



FLEGT et REDD+ Interactions and Challenges

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FLEGT & REDD+: two instruments for improving forest and land management

- **FLEGT VPA : bilateral agreement between the EU and partner countries creating a platform for dialogue to reinforce national law and regulation over forest access and use**
- **REDD+: incentives for forest ecosystem services still being defined at global level; vision, scope and political space differ in each country**
- **Where REDD+ challenges are driven by unplanned or illegal forest use and land clearance, there is especially strong intersect with FLEGT**



FLEGT & REDD+: common challenges

- Unclear legal frameworks: use, access and exclusion rights
- Poor information systems & limited transparency
- Corruption, ineffective law enforcement and judicial systems
- Rights/livelihood: risks and benefit to local communities
- Timber (and commodity) markets can influence governance positively and negatively, they secure concrete engagement of the private sector
- Capacity building and sustainable development

Good governance is crucial to fight against illegal logging, maintaining existing forests & reducing forest degradation & loss



Synergies appear gradually at the operational level, and vary from country to country:

- **Fostering a constructive dialogue between stakeholder interests at national and local level to shape and inform policy making**
- **Capacity of all forest stakeholders improved through action and investment in new systems**
- **The review of the legal framework done to establish FLEGT VPA legality definition may inform the national debate on securing REDD+ incentives**
- **Independent monitoring of forests**



Two key differences:

- **FLEGT focuses on forests governance and use of timber, whereas REDD+ seeks transformational changes within and beyond forest sector: in agriculture, mining, infrastructure, energy and rural development**
- **REDD+ is a multilateral process (at two levels: international negotiations and important role of multilateral organisations at country level). FLEGT is a bilateral process between a partners country and EU, with defined focus and establishing clear distribution of responsibilities/powers**