



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

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Furniture workshop in
Lien Ha, Vietnam

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.

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.

