



**FLEG** EUROPE & NORTH ASIA  
Forest Law Enforcement & Governance

## **Civil Society Draft**

### **Meaningful Public Participation in the ENA-FLEG Process**

Ministers hereby affirm and declare that [they] will,

*'Engage stakeholders, including indigenous people, local communities, private forest owners, NGOs and industry, in the formulation of forest law and policies and in their implementation through an open and participatory process, thereby promoting transparency, reducing corruption, facilitating equity and minimizing undue influence of privileged groups.'* Point 7, St. Petersburg Declaration 2005

Building a Credible and Effective ENA-FLEG Multi-stakeholder Process requires:

- Participation
  - Clarity
  - Support
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- Clarity of purpose
  - Clear mandate
  - Credible respected convenor
  - High level political commitment from relevant Ministries and the head of government
  - Participation of the Ministries of trade, environment, customs, finance, forestry, etc.
  - International political, financial and technical assistance
  - Diversity of stakeholders (indigenous people, local communities, consumers, NGOs, trade association, business, government agencies etc)
  - Grassroots support
  - Access to all relevant information
  - An open and transparent process
  - Secure on-going financing of the process and its implementation
  - Capacity building and financial support for civil society participation where appropriate
  - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
  - Specific objectives, targets and timelines
  - Consistent participation by a core group of actors throughout the process
  - Enhanced high levels of public awareness developed through media education
  - Specific agreed actions to be initiated right away in order to build confidence