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Agenda

Security, Development, and Forest Conflict: A Forum for Action

**Hosted by the International Crisis Group and
Fiona Hall, MEP
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Brussels**

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the European Tropical Forest Research Network (ETFRN)*

Objectives of the Forum:

The forum will bring representatives from the defence, diplomatic, and development communities together to:

- Raise awareness of the different approaches of these communities to conflict in forest areas, and identify complementarities and synergies;
- Evaluate the implications of conflict in forest areas for security and development;
- Present current work in this area and identify effective responses to local-level conflict, armed conflict, and post-conflict conditions in forest areas; and
- Identify follow-up actions, including collaboration between participants in specific countries and regions, and new approaches to programming guidance and policy development.



Day One, Wednesday 8 February 2006

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome

Hon Gareth Evans QC, President, International Crisis Group
Chris Davies MEP

The Why, What and How of the meeting

Sharon Harvey, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (DFID)

10:00

SESSION ONE:

FORESTS AND CONFLICT: CHALLENGES TO SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Pär Stenbäck, Minister h.c, Finland, and International Crisis Group Board of Trustees

Addressing violence in forested regions

David Kaimowitz, Center For International Forest Research (CIFOR)

Linking the defence, diplomatic and donor communities to resolve forest conflict

Patricia Lerner, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11.00

Challenges and opportunities for development cooperation in responding to forest conflict and governance issues

Philip Mikos, European Commission DGDEV

The UK Global Conflict Prevention Pools

Euan Wallace, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK

Challenges for Governments and Donors

Patrick Alley, Global Witness

Questions and brief discussion

12.15 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00

SESSION TWO:

FOREST CONFLICT: CURRENT THEMES AND RESPONSES

Chair: Ton Boon von Ochssée Netherlands Ambassador for Sustainable Development

Introduction to the Working Groups

Working Group 1: Preventing forest conflict

The issues to be discussed include: managing military exploitation of forests; managing local level-conflict, focusing on cases in Asia including Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Burma.

Chair: Hugh Speechly, Department for International Development, United Kingdom

Speakers:

1. Sidney Jones, International Crisis Group;
2. Frankie Abreu, Karen Environmental and Social Action Network, Burma;
3. Tom Hamilton Baillie, UK Defence Academy

Working Group 2: Conflict timber - Lessons for post-conflict reconstruction

The issues to be discussed include: Conflict timber – definitions and proposed Expert Panel on conflict resources; responding to the needs of demobilized forces without fuelling future conflict and the destruction of the natural resource base; learning lessons from Liberia to prevent the problems of conflict timber being repeated in post-conflict DRC and other countries in the region.

Chair: Evy von Pfeil, GTZ

Speakers:

1. Mike McGovern, International Crisis Group;
2. Silas Siakor, Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia;
3. Art Blundell, UNSC;
4. Oli Brown, IISD

16:15-16:30 *Coffee/Tea*

Plenary: presentations of working group results, followed by questions.

17:30 – 18:30 *Drinks Reception*

18:30 *Dinner*

Day Two, Thursday 9 February

09:00 – 9:15 Coffee

09:15

SESSION THREE:

ADDRESSING FOREST CONFLICT IN AFRICA AND ASIA

Plenary Chair: Patricia Lerner, USAID

Introduction to the Working Groups

Working Group 1: Africa

Focus on DRC, the Great Lakes Region, West Africa

Chair: Captain Piet Wit, Functional Expert CIMIC,
Ministry of Defence, the Netherlands

Speakers:

1. Caty Clement, International Crisis Group;
2. Marc Letrilliart, Chair (France) of Congo Basin Forest Partnership;
3. Olivier Kambala

Working Group 2: Asia

Focus on Cambodia, Nepal, Burma, Indonesia, Philippines

Chair: Mary Melnyk, USAID

Speakers:

1. Srey Chanthy, Agri-Business Institute-Cambodia/ARD;
2. Bishnu Upreti, Nepal;
3. Jim Schweithelm, ARD

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 Plenary: presentations of working group results, followed by questions.

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch

SESSION FOUR:

14.00 **CONCLUSIONS, LESSONS LEARNT, AND NEXT STEPS**
(plenary)

Chair: Alexander Carius, Adelphi Research

What role for the UN in managing forest conflict

Michel Laverdière, Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on
Forests

**The ways ahead: Addressing the links between conflicts and
natural resources**

Nick Grono, Vice President, International Crisis Group

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 **Next steps, summary and conclusions**

Summing up discussion and conclusion by Chair

17.00 **CLOSE**
