

# An update on recent policy developments in two major markets for timber and timber products

## *45th Meeting of the International Tropical Timber Council, Yokohama, Japan*

**Date** : Wednesday, 11 November 2009

**Time** : 16:00 hours – 17:30 hours

**Location** : ITTO Plenary Hall (Room 301)

The United States (US) and the European Union (EU) are large producers and consumers of timber and timber products. In recent years both the US and the EU have taken a number of steps to combat trade in illegally harvested timber and timber products.

As a supplement to the Annual Market Discussion, the Delegations of the EU and the US to the 45th meeting of the International Tropical Timber Council will provide an update on recent EU and US policy initiatives against illegal logging.

This update will take place on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 after the Annual Market Discussion from 16:00 hours – 17:30 hours.

*The programme of the update is as follows:*

4:00p.m. – 4:05p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening Remarks</li></ul>
4:05p.m. – 4:25p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on the EU market: Progress with the proposed 'due diligence regulation' and a general overview of the state of its FLEGT talks with timber producing countries;</li></ul>
4:25p.m. – 4:45p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on the US market: Implementation of the amended Lacey Act and the use of bilateral and regional approaches to promote trade in legally harvested forest products;</li></ul>
4:45p.m. – 5:00p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding opportunities: An overview of four multilateral funding mechanisms that specialize in supporting forest law enforcement, forest governance and initiatives that enhance the trade in legally harvested timber and timber products:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ITTO-TFLET</li><li>• European Forest Institute</li><li>• FAO-ACP Facility</li><li>• PROFOR</li></ul></li></ul>
5:00p.m. – 5:30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions and Answers</li></ul>