



Forest Legality Week

October 17—21, 2022 | Washington, D.C. and virtual

Monday, October 17

Side events (see list below)

Tuesday, October 18

11:30 PM Lunch

1:00 PM **Opening Remarks**

Alicia Grimes, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Frances Seymour, World Resources Institute (WRI)

1:30 PM **Regional focus: Amazon Basin – part 1**

Diana Movius, Climate Advisers (*Moderator*)
Laura Waisbich, Instituto Igarapé
Tara Ganesh, Earthsight
Carlos Nobre, Science Panel for the Amazon

2:50 PM Coffee Break

3:20 PM **Regional focus: Amazon Basin – part 2**

Diana Movius, Climate Advisers (*Moderator*)
Rodrigo Botero, Fundación para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Colombia
Magaly Ávila, ProEtica
Ana Paula Prates, Instituto Talanoa
Linda Walker, WWF-US
Peter Graham, Climate Advisers



Wednesday, October 19

8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM

Regulating timber: updates and new developments

Bo Li, WRI (*Moderator*)
Jesse Mahoney, Embassy of Australia to the United States
Helge Zeitler, European Commission
Sheng Sun, Vermont Law School
Stephanie Cappa, WWF-US

10:00 AM

Coffee Break

10:30 AM

International engagement on forest governance

Ruth Noguerón (*Moderator*)
Jennifer Conje, U.S. Forest Service/APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT)
Laurie Dubriel, U.S. Department of Justice
Paolo Cerruti, CIFOR
Alexandra Benjamin, Fern

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

Updates on early warning systems for monitoring forests

Sasha Gottlieb, U.S. Forest Service (*Moderator*)
Liz Goldman, WRI
Matthew Hethcoat, Sheffield University
Johannes Reiche, Wageningen University
Luis Enrique Campos Zumaeta, OSINFOR
Africa Flores, NASA-SERVIR

3:00 PM

Coffee Break

3:30 PM

Timber traceability systems

Alvaro Samayoa, independent consultant (*Moderator*)



Iola Leal, Targeting Natural Resource Corruption
David Gehl, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)
Tobias Stäuble, Independent Consultant
Luis Siney, Instituto Nacional de Bosques, Guatemala

5:30 PM Reception (offsite)

Thursday, October 20

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM **Policy options for commodity supply chains: Recent developments**

Michael Wolosin, Conservation International (*Moderator*)
Rick Jacobsen, EIA
Discussion starters:

- Javier Ortiz, Tropical Forest Alliance
- Emily Fripp, EFECA
- Jon Walker, Fairtrade International

10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM **Policy options for commodity supply chains: Addressing challenges to effective policy design and implementation**

Michael Wolosin, Conservation International (*Moderator*)
Respondents:

- Obed Owusu-Addai, EcoCare Ghana
- Alexandra Benjamin, Fern
- Eric Nederhand, OFI
- Paul Schoenmakers, Tony's Chocolonely
- Vivian Ribeiro, Stockholm Environment Institute

12:00 PM **Closing Remarks, followed by Lunch**

Craig Hanson, WRI

Friday, October 21

Side events (see list below)

Side Meetings, hosted by WRI and partners & open to Forest Legality Week participants. [To register, please sign up through this link.](#)

Monday, October 17

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (hybrid event)

The Forest Data Partnership: Eliminating supply chain deforestation and catalyzing ecosystem restoration through better data

Hosted by the Forest Data Partnership

This side event will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Forest Data Partnership, a 5-year partnership aiming to create conditions that enable all actors – governments, producers, traders, and financiers – to access consistent, open-source and validated geospatial data related to forest-risk commodities. Coordinated by the World Resources Institute (WRI) with support from USAID and the U.S. Department of State, the partnership brings together leading organizations, governments and private sector partners to collectively address the challenge of improving land use data. The partnership includes the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), SERVIR (a joint initiative of NASA, USAID and leading geospatial organizations), Google, and Unilever.

For more information about this side meeting, contact Laura Vary, laura.vary@wri.org

3:00 pm to 5:30 pm (in-person event)

Forest Legality as a Bipartisan Issue

Hosted by Climate Advisers

Climate Advisers invites you to a panel and networking event to bring policymakers and industry together to support forests. The event will be held at the World Resources Institute headquarters as an official side event of Forest Legality Week. Come to hear insightful perspectives on why international forests are a bipartisan issue, highlighting conservative and bipartisan action on this issue such as Lacey Act Amendments, Trillion Trees Act, AMAZON21, and more. Attendees will engage with conservative forest champions, including former appointees of the Trump and Bush administrations, and experts from the wood products industry and environmental organizations. Come to learn more about the harms of illegal forest activity and how stemming it is a win-win for all.

For more information about this side meeting, contact Karen Oseland, oseland@climateadvisers.org



Tuesday, October 18

10:30 am to 11:30 am (hybrid event)

CITES CoP 19: preview of draft decisions related to trees and forests

Hosted by CIEL

This event will provide an assessment of current CITES tree listings and an overview of CoP19 tree proposals and key draft decisions related to trees and forests, highlighting progress and challenges. Extinction pressures are increasing, but so too are efforts to add entire genera of tree species to CITES, including *Dalbergia* spp. at CoP17 and *Cedrela* spp. at CoP18. All five proposals to add tree species to Appendix II at the November CoP19 include one or more genera. One additional proposal has been submitted to uplist Brazilwood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) to Appendix I. This event will provide lessons learned from implementation of current listing and look towards the future of CITES and trees.

Confirmed speakers:

Melissa Blue Sky, CIEL
Anne St. John, USFWS

For more information about this side meeting, contact Bo Li, bo.li@wri.org

Thursday, October 20

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (hybrid)

Raising Ambition on Nature Crime - A new collaborative initiative

Hosted by WRI, US Department of State, and NICFI

This side event will explore the characteristics and extent of “nature crime,” focusing on crime convergence and how nature crime poses a critical obstacle to effective implementation of global biodiversity, climate and sustainable development objectives. It will also update participants on the development of an important new international initiative – the Nature Crime Alliance.

Confirmed speakers:

Moderator: Craig Hanson, WRI
Rannveig Formo, NICFI
Christine Dawson, US Department of State
Melissa Pinfield, Nature Crime Alliance Secretariat, Meridian Institute

For more information about this side meeting, contact Krista Karch, krista.karch@wri.org



Friday, October 11

9.00-10.30 am (hybrid event)

Independent Forest Monitoring in the Congo Basin: Taking Stock

WRI and partners REM and FLAG [recently published a report](#) summarizing over 10 years of experience in the Congo Basin with independent forest monitoring. This event will provide an opportunity for discussing the report recommendations on how to further strengthen and expand the independent forest monitoring model.

For more information about this side meeting, contact Sophie Labaste, sophie.labaste@wri.org