

Terms of Reference of the Multi-Stakeholder Implementation Committee of the VPA

The assignment of the Multi-Stakeholder Implementation Committee (M-SIC) will be undertaken side by side existing FC operational structures under the NREG framework. There is the need for the M-SIC to maintain links with all functional areas working to the objective of delivering the VPA and ensure that there is cohesion in the delivery of the respective agencies.

1.0 Proposed Composition of Oversight Body

1.	Deputy Minister of Lands & Natural Resources	Chair
2.	Chief Executive, Forestry Commission	Member
3.	Executive Director, TIDD	Member
4.	Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources	Member
5.	Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning	Member
6.	Executive Director, FSD	Member
7.	Executive Director, WD	Member
8.	Ag. Director, RMSC	Member
9.	Director, Legal	Member
10.	Director, HR	Member
11.	Director, Finance & Administration	Member
12.	VPA Coordinator	Member
13.	Manager, Donor Relations	Member
14.	National Working Group on Forest Certification	Member
15.	Representative, CEPS	Member
16.	Representative, GTMO	Member
17.	Representative, GTA	
18.	Representative, Civil Society (2)	Member
19.	VPA Secretariat	Secretary

2.0 Specific Task of Committee

1. Oversee the overall implementation of the VPA and co-ordinate the delivery of outputs of the various task teams to ensure that the objectives are achieved in line with the content and time schedule in the agreement
2. Ensure that the implementation of the VPA continues to be linked to the national aspirations of forest and wildlife management as well as Ghana's obligations under other international conventions
3. Maintain open communication channels with all stakeholding constituencies on the implementation of the VPA
4. Prepare the grounds for the work of the Joint Monitoring Review Mechanism (JMRRM).

3.0 Reporting

The Committee will report to the Minister of Lands Forestry & Mines through the Chair of the Committee.

4.0 Funding of the Committee

The Oversight Body will be funded by the Forestry Commission through the NREG

5.0 Timeframe for the Work

The initial term of the Committee shall be three years within which the FLEGT licenses shall be issued to the European Community. Thereafter, a review will follow to determine the need to continue the work of the Committee.