



TIMBERLEX

*The online portal for forest-related legislation
and timber legality*



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Illegal logging undermines sustainable forest management and impairs poverty alleviation, food security and climate change mitigation. As more timber producing and consuming countries establish requirements related to legal production and trade of timber, improving access to information on national legislation related to forest management, production, and associated trade will facilitate legality verification and due diligence efforts worldwide.

In this context, the TimberLex database was established as an open online resource to provide access to accurate and up-to-date information on legislation relating to forest management, timber production and trade from major timber-trading countries.

The database includes legislation from more than 50 timber consumer, processing and producer countries organised around a common format consisting of a set of Guiding Legal Elements (GLEs) for timber legality developed by FAO through participative consultation and based on international best practices. The GLEs encompass critical stages of the timber value chain and are agreed common elements to create frameworks for timber legality.

By reinforcing knowledge and understanding of national legal frameworks governing forestry and timber supply chains, the database enables more effective law enforcement and facilitates national and international trade in legal timber. TimberLex provides a new resource, contributing to the global efforts to increase legal and sustainable production, management and trade in forest products.

Workshop Objectives

- Demonstrate how to access and use the database effectively.
- Illustrate the common format (GLEs) developed by FAO for the country profiles.
- Raise awareness on TimberLex and promote it as a resource on forest legislation.

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11.00 Introduction

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11.05 Opening remarks

Daphne Hewitt
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Chief of the Development Law Service
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11.15 Overview of TimberLex within the FAO collection of legal databases

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11.30 TimberLex structure and content

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11.45 Guided navigation through the database

12.00 Questions & Answers

12.25 Closing remarks

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