



Good Growth Partnership Side Event at GEF 6th Assembly, Da Nang, Vietnam

Reducing Deforestation from Commodity Supply Chains - Turning Commitments into Action, Experience from the GEF's Good Growth Partnership

Host organization: Good Growth Partnership – UNDP, WWF, IFC, UNEP-FI, CI, GEF

Date and Time: Monday 25 June, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Venue: My Son 2 Room, Furama Resort, Da Nang – Ariyana Conference Center, 105 Võ
Nguyễn Giáp, Khuê Mỹ, Ngũ Hành Sơn, Đà Nẵng, Vietnam.

Event Size: 50 people

Duration: 1h30

Event Description: On the side-lines of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) 6th Assembly Da Nang, Vietnam, the Good Growth Partnership invites you to attend a 90-minute discussion on: **“Reducing Deforestation from Commodity Supply Chains - Turning Commitments into Action, Experience from the GEF’s Good Growth Partnership”**

Over the past decade we have witnessed considerable advances in the effort to tackle the momentous challenge of deforestation in commodity supply chains. The Paris Agreement put forests on the 21st century agenda in the face of climate change. Meanwhile, hundreds of company and government commitments and deadlines have been put in place, plenty of dialogue and brainstorming has been had and numerous multi-stakeholder action plans have been drafted. However, linking this momentum and readiness for wide-scale action throughout the supply chain is an even bigger hurdle, which we must overcome.

Companies are finding it really challenging to materialize their agreements on the ground. Issues such as inadequate policies and land-use planning, low smallholder productivity, lack of traceability and limited financial incentives continue to plague sustainable production. Similarly, committed governments often lack capacity to reform their policies, regulations and programmes to incentivize sustainable production and to partner with the private sector and civil society to do so.

In order to address the above challenges, GEF supported the development of a new Initiative: the Good Growth Partnership (GGP), which was launched in 2017. Working across production, financing and demand, the GGP convenes a wide range of stakeholders and initiatives to create lasting, transformative change throughout three key global commodity supply chains: soy, beef and palm oil in Brazil, Indonesia, Liberia and Paraguay.

This panel, brought to you by the Good Growth Partnership, will analyze the key issues markets and producer countries face as they attempt to fulfill their commitments to provide agricultural commodities to the world, whilst reducing pressure on forests. High level government and private sector representatives from current and prospective GGP countries will share their experiences and lessons on how to turn commitments and vision into action and real sectoral transformation.

The side event will consist of a Davos-style panel discussion followed by Q&A from the audience.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome remarks – Mr. Paul Hartman, Senior Environmental Specialist, GEF
2. Panel discussion: **Turning commitments into action, experience from the GEF's Good Growth Partnership**
 - Moderator: Ms. Midori Paxton, Head of Ecosystem and Biodiversity Programme, UNDP
 - Dr. Ir. Agus Justianto, Head of Research Development and Innovation Agency and former Director General of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
 - Mr. Benjamin Karmorh, Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia
 - Dr. Tran Dai Nghia, Head of the Department of Natural Resource and Environmental Economics Studies, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam
 - Mr. Sanjiv Louis, South-East Asia Investment Director, Sail Ventures
3. Q&A
4. Closing remarks – Mr. Ivo Mulder, Finance and Private Sector Coordinator, Terrestrial Ecosystem Unit, UN Environment

About the Good Growth Partnership

The Good Growth Partnership is the flagship global initiative of the GEF to reduce deforestation from key agricultural commodity supply chains: soy, beef and palm oil, considered to be among the biggest drivers of tropical deforestation today. This ambitious effort aims to balance the needs of a growing global population with social and environmental responsibilities. GGP works across production, financing and demand, with the governments of Brazil, Indonesia, Liberia and Paraguay, as well as the private sector and civil society organisations. Led by United Nations Development Programme, GGP is implemented in collaboration with Conservation International, the International Finance Corporation, UN Environment and World Wildlife Fund.