

ENA FLEG Ministerial Conference
Joint Priorities from Multi-Stakeholder Process to the Ministerial Negotiations
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1. Legal, equitable and sustainable forest management should be the ultimate goal of the ENA FLEG process – governments must demonstrate the political will to take action to this end.
2. Governments should create an enabling environment for forest governance. Roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders should be outlined to encourage a focused approach. All stakeholders – government, civil society, industry, NGOs and forest owners – must be recognized in the process at the international, national, regional and local level.
3. Enforce existing legal frameworks and adopt legal reform where necessary to ensure it promotes good governance, & sustainable and equitable forest management. Ensure that forest regulations are consistent with other laws and policies and developed in a transparent way ensuring meaningful public participation. Avoid forest regulations that could lead to greater social injustice or create perverse incentives by raising the cost of “legal” forest products.
4. Create an enabling environment for implementation of tools and solutions, including consistent and responsible purchasing policies for private and public sector and an industry “tool kit” relating to sustainable forest management and forest use.
5. Governments should commit to creating greater transparency throughout the forest sector, considering: the infrastructure required for information sharing, availability and open access to forest-related information on forest resources owned or regulated by the state (including allocation and pricing), encouraging interagency cooperation and public participation. Governments should provide information that can be used, for example, for independent monitoring.
6. Formulate, within a reasonable timeframe, a time bound National Plan of Action that is consistent with the Declaration and comprises clearly defined targets, activities and indicators of success
7. A time-bound follow-up process for the ENA FLEG should be agreed.
8. All countries have shared responsibilities in combating illegal logging. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation involving consumer, donor and producer countries will play a critical role in supporting the development and time-bound implementation of NAPs.
9. Include education and research on FLEG related issues aimed at different target groups
10. Promote the trade of legally, equitably and sustainably produced forest products
11. Promote a positive business and investment climate for social and economic developments *