

**Stakeholder Statement
ENA FLEG Preparatory Conference
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We are happy that this ENA-FLEG process has started. We have multistakeholder representation here from NGOs, private sector, academia, etc., who work at different levels – local to international, and we are grateful to organizers for making possible our participation in the process so far.

A good multistakeholder preparatory process will contribute to improved quality and increased public credibility of Ministerial Conference outcomes. At the national level, this should involve regular input from civil society and private sector. It should also ensure dialogue between these stakeholder groups and governments, including on such issues as the definition of illegal logging.

Ongoing and transparent information flow is as critical as inter-ministerial involvement. We look forward to working with our governments over next few weeks to define and initiate national preparatory processes.

At the international level, we look forward to clarification of arrangements for stakeholder participation in Ministerial Conference and of the process for preparing the draft that will go to the Ministerial Conference.

We also would highlight the need for funding and a realistic timeline for securing stakeholder participation.

It will be important to stimulate more active government engagement in the process starting now and ensuring consistent and sustained follow through to the Ministerial Conference.

Civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders are ready to contribute to achieving credible and implementable outcomes for the Ministerial Conference to the extent possible.

And a closing reminder, legal does not always mean sustainable and sustainable does not always mean legal.

Thank you for your attention.