

December 15 th	
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Welcome Craig Hanson, WRI Alicia Grimes, USAID Chip Barber, WRI
1:15-3:00	Timber Legality in the Congo Basin: Independent Monitors and the Impact of the EUTR and FLEGT VPA Negotiations
<p>Three speakers will present on the current status of illegal logging and efforts to promote the legal timber trade in the Congo Basin countries. In light of the review of the EU FLEGT Action Plan and the EU FLEGT VPA process, representatives from civil society and the private sector will discuss the achievements and challenges of the official independent monitoring organizations in VPA countries, market trends and the effects of the EU's forest legality engagement on the timber trade. A discussion will follow. Moderator: Matthew Steil (WRI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Horner – Director of Forest Campaigns, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), Washington, DC • Horline Njike – Secretary General, Field Legality Advisory Group (FLAG), Cameroon • Emmanuel Groutel – General Delegate, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT), France 	
3:00-3:30	Coffee break
3:30-5:00	Update on the Lacey Act and the U.S. Guitar Industry
<p>This session will explore how the U.S. guitar industry has responded to the May 2008 Amendments to the Lacey Act, and the August 2012 settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Gibson Guitar Company. The panel will feature short presentations from three well-known manufacturers, who will share how they address legality requirements and conduct due diligence. The presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Redden – Director, Supply Chains, Taylor Guitar Company, California • Michael Dickinson – Exotic and Sustainable Wood Buyer, Martin Guitar Company, Pennsylvania • Tom Bedell – Founder, Bedell Guitars/Breedlove Guitars, Oregon 	
5:00 -7:00	Reception

December 16 th	
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9.00-10.00	Lacey Act Enforcement: Understanding the Lumber Liquidators Plea Agreement
<p>This panel will focus on the most recent enforcement case under the amended Lacey Act. In October 2015, Lumber Liquidators, which was under investigation for importing illegally logged timber, agreed to a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice. Lumber Liquidators pled guilty to one felony count for entry of goods by means of false statements and four misdemeanor due care counts under the Lacey Act. The panel will feature presentations about the plea agreement and the implications of the case for due care and compliance with the Lacey Act. Moderator: Chip Barber (WRI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Duggan – Trial Attorney, Department of Justice, Environmental Crimes Section, Washington, DC • Alexander von Bismarck – Executive Director, Environmental Investigation Agency, Washington, DC • Cindy Squires – Executive Director, International Wood Products Association, Virginia 	
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10.30-11:45	Lacey Act Enforcement: Implications from the Lumber Liquidators Plea Agreement for the Forest Products Industry
<p>After a coffee break, the panel will reconvene for a plenary discussion about the potential effect on the forest products industry in general, and in particular on the hardwood flooring sector. Moderator: Chip Barber (WRI).</p>	
11.45-12.00	Closing remarks Chip Barber, WRI
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Information Platform Discussion
<p>WRI is in the beginning stages of developing an interactive, web-based information platform that will focus on forest trade and legality issues. The session will begin with a brief overview of existing, similar platforms and will then evolve into a discussion with audience members on information needs for exercising due care, promoting the trade of legal forest products, and addressing the trade in illegal timber. The conversation may focus on, but will not be limited to, functionality requirements, types of qualitative and quantitative information to be featured, and sharing information about other existing information platforms.</p>	