



## XV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

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Strengthening

# THE ABILITY OF SMALLHOLDERS in the **Mekong region forest sector** to operate **LEGALLY AND SUSTAINABLY**

This event will bring to life **experiences and lessons learned** from tackling the challenges smallholders face to operate legally and sustainably in the forest sector in the Mekong region.

We will **explore ways** to strengthen the technical and operational skills of smallholders and create an enabling environment for them to contribute to forest governance, rural livelihoods and gender equality.

We will **focus on experiences** supporting micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), both tree growers and timber processors.

We will **emphasize issues of scale**, costs of compliance, gender equality, decent work and inclusive economic development.

**TIME:** 3 May 2022, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

**MODERATOR:** Alexander Hinrichs, Head of Asia Regional Office, European Forest Institute

### SPEAKERS:

**Thomas Colonna**, Forest Governance and Private Sector Expert, European Forest Institute.

■ Testing solutions to the challenges of MSMEs: Lessons learned from the Mekong region.

**Nathalie Faure**, Senior Program Officer, Governance, Institutions and Conflict Transformation, RECOFTC.

■ Social and gender analysis of FLEGT on opportunities and risks for wood processing and furniture small and medium enterprises in Lao PDR.

Furniture workshop in Lien Ha, Vietnam



**Boonsuthee Jeravongpanich**, Technical Forestry Officer, Forest Certification Office, Royal Forest Department of Thailand.

■ Thailand's experience supporting smallholders in the forest sector.

**Vu Thi Bich Hop**, Chair and Executive Director, The Centre for Sustainable Rural Development.

■ The situation and challenges of plantation smallholders in Vietnam.



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