

Break-out session 3b. The status of STPPs and contracts

Key insights

3.22 What kind of status should be given to FLEGT-licensed and recycled wood in STPPs?

- Should be in all STPP's.
- There is no consensus yet. Three ways to get forward:
 - > FLEGT next to sustainable timber (UK, LUX).
 - > Sustainable timber preferred, but if it's not available: FLEGT.
 - > FLEGT only covers legality. It's politically unacceptable not to do anything with it in your procurement policy.
- Issues:
 - > Other countries claim to be legal too, is FLEGT better than their timber?
 - > FLEGT only covers import, no CoC in European country.
 - > In some countries governance rules are so strict they meet sustainability criteria.

3.23 How can the public and private sector support each other in the implementation of STPPs?

- Use common definitions; common objectives and same language.
- Clarify difference legal – sustainable.
- Lead by:
 - > Government (department or ministry)
 - > Agenda: not specific for tropical timber, but generic for timber.

3.24 What are next to existing certification schemes alternative ways to prove sustainability?

- Question: if you are doing something right you have to proof instead of asking the bad guys to justify what they are doing.
- Local labels (Swiss origin for example:) verified sourcing area.
- Landschap approach
- Field checks and work together with local stakeholders & insights of local stakeholders.

3.25 How to promote tropical timber and Lesser Known Timber Species in STPPs/contracts?

- 'Tell the good story': stories need to be told in alliances between NGOs, suppliers, retailers and project owners about the benefits of tropical timber. Talk about the alternatives to timber income.
- Share knowledge on application of LKTS. The performance of LKTS is always questioned and it seems that knowledge is kept in the dark.

- Important to talk about applications not species.

3.26 How can be ensured STPPs on a national level are used on a regional / local level?

- Make it mandatory, monitor implementation.
- Have a look at all the tenders from public institutions, where many have not even mentioned sustainable timber because they are unaware that it is government policy (NL & S) and call them.