

## **The 2014 Work Plan for BCM**

The fifth meeting of the EU-China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance was held on March 6, 2014 in Beijing, China, at the headquarters of the State Forestry Administration of P. R. China. Both sides agreed to work on eight activities.

**Item 1 Follow-up to the International Workshop to promote understanding of FLEGT VPAs, held in Oct 2013 in Beijing, and to conduct a desk study and compilation of data on timber trade flows and investments between China and VPA signatory countries, and support business-to-business dialogues between Chinese businesses and suppliers in Africa and Asia.**

**Item 2 Follow up on the outcomes of the China - Russia trade studies review (BCM work plan 2013), to analyse in China the circulation and processing through to the point of export to the EU, of timber harvested in the Russian Far East, and organize a dialogue for information sharing and exchange between business sectors from both Chinese and Russian sides.**

**Item 3 Carry out a joint China - Myanmar study on the cross-border timber trade, to be presented and discussed at workshops with Chinese and Myanmar stakeholders, in both countries.**

**Item 4 Increase information sharing on overseas forestry business investments and trade by Chinese enterprises, especially with VPA countries, to promote mutual understanding. This includes support to facilitate the consultation with stakeholders from VPA countries in the development of the new Guideline on Sustainable Overseas Forestry Trade and Investment by Chinese Enterprises.**

**Item 5 Identify suitable means to support the establishment of a Common Information Window on market requirements for legal timber including the EUTR.**

**Item 6 Supporting Chinese participants to participate in regional and international FLEGT relevant events, and bringing in expertise to support the domestic dialogue, including the May 2014 APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT).**

**Item 7 Jointly prepare a 1-3 month learning programme in Europe for two key SFA forestry officials, with a view to meet and discuss with key FLEGT stakeholders in EC, EU Member States, EFI EU FLEGT Facility and other relevant organizations.**

**Item 8 Organise an expert level meeting in the second or third quarter of 2014 to discuss progress in Workplan implementation and identify emerging and/or critical issues, if any.**