

UK Land Policy Forum VII

Land, forests and climate: achieving sustainable and inclusive economic development in Africa's forest landscapes

Date & Location

12:30-16:00 on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at the Overseas Development Institute on 203 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NJ

Summary

Join us for the 7th UK Land Policy Forum meeting to discuss the common ground and potential linkages between efforts to:

- a) ***Promote responsible investment in land for economic development***
- b) ***Encourage better land governance***
- c) ***Tackle climate change and prevent deforestation***

This meeting is organised in collaboration with DFID's Partnerships for Forests (P4F) programme. Discussion will draw on emerging lessons from existing practice and look ahead to building synergies and stronger stakeholder collaboration on responsible investment, land and forest governance, with a focus on African contexts.

Background to the meeting

Africa's remaining forests and woodlands are under heavy pressure from growing populations, agricultural land use, logging, and commercial development. Forests provide an important basis for livelihoods and environmental protection and have untapped economic potentials, but land rights are generally undocumented and governance is weak. This UK Land Forum meeting will explore how forest protection, secure land rights and responsible investment in forest areas can be combined, and the roles that DFID programmes are playing:

- How can we promote investments in forest land that are genuinely responsible, sustainable and inclusive of local people?
- What lessons are emerging from current programmes on how to strengthen forest land governance?
- How can international finance best contribute to meeting poverty, development and climate goals in forest landscapes and regions?
- How could programming to meet land governance, sustainable agriculture and forest land use objectives be better linked?

Speakers & Topics

Terry Green, Director of Palladium and Partnerships for Forests (P4F)

Terry will give a brief overview of P4F's approach to sustainable investment in forests, including the land tenure issues involved. Funded by the UK's Departments for International Development (DFID) as well as for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), P4F aims to put 1 million hectares of land under sustainable management by 2020.

Kwesi Korboe, Manager – Environment Practice (EMEA) at Palladium

Victoria will be travelling to London from Ghana, where she manages the Partnership for Productivity Protection and Resilience in Cocoa Landscapes (PPRCL) for P4F and Palladium. Together with Touton, the project provides farm-level support to 60,000 cocoa farmers to improve their livelihoods through the use of, amongst other measures, a landscape governance board with oversight of land use management and forest protection.

Isabelle Adam, Head of Corporate Relations, Touton S.A., Ghana

Isabelle will be joining the meeting to offer a company perspective of PPRCL. Touton is a leading agro-industrial producer, processor and trader of cocoa, coffee, vanilla and other natural ingredients. The company is the lead organisation of PPRCL project and helps adopt a multi-stakeholder, landscape-wide, governance approach to eliminating deforestation footprints in the cocoa supply chain.

Stephanie Doig, Environmental, Health, Safety and Social Development (EHSS) Director at Miro Forestry

Stephanie will join us from Miro, a forestry company with operations in West Africa and headquartered in London. Miro is supported by P4F to demonstrate how the charcoal industry in Ghana can transition from current unsustainable production trends by utilizing thinning, prunings and other waste products from forest plantations. Stephanie will also share a practical experience of mapping land rights in Sierra Leone based on work with over 60 communities who Miro directly leases land from.

John Nelson, Mentor at The Forest Trust (TFT)

John will offer a community perspective of forest and land governance initiatives. He will draw on the practical experience of logging and agribusiness in West & Central Africa. He will focus on the example of an agribusiness company in Southwest Liberia which leases land from communities and the process that this involves.

Agenda

Time	Theme	Presenters
12:30		LUNCHTIME REFRESHMENTS
13:00	Welcome & opening remarks	ODI and DFID
		13:10: LEGEND's work on land investment in forest environments Julian Quan (NRI/LEGEND)
		13:20: Partnerships for Forests (P4F) Terry Green (P4F/Palladium): Overview and land management & sustainability issues in the P4F programme
13:10	<i>Sustainable Forest Investment and Land Governance: Practical experiences</i>	13:30: Manging land for sustainable cocoa production in Ghana Kwesi Korboe (P4F - Ghana Manager) Isabelle Adam (Corporate Relations Manager, Touton Ghana)
	Short presentations followed by Q&A and discussion with panellists	14:00: Mapping land rights for forestry operations in Ghana & Sierra Leone Stephanie Doig (Miro Forestry)
		14:15: Leasing land from communities in Liberia John Nelson (The Forest Trust)
14:30		COFFEE BREAK
14:40	<i>How to strengthen forest land governance: ways forward</i>	Plenary discussion, followed by responses from panellists
15:40	Wrap-up & next steps	Moderator: Julian Quan (NRI/LEGEND)
15:50	Closing remarks	Chris Penrose-Buckley (DFID)