

Building Partnerships to Reduce Forest Conflict in Asia

1-2 December 2005

Beacon Hotel, 1615 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Hosted by USAID, The Forests Dialogue, and ARD, Inc.

Agenda

OBJECTIVES:

- Raise awareness of government, civil society, and business leaders about the seriousness of forest conflict and present a detailed picture of the causes and impacts of forest conflict, with an emphasis on Asia.
- Identify actions and partnerships by which business, government, and NGOs can reduce or manage forest conflict within their current operations.
- Explore means by which the actions identified above can be promoted for widespread adoption among members of the sectors represented at the workshop.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st

8:00 – 9:00 Participant Registration (Continental buffet available)

Introduction

9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming Remarks

USAID, Mary Melnyk
The Forests Dialogue, Justin Ward

9:15 – 9:30 Review of Workshop Objectives and Agenda (Gary Forbes, Facilitator)

9:30 – 9:55 Overview of Forest Conflict and USAID's Work on the Issue (Jim Schweithelm, ARD Inc.)

9:55 – 10:10 The Forests Dialogue's approach to illegal logging and relevance to forest conflict (Gary Dunning, The Forests Dialogue)

10:10 -10:25 Questions and Discussion

10:25- 10:40 Coffee Break

Country Case Studies and Perspectives

10:40-10:55 A Governance and Human Rights Perspective on Forest Conflict (Patrick Alley, Global Witness)

10:55-11:10 Forest Conflict in Cambodia (Srey Chanthy, ARD, Inc/Agribusiness Center for Cambodia)

11:10- 11:25 Forest Conflict in Indonesia (Mary Melnyk, USAID)

- 11:25 -11:50 Questions/Discussion
- 11:50 - 12:05 A Forest Industry Perspective (James Griffiths, World Business Council for Sustainable Development)
- 12:05 - 12:15 Questions/Discussion
- 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch at Beacon Hotel
- 1:30 – 1:45 A Conservation and Development Perspective on Forest Conflict (Christine Pendzich, WWF-US)
- 1:45 – 1:55 Questions/Discussion

Trends Impacting Forest Conflict

- 1:55 - 2:10 China Trade (Andy White/Kerstin Canby, Forest Trends)
- 2:10 - 2:25 Quantification of the scale of the problem (Jim Schweithelm, ARD, Inc.)
- 2:25 - 2:45 Questions/Discussions

Potential Actions to Reduce Forest Conflict including Positive Results and Lessons Learned

- 2:45 – 3:00 A Collaborative Approach to Dealing with Illegal Logging (John Heissenbuttel, American Forests and Paper Association)
- 3:00 – 3:15 Questions/Discussion
- 3:15 – 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 3:45 Efforts to Reduce the Flow of Illegal Timber (Paul Hartman, The Nature Conservancy)
- 3:45 – 4:00 Efforts at the Community Level (Srey Chanthy on Cambodian Actions to reduce forest conflict)
- 4:00 – 4:15 Questions/Discussions

Development of Potential Actions

- 4:15 – 5:00 Action Development
- Random small groups discuss potential actions, approaches, or possible new directions that might impact the Forest Conflict issue. The groups are randomly organized to maximize creative discussion and build “cross-community” understanding and collaboration. Each group will identify 2 specific actions that could be taken by each of the three community groups (government, NGOs, and private sector) to reduce forest conflict
- 5:00 – 5:15 Closing comments and preview of Friday’s activities.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

8:30 – 9:00 Continental buffet available

9:00 – 10:00 Action Development continued

The mixed group from the previous day will continue to develop actions. The final product for this session is two-fold. First, the development of three longer term actions or approaches either individually or together that the group sees as important for their involvement in managing and reducing Forest Conflict. Second, two or three more immediate steps or actions that could be carried out during the next year.

10:00 – 10:30 Plenary: Each of the three groups will present their longer term and short term actions, using pre-formatted flip charts. These represent critical action ideas that the group feels are both significant and realistic in implementing their role in reducing forest conflict. A facilitated discussion will follow each of the reports.

10:30 – 11:00 *Next Steps*: Plenary discussion of possible continuing and collaborative next steps for the assembled participants and their representative communities. A two part discussion including coordinated actions that could be taken, and implementing mechanisms to be strengthened and utilized.

11:00 – 11:15 Closing Remarks (USAID, The Forests Dialogue, Others)