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# Forest Legality Week

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October 23–25, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

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## Tuesday, October 23

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12:00 PM

Lunch

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1:00 PM

### Opening Remarks

Chip Barber, Director, Forest Legality Initiative, *World Resources Institute (WRI)*  
Rod Taylor, Global Director, Forests, *WRI*

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1:30 PM

### Forest Legality in the Congo Basin, Part I: Shifting Dynamics in the Private Sector

**Moderator:** Marie Vallée, *WRI*

**Speakers:**

Stephane Glannaz, *Precious Woods*  
Nicolas Pillet, *Le Commerce du Bois*  
Theophile Ogandaga, *Olam*  
Caroline Duhesme, *Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT)*

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3:00 PM

Coffee Break

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3:30 PM

### Forest Legality in the Congo Basin, Part II: Independent Monitoring—What's Next?

**Moderator:** Marie Vallée, *WRI*

**Speakers:**

Igerha Bampa, *Observatoire de la Gouvernance Forestière (OGF)*  
Serge Moukouri, *Field Legality Advisory Group (FLAG)*  
Valerie Vauthier, *Resource Extraction Monitoring (REM)*  
Nicolas Pillet, *Le Commerce du Bois*  
Environmental Investigation Agency (TBC)



## Wednesday, October 24

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8:00 AM

Breakfast

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9:00 AM

### **High Risk Timber from Eastern Europe and Ukraine: Recent Research and Investigations**

**Moderator:** Alexander von Bismarck, *Environmental Investigation Agency*

**Speakers:**

Sam Lawson, *Earthsight*

David Gehl, *Environmental Investigation Agency*

Johannes Zahnen, *WWF Germany*

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10:30 AM

Coffee Break

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11:00 AM

### **Shifting Patterns in the Timber Trade: Legal and Economic Implications**

**Moderator:** Kerstin Canby, *Forest Trends*

**Speakers:**

Melissa Blue Sky, *Center for International Environmental Law*

Indroneil Ganguly, *Center for International Trade in Forest Products (CINTRAFOR),  
University of Washington*

Kip Howlett, *Decorative Hardwoods Association*

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Lunch

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### **Timber Legality and Forest Landscape Restoration: Fostering Dialogue and Avoiding Unintended Consequences**

**Moderator:** Guillermo Navarro Monge, *FAO FLEGT Programme*

**Speakers:**

Rene Zamora, *WRI*

Maria Ines Miranda, *Good Wood*

Richard Gyimah, *Forestry Commission Ghana*

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3:00 PM

Coffee Break



3:30 PM            **Blockchain and Timber Supply Chains: Silver Bullet or Hype?**

**Moderator:** Chip Barber, *WRI*

**Speakers:**

Alan Laubsch, *Generation Blue*

Cindy Squires, *International Wood Products Association*

David Kennan, *Timberchain*

Michael Marus, *Forest Stewardship Council*

Christian Sloth, *NEPCon*

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5:15 PM            **A Dialogue on Key Forest Issues with the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service  
and the President of WRI**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Vicki Christiansen, Chief, *U.S. Forest Service*

Andrew Steer, President & CEO, *WRI*

**Moderator:** James Astill, Washington Bureau Chief, *The Economist*

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6:00 PM            Reception

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7:00 PM            **Special Event:** Premiere screening of a short documentary film—*Antamiki*—  
featuring insights from the Peruvian Amazon

*(offsite event organized by the Environmental Investigation Agency)*



## Thursday, October 25

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8:00 AM Breakfast

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9:00 AM **Early Warning Remote Sensing Systems and Illegal Logging, Part I:  
Current Capabilities to Detect Illegal Logging**

**Moderator:** Alex Moad, *U.S. Forest Service – International Programs*

**Speakers:**

Matt Hansen, *University of Maryland*

Mikaela Weisse, *WRI*

Ruth Nogueron, *WRI*

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10:30 AM Coffee Break

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11:00 AM **Early Warning Remote Sensing Systems and Illegal Logging, Part II:  
Application of Remote Sensing in Law Enforcement and with Local  
Communities**

**Moderator:** Alex Moad, *U.S. Forest Service – International Programs*

**Speakers:**

Tom Bewick, *Rainforest Foundation US*

Tamia Souto, *Amazon Conservation*

Alvaro Samayoa, *Astrosat*

George Porto-Ferreira, *IBAMA*

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12:30 PM **Closing Remarks, followed by Lunch**

Craig Hanson, *Global Director, Food, Forests and Water Programs, WRI*



**Side Meetings**, hosted by WRI and partners & open to Forest Legality Week participants, Thursday, October 25

1:00-3:00 PM

**Forest Trends, Natural Resources in Transition: Forests, Conflict, and Peacebuilding in Myanmar**

Forest Trends has recently expanded the work on forest governance in Myanmar to promote equitable and accountable management of natural resources for peacebuilding, with particular focus on Myanmar's forest-rich ethnic territories. Art Blundell of Forest Trends will discuss the role of natural resources in conflict and peace agreements, and how Myanmar's forest sector can boost – or undermine – economic growth during the country's crucial transition period from military rule to more democratic governance. He will also present recent research on the first-ever Myanmar Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (MEITI) forestry report and its implications for supply- and demand-side efforts to improve the legality of Myanmar's timber exports.

**Keynote Speaker:**

Art Blundell, *Forest Trends*

To register, please email Naomi Basik Treanor ([NBasik@forest-trends.org](mailto:NBasik@forest-trends.org)).

3:15-5:00 PM

**Follow-up Discussion: Prioritizing New Features and Activities of the Open Timber Portal Based on the Findings from the Congo Basin Panels**

To register, please email Camila Hernandez ([camila.hernandez@wri.org](mailto:camila.hernandez@wri.org)).