

2019 Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) Work Plan

1. To support setting up new policy and/or regulation in China through facilitating policy dialogues and information exchange on promotion of legally-sourced timber and timber products between China, the EU and VPA countries.

1.1 To support introducing the import management measures and other options identified in the feasibility study for 2019 including support to a cost-and-benefit analysis to understand the impacts of the planned timber legality import measures on the industry as the main focus, and also to analyse potential costs and benefits of other solutions.

1.2 Produce yearly report on China's timber trade flow with EU and VPA countries.

1.3 Co-organise China-Africa dialogue in the Republic of Congo to identify synergies between Chinese engagement in Africa and the FLEGT processes in the region.

1.4 Produce country overviews starting with PNG and followed by Peru and other relevant countries.

2. To further develop trilateral cooperation between China, Indonesia and the EU on promoting trade of legally sourced timber and timber products, including developing specific options concerning FLEGT licenced timber to be included in development of the Chinese Timber Legality Verification System.

2.1 Analyse selected supply chains between Indonesia and China and pilot the recognition of Indonesian FLEGT licensed timber at company-level. Organise a workshop to discuss the results of the pilots.

3. To strengthen implementation of relevant guidelines by developing a country specific handbook.

3.1 Support CAF to develop and implement evaluation and monitoring components on the 1st and 2nd guidelines, seeking pilot opportunities in Laos to build synergies with existing EU FLEGT programmes.

3.2 Prepare country handbook for Chinese investments in Laos and raise awareness among Chinese enterprises in Laos.

4. To include relevant information for both Chinese and EU companies and authorities in the Common Information Window (also in English) to better serve the user needs in China and the EU.

4.1 Maintain the bilingual Common Information Window website and ensure news about the Chinese forest industry are regularly summarized and uploaded in English.

5. To support capacity building for key stakeholders.

5.1 Support experts to attend relevant events in China and the region, and attend trainings in Europe.

6. To jointly reflect on the accomplishments achieved since the establishment of the BCM ten years ago, that will be discussed at the 11th BCM.