

# **VIETNAM's FLEGT experience from a civil society perspective**

## ***Illegal Forest Conversion in the Mekong: Policy Implications for Land Investments, Climate, and Forest Legality Initiatives***

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# I. CONTEXT

Gov'

Started negotiation  
with EU

2010

2011

Carried out 3 studies,  
National Consultation,  
1st Negotiation Round

2012

Organized the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
negotiation round

2013

Organized technical  
meetings, VCs

2014

Expectedly conclude  
negotiation

NGOs

NGOs attended  
National Consultation  
and showed interest

Established VNGO-FLEGT,  
conducted community  
consultaion and gave  
comments on the LD 5

Gave commens on the  
LD 6+6.3, TLAS 2 + 3 and  
Implemented LIA

Give cmts on the VPA,  
Report on LIA, Study on  
chain of timber production  
Communicate VPA/FLEGT to  
communities

## II. VNGO-FLEGT's formation and development

**2014**

41 Member Organizations  
Is open for registration by  
interested VNGOs/CSOs

**2013**

Steering committee: SRD, PanNature, ForWet, CRD  
30 Member Organizations

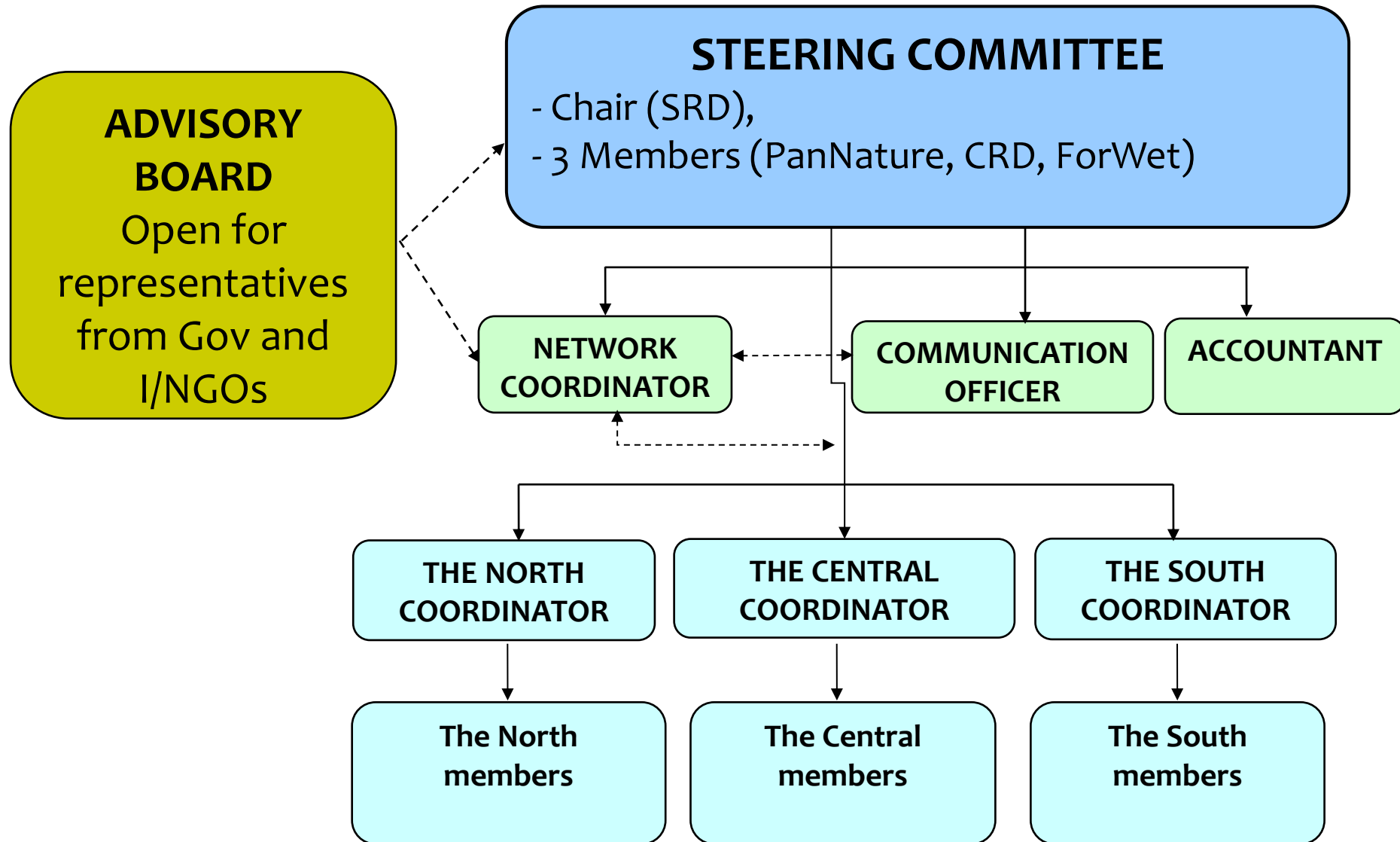
**2012**

**Jan:** Established VNGO-FLEGT Network

**Apr:** Informed to VNFOREST on the Network

**Jul. :** Officially launching the Network and more than 20  
organizations joined Network

# VNGO-FLEGT's Organizational Structure



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# NGO network's capacity building

- 1<sup>st</sup> year- 2012: concept of VPA, FLEGT, LD and community consultations on LD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year- 2013: commented on updated LD and TLAS; concept of Livelihood Impact Assessment-LIA, three LIA WS organized, reports from LIA action researches sent to GOV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year- 2014: continue commenting on updated LD, TLAS, Information Disclosure Annex, Role of CSO in negotiation and beyond ; Further action studies on LIA, wood supply chains at household level; GIS training; 5 year strategic plan formulation, etc.

# III. VNGO-FLEGT's ACHIEVEMENTS



**Raising awareness for CSOs on VPA/FELGT**

## Discussion on annual action plans



## Regular meeting of the Steering Committee



# Livelihood Impact Assessment (LIA)



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# Contribution for the VPA negotiation



**Consult Communities on Timber Legality** in 33 villages/ 14 communes / 6 districts/ 06 provinces

**Consult CSOs on LD and TLAS** via WS and meetings



**Formal comments have been submitted to VNFOREST**



# Consult communities on the Forest Protection and Development Law 2004



# Government officers attending and sharing at network meetings





# Multistakeholder workshop



- Actively participate in, and provide meaningful contributions to the VPA/FLEGT negotiation process
- Contribute to the review of the Forest Protection and Development Law

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# III. CHALLENGES

- Limitation on CSO network's legal Frame work, thus government and private sector has bad reasons to involve CSO formally or respectfully.
- CSOs' written and formal comments on LD, TLAS to government have been not seriously responded
- Network's limited knowledge and legal expertise to review a legal related document (LD, TLAS, Forest P&D Law,...)
- Loose Network with voluntary CSO members along the country often takes lots of time to make a decision and arrange an activity with majority
- VPA/FLEGT is dealing with lots of techical aspects and forest governance- a difficult topic, local consultants for trainings, research, planning for network are limited



## IV. CONCLUSION

- VPA is a good opportunities to address forest governance and to fight corruption
- Linkage FLEGT and REDD is needed to optimize resources: legality, land tenure, drivers of deforestation, safeguards and governance
- Technical and legal capacity on FLEGT, VPA, LD, TLAS are important to CSO network members
- Formulation of 5 year Strategic plan build -the shared vision and greater picture for CSOs
- Well prepared for the implementation phase of VPA (e.g. Independent forest monitoring- IFM)

THANK  
YOU!

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