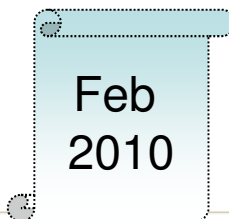


JIC
Comité conjoint
de mise en œuvre

Multi-stakeholder
technical secretariat
established



Cameroon



JI Council
& Committee
Conseil et comité conjoint
de mise en œuvre

Multi-stakeholder
oversight committee
Comité national de suivi



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On-going negotiations

Next
meeting

Recent
developments



Malaysia



May tbc

- Drafting legal text
- Many technical discussions over past 6 months by VC
- Active internal debate on outstanding issues
- Next SOM May (tbc)



Indonesia



1 Mar

- Decree on SVLK (Indonesia's TLAS)
- Field testing
- EC- IND review of SVLK for VPA
- Next technical session March



Liberia



9 Mar

- Next session March 9
- Stakeholder working groups developing LAS and legality definition proposals
- Structure for negotiation established



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VPA in negotiation or dialogue

Next
meeting

Latest
developments



C.A.R



15 Feb

- Multi-stakeholder technical working group defining LAS
- Monthly technical sessions by VC schedule maintained
- March 2nd Brussels: LAS system, legality definition
- Target to conclude Oct 2010



Gabon



15 Mar tbc

- 1st Negotiation session March 2010
- Roadmap prepared
- National stakeholder processes on-going to define legality



Vietnam



tbd

- Positive & constructive dialogue in Nov 2009
- Inter-agency FLEGT working group established
- Reflection on options for legality verification
- Multistakeholder process planned
- Next session this quarter dates not yet fixed





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Other country interests

- ✓ China –EU bilateral cooperation to address illegal logging. Work plan is under discussion; to be agreed by end January
- ✓ Preparatory process underway: DRC, Guyana
- ✓ Information requested: Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Ecuador, Colombia, PNG, Equatorial Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Cambodia, Solomon Islands
- ✓ The VPA may not be the appropriate tool to address forest governance challenges in some contexts: relative value of EU trade or forest governance problems not driven by trade.





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VPA Challenges in 2010

- Implementation of VPA – getting to first licenses, license visibility and sustaining reform agenda
- Establishing joint working mechanism and building stakeholder engagement for implementation
- Sustaining private sector engagement in the face of financial crisis
- Creating demand for FLEGT timber
- Creating critical mass of VPAs & adapting to contexts to interest other countries, especially in E Africa & S America
- Keep it tailor-made and adapted to national challenges now that first agreements are public & new regs require immediate results
- Building capacity of stakeholders for effective contributions to negotiations
- Strengthening synergies with REDD





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VPA Challenges 2010

- VPA simple idea: timber producers send exports to EU with a license that assures consumers about the legality of timber
- But negotiations have highlighted a far more complex reality!
 - Illegality is complicated
 - Trade is complicated
 - Forest governance is complicated
- All of this demonstrates why a tailor made approach is essential
- In VPA negotiations to date we have managed this complexity: complex supply chains, imports from 3rd countries, artisanal logging, contested rights are some of the issues discussed in the Congo, Ghana, Malaysia VPAs
- But there are important challenges to adapt to meet different contexts



FLEGT Challenges in 2010

- New strategies for collaboration if VPA inappropriate tool
 - ✓ with processing hubs
 - ✓ where limited direct trade to EU but product gets to EU
 - ✓ where international trade not important
- Agree EU due diligence regulation- crucial for VPAs
- Furthering cooperation with big consumer markets: US, China, India, the Gulf
- Establishing effective governance within REDD that builds from FLEGT where appropriate

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Thank you

Questions ?



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