



# Concept Note

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## International workshop on the topic of "Cross-border flows of timber in the Great Lakes region in the context of the FLEGT action plan" Bujumbura (Burundi), from November 22-24, 2010

### Background

Informal timber-exporting networks operating in the eastern provinces of the DRC and moving timber to countries in East Africa are on the rise. Movement of timber remains unregulated and successful monitoring strategies have failed to emerge. The number of shared borders between the DRC and other countries in the Great Lakes Region of Africa are high and poorly monitored inducing trade in forest products to expand across the entire area. Products are often linked to the growing demand in East African countries and fuelled by population and economic growth. Products frequently traded include artisanal sawn wood, logs, lumber, firewood and charcoal. The consumption needs of the countries bordering DRC are a reality. Therefore, the challenge lies in meeting these needs through an approach which is compatible with sustainable forest resource management and complies with existing laws and regulations.

In this context, it is increasingly pressing for the countries in this region to seek a long-term solution to both the informal exploitation and trade of forest products in east DRC to lucrative East-African markets. The credibility of the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreements across the sub-region as a whole, and in the DRC in particular, will have a direct impact on the potential success of the Voluntary Partnership Agreements.

### Objectives

The 3-day workshop aims to bring together sub-regional actors and decision-makers within a multi-stakeholder framework to:

- 1) Share existing information regarding cross-border flows of forest products and their socio-economic and fiscal impact on the African Great Lakes region.
- 2) Identify the major issues and constraints in national, local and cross-border control systems.
- 3) Issue recommendations to reduce the illegal exploitation and trade of forest products as well as enabling the development of formal market within the Great Lakes region.



## Organizers

This conference is organized by the FAO, through the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Support Programme to African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP-FLEGT Support Programme), CIFOR and IUCN.

## Date and Venue

The workshop will take place at the **Hotel Club du Lac Tanganyica from November 22-24, 2010.**

## Participants

Participants invited include representatives from governments, civil society and the private sector organizations, as well as international and sub-regional organizations which operate in the forestry sector.

## Languages

The workshop will mainly be held in French. However, simultaneous interpretation services will be available for English speakers.

## Confirmation

We kindly ask that you confirm attendance by **November 1, 2010.** Beyond this date, the programme organizers can not your expenses (accommodation + transportation) will be covered by the hosts.

Organizations funding their participation should confirm attendance and forward their itineraries to enable the organizers to reserve hotel rooms.

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## Programme provisoire

### 22 novembre

09 h 00 Inscription

10 h 00 Ouverture

**Son Excellence Monsieur Nibirantije**

*Ministre Burundais de l'Eau, de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Urbanisme*

**Monsieur Arlindo Braganka**

*Représentant Résident de la FAO*

10 h 30 Pause café

11 h 30 Contexte, objectifs et produits attendus de la réunion

**Jean-Marie Noiraud**

*Facilitateur*

11 h 45 Séance 1 : Présentation du secteur forestier : les enjeux et les chiffres relatifs à la production, l'importation et l'exportation des produits forestiers ligneux au Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda et RDC

**Sylvestre Ndonse**

*Directeur des Forêts, Burundi*

**Frank Rutabingwa**

*Directeur Général ANAFA, Rwanda*

**Rachel Musoke**

*Commissioner Forestry Sector Support Department, Uganda*

**Frederic Djengo**

*Directeur des forêts, RDC*

13 h 00 Déjeuner

14 h 00 Séance 2 : L'exploitation forestière et les flux transfrontaliers de bois dans la région des grands lacs

**Guillaume Lescuyer**

*CIRAD, Cameroun*

**Gustave Chishweka / Alain Verney**

*SGS, RDC*

**Andreas Schleenbaecker**

*GTZ, RDC*



**Théophile gata**  
*Forest Monitor, RDC*

15 :30 Pause café

16 h 00 Séance 3 : Les enjeux du processus de négociation d'un Accord de Partenariat Volontaire APV/FLEGT en RDC

**Mathieu Bousquet**  
*DG DEV, CE*

**Sebastien Malele**  
*Directeur des Inventaires et Aménagement, RDC*

**Emmanuel Heuse**  
*Facilitateur FLEGT, CTB-RDC*

17 h 30 Débat et définition des groupes de travail

18h00 Cocktail

## 23 novembre

09 h 00 Option légales et réglementaire pour une meilleure intégration du marché domestique dans l'économie formelle

**Paolo Cerutti**  
*Chercheur, CIFOR*

10 h 00 Séance des groupes de travail

Groupe 1: Comment améliorer le cadre juridique et sa pratique en vue de formaliser le secteur informel?

**Modérateurs : Paolo Cerutti / Sylvestre Ndonse**

Groupe 2: Comment collecter les données manquantes et mieux suivre les flux ?

**Modérateurs : Cleto Ndikumagenge / Philippe Duchochois**

Groupe 3: Quelles actions incitatives (certification, taxation, subvention etc.) / mécanismes de régulation peut-on envisager ?

**Modérateurs : Elie Hakizumwami / Emmanuel Heuse**

12 :30 - Départ pour visite de terrain



- Travail du groupe responsable de l'élaboration des recommandations de l'atelier sous la forme d'un projet de feuille de route

18 :00

Retour de l'excursion

## 24 novembre

09 h 00

Le Programme d'appui ACP-FLEGT de la FAO

Présentation du programme

**Marc Vandehaute & Robert Simpson, FAO - Rome**

Développement d'outils harmonisé pour le suivi des bois en transit (Congo, Cameroun et RCA)

**Daniel Mbolu & Roger Foteu, COMIFAC**

Amélioration des législations régissant les filières bois transfrontalières dans les pays des Grands Lacs (Rwanda-Burundi-RDC)

**Frank Rutabingwa, NAFA - Rwanda**

Développement d'une grille de légalité des produits de la filière bois en RDC

**Augustin Mpoyi, CODELT - RDC**

11 h 00

Restitution des travaux de groupe et discussion

12 h 30

Déjeuner

14h00

Elaboration d'une feuille de route

Recommandations et conclusions

16h00

Clôture