



Knowledge Exchange Programme

The 2nd General Assembly of the Tropical Forest Alliance (GA17) aims to provide an opportunity for partners and friends from government, business, civil society, international organizations and local communities to come together to share knowledge and best practices in advancing our journey to accomplish zero deforestation supply chain. Six knowledge exchange sessions hosted by TFA 2020 partners will take place on 21 March 2017 as part of the public programme of the General Assembly.

Beyond the Buzz: Designing an effective jurisdictional approach to address deforestation

World Wildlife Fund

An increasing number of governments, companies, financing institutions, and NGOs are looking to “jurisdictional approaches” as a way to broaden efforts to de-link commodity production from deforestation. While presenting various models, this session will aim to engage participants to tease out specific interests and limitations of governments, companies, and civil society to assess whether and how they may converge on a viable jurisdictional approach.

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Power of Women and Indigenous Peoples to achieve better growth with forests

UNDP

In addition to government and the private sector, civil society is increasingly becoming recognized for the major contribution it makes to protect and restore the world’s forests. This session’s objective is to showcase how women and indigenous peoples’ respective and unique roles in safeguarding forests are expressed on the ground, and explore how supporting and empowering them are bringing results across various contexts and initiatives.

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Role of Government in deforestation-free production

Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment

Governments play a significant role in effective public and private partnerships toward deforestation-free supply chains. The session will aim to showcase cases from both the national government and jurisdictional level point of view and giving the opportunity to exchange lessons learned on policy development and implementation, and look at the roles of national and sub-national government in creating change.



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Smallholder engagement in deforestation-free value chains

The sustainable trade initiative (IDH)S

Deforestation can't be addressed by solely working with the big players. We need to develop new type of solutions that specifically address smallholder farmers' needs. This session will provide a platform to share experiences in smallholder engagement, focusing a two key commodities: soy and palm oil. It will be an opportunity to discuss about the range of solutions that could be implemented in various geographies.

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Implementation of deforestation-free commitments by private sector - what is the status and how can it be accelerated?

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

2016 NYDF assessment report highlights an increase of private sector commitments towards halting deforestation in commodity supply chains yet showing the slow transformation towards implementing the commitments. This session will aim to understand how the commitments were set and what are the barriers mainly regarding biomes not protected by collective agreements. And furthermore exploring the models that can help accelerate the commitments and meeting the 2020 objectives.

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Forest risk in supply chains - a dialogue on how to practically manage risks

Rainforest Alliance and Imaflora

Companies face extreme supply chain challenges that stretched their capabilities to the breaking point. Both the preponderance of natural disasters and huge economic swings caused extreme challenges across the supply chain. This session will aim to focus on sharing examples across the TFA 2020 partnership of managing risks, as well as exploring the status of existing or newly developing relevant, useable tools - what is working and not working.

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