The Ghana-EU VPA Implementation

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Outline

• What has been Implemented?
• What has Changed?
• Pushing Transparency
### Status of Implementation of TLAS

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<td>3. Designation of a FLEGT Licensing Authority</td>
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<td>4. Fix legislative bottlenecks impeding implementation of A TLA System</td>
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<td>5. Legislative backing for operation of TLAS</td>
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<td>6. Conduct joint assessment and fix identified non-compliances (2014)</td>
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<td>7. Evaluation of readiness for final assessment (@ technical level)</td>
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What has changed?
Application of Forest Management Prescription – Before TLAS

- **Implementation**: Application of statutory requirements
- **Internal Assessment (intra-agency)**: Internal agency assessment of application of management prescriptions
- **Application of Corrective Measures**: No structured documentation of corrective actions
- **Close out of Corrective Action Requirements**: No structured documentation of close out reports
## Completing the Learning Cycle

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### Diagram:

- **Use Finding/Implementation**
- **Reporting**
- **Programme Cycle**
- **Monitoring**
- **Evaluation**
Application of Forest Management Prescription – under TLAS

- Near real-time identification of discrepancies
- Civil Society Participation in Legality Audit
- Effective Identification of Systemic Issues

Closing of the forest management learning loop
Forest Legality Audit - Emerging Trend

Incidence of Non-Compliance (CAR) by Timber Companies

CAR – Corrective Action Requirement
Forest Legality Audit - Emerging Trend

In the chart, we observe a trend related to the Incidence of Non-Compliance by FSD Districts. The x-axis represents the Audit Cycle, which spans from 2015/1 to 2017/2. The y-axis shows the No. of CARs raised/FSD District, ranging from 0.00 to 4.00, and the No. of FSD Districts Audited, ranging from 0 to 30.

The data points indicate a fluctuating trend in non-compliance, with peaks and troughs over the audit cycles. The chart highlights the number of corrective action requirements (CARs) raised per FSD District and the number of FSD Districts audited.

**Legend:**
- Blue line: No. of CARs Raised/FSD District
- Orange line: No. of FSD Districts Audited

**Note:**
CAR – Corrective Action Requirement
‘Pushing’ Transparency

• Near real-time collection and collation of data leading to:
  • Timely identification and resolution of discrepancies
  • More transparency at the field operation level
  • Change in behaviour – decreasing incidence of non-compliance

Enabling Public Access to Information

• Monthly list of exporters
• FLEGT Licenses issued
• Quarterly TVD summarised audit records
• Quarterly TVD complaints records
• Annual records of timber rights fees
Thank You

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