



Side Event at the XV World Forestry Congress

Evaluating policy impacts:  
**HOW TO BEST ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS  
OF INTERNATIONAL FOREST POLICY?**

Wednesday, 4 May 2022  
18:30 - 20:00 KST (UTC/GMT +9)  
(Hybrid Event)

Over the past decades, large areas of the world's forests have been depleted and degraded worldwide. To respond, several international policy approaches and instruments have emerged. Although many of them are being widely implemented, there is less agreement and a lack of systematic knowledge about their effects and impacts. This session aims to present and discuss up-to-date research approaches and ongoing studies that employ a variety of methodological approaches to explore the impacts of two major international forest governance initiatives: FLEGT and REDD+.

**AGENDA:**

**MODERATOR:**

*Yitagesu Tekle (EFI)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

*Lukas Giessen (TUDresden)*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Perception-based methodology to assess  
FLEGT VPA impacts across seven countries**  
*Paolo Cerutti and Jean Newbery (CIFOR-ICRAF)*

**Systematic literature review on the impact  
of FLEGT VPAs on tropical countries**  
*Fredy Polo (TU Dresden)*

**Rigorous impact evaluation of REDD+:  
a global meta-study**  
*Sven Wunder (EFI)*

**Actor-based, ethnographic approaches  
to understand REDD+ impacts**  
*Anna Sanders (CIFOR-ICRAF)*

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

*Georg Winkel (WUR)*

Conference Room 318C, Coex, Seoul, Republic of Korea  
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