

2018 Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) Work Plan

7 March 2018 (endorsed by the 9th BCM meeting)

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 as priority for 2018 including by organizing a stakeholder workshop.

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

1.3. Co-organise China-Africa dialogue to promote timber legality.

1.4. Provide technical input, e.g. Organise a technical workshop for China and VPA countries (inc. Vietnam) to share experience and lessons learnt, to the China-ASEAN Forestry Cooperation Forum.

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 (CTLVS);

2.1. Conduct a study on possible linkages between FLEGT licensing and CTLVS focusing on Indonesian legal timber and also consider situation in Vietnam and other VPA countries.

3. To strengthen relevant guidelines by developing monitoring and evaluation components of the guidelines;

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.

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. Adjust existing information window website into a bilingual website, and add necessary information and policies from China side.

4.2. Launch information window and monitor number of visits to information window.

5. To collaborate with European Investment Bank, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, other major financial institutions and/or EU Member States on green finance and explore opportunities in the context of China's Belt and Road Initiative;

5.1. Conduct a study to explore how China can learn from EU experience to provide more incentives to private sector to adopt responsible purchasing policies on forestry products.

6. To support capacity building for key stakeholders.

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