

ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry (2016-2025)

5th Sub-Regional Training Workshop on
Timber Legality Assurance, 6-8 December 2016, Jakarta

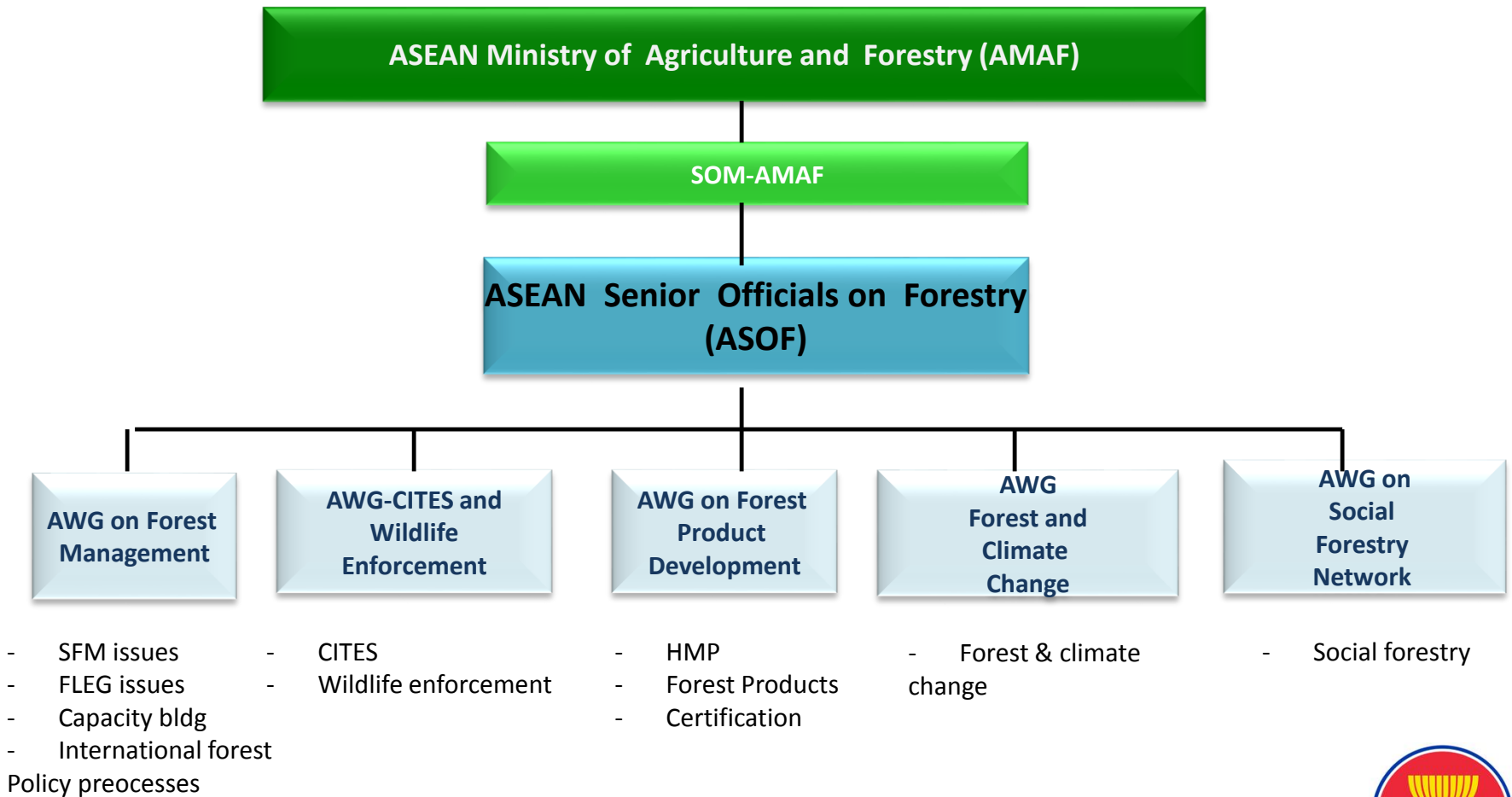


Outline

- ASEAN Cooperation on Forestry (Structure)
- Update ASEAN Policy Framework on Forestry Cooperation
 - Strategic Measures from the ASEAN Blueprints
 - ASEAN Statement on FLEG
- Work Plan for Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in ASEAN (2016-2025)
- Way forward



New Structure of ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry



ASEAN Policy Framework on Forestry Cooperation

- 29th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting issued the ASEAN Statement on Strengthening FLEG →
 - Improve FLEG in ASEAN
 - Address illegal logging and its associated trade issues
- *ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability* on 20th November 2007 at the 13th ASEAN Summit held in Singapore which committed AMS to “*strengthening law enforcement, promoting environmentally sustainable practices, as well as combating illegal logging and associated illegal trade*”.
- *Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment*: “reduce deforestation, forest degradation and forest fires, including by promoting sustainable forest management, combating illegal logging, protecting biodiversity, and addressing the underlying economic and social drivers” through, among others, “strengthening forest law enforcement and governance to combat illegal logging and other harmful practices”.



ASEAN Policy Framework on Forestry Cooperation

- Promoting Sustainable Forest management; enhance trade facilitation, foster competitiveness and economic integration (*AEC Blueprint 2025*)
- Strengthen regional cooperation on sustainable forest management (*ASCC Blueprint 2025*)
- 38th AMAF Meeting on 6 October 2016:
 - Strengthened efforts in preventing and combating illegal logging and its associated trade in timber and timber
 - Developing a **regional framework for mutual recognition of timber legality system**
 - Strengthening co-ordination of joint strategies, approaches and actions to seek greater **market access and promote ASEAN forest products** that are sourced legally
 - Strengthening collaboration on information exchange and technology transfer with all relevant stakeholders and international communities
 - Adopting ASEAN common positions on issues related to timber legality and associated trade at international fora, where possible



Some significant achievements

- In period 2008-2015:
 - ✓ ASEAN Guidelines for CoC of Legal and Sustainable Timber
 - ✓ ASEAN Guidelines on Phased Approach to Forest Certification
 - ✓ ASEAN C&I for Legality Timber
 - ✓ Study on Existing Initiatives for Ensuring Legal and Sustainable Timber in ASEAN

How to make those guidelines operationalise and can support trade facilitation?



SPA for ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry (2016-2025)

- Endorsed by the 38th AMAF Meeting
- Consists of 5 Strategic Thrusts:
 - ✓ Enhancing sustainable forest management
 - ✓ Enhance trade facilitation, economic integration and market access
 - ✓ Enhancing the forestry sector resilience and role in climate change
 - ✓ Institutional strengthening and human resources development
 - ✓ Strengthening ASEAN's joint approaches on regional and international issues affecting forestry sector



Work Plan for FLEG in ASEAN (2016-2025)

- Objective :
 - ✓ the attainment of sustainable forest management for enhancing the international competitiveness of ASEAN's forestry products that meet international requirements and which is consistent with sustainable forest management practices, including conservation and protection, and contributes to the poverty reduction in the region
- Strategic thrust
 - ✓ Enhancing sustainable forest management
 - ✓ Enhancing trade facilitation, economic integration and market access
 - ✓ Strengthening ASEAN's joint approaches on regional and international issues affecting the forestry sector
 - ✓ Institutional strengthening and human resources development



Work Plan for FLEG in ASEAN (2016-2025)

- Action programmes:
 - ✓ Strengthened FLEG implementation
 - ✓ Facilitation of legal and sustainable forest products trade
 - ✓ Strengthened ASEAN coordinated actions on FLEG in regional and international for a
 - ✓ Enhancement of ASEAN Joint Approaches in Addressing FLEG issues
 - ✓ Promotion and implementation of training programmes on FLEG
 - ✓ Enhancement of sharing experiences and lessons learned on FLEG implementation



Way Forward

- Enhance partnership with development partners, private, CSO
- Encourage private sector in marketing forest products from legally sources
- Promote dialogue with private sector in increasing the trade of forest products
- Develop manual, guidelines, handbook on good practices of FLEG implementation
- Develop regional framework for mutual recognition of legality
- Promote and implement training programmes on FLEG
- Support SMEs in enhancing their capacity to meet regional/international trade requirements in forest products



Thank you

