

Support to Guyana Forestry Commission VPA/GTLAS

Technical Meeting of the Second JMRC
Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

Team Presentation

DAI and EPRD are members of the consortium. DAI is primarily responsible for the coordination of the members of the consortium and the operational management of the project.

Presentation of the Consultancy Team

▪ Team Leader: Dr. Patrick Chesney (DAI)

- National expert in agroforestry, horticulture, biodiversity, environmental management and participatory conflict resolution mechanisms.

▪ Health & Safety Expert: Dr. Ivars Vanadziņš (EPRD)

- The director of Institute of Occupational safety and environmental health of Riga Stradins university (Latvia) and has almost 20 years of experience in the field of occupational safety and health.

▪ Data Analysis Expert: Dr. Haimwant Persaud (DAI)

- A leading Data Analysis Expert, working in various sector including Forest information management and development in Guyana.

▪ DAI Project Manager: Ms. Vesna Kahrimanovic

- In charge of the project at DAI and the contact point with the EUD.

▪ EPRD Project Manager: Ms. Natalia Koziel

- In charge of the project at EPRD.

Project Workplan, deadlines and deliverables

Takes guidance from the [Joint Implementation Framework](#) (JIF).

Global and specific objectives

- Global objective:

The aim of this technical assistance is to build the capacity of local stakeholders (including women and indigenous peoples) on the VPA, in view of achieving its successful implementation in Guyana, and in keeping with the EU FLEGT's principles of inclusivity, and the EU and Guyana Government's commitment to sustainable forest management.

- Specific objective(s) -

- To provide institutional strengthening and training for Guyana Timber Legality Assurance System (GTLAS) agencies, including to capture and archive relevant information for the VPA
- To provide capacity building/training to Forest Sector Operators (FSOs) in those areas which will allow for greater GTLAS compliance, such as fiscal and environmental requirements as captured in the VPA Legality Definition (LD).
- To conduct studies which will help understand existing gaps and subsequently support VPA implementation by ensuring that all stakeholders are fairly treated and included in the VPA implementation.

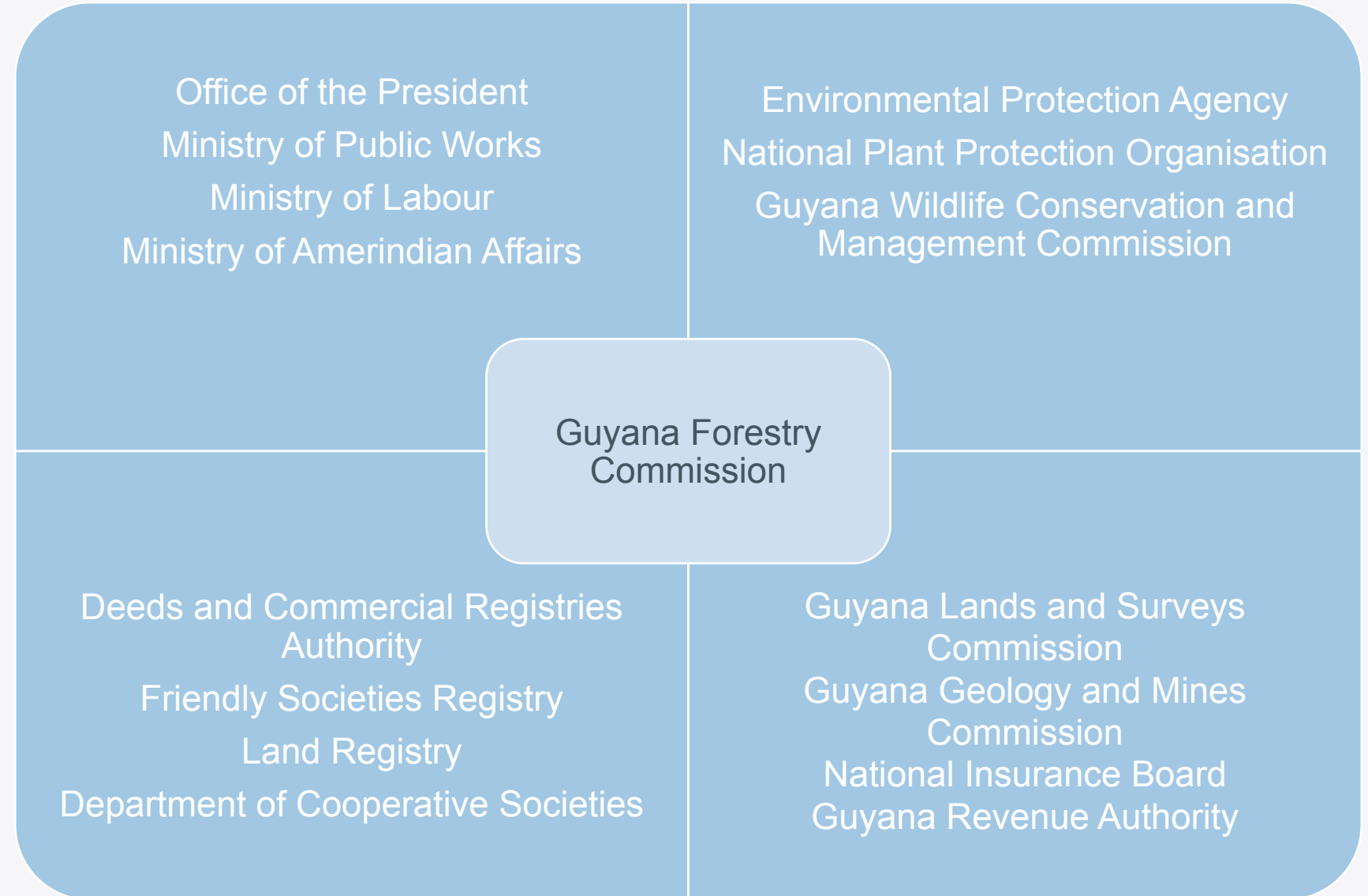
GTLAS Members

The GTLAS is based on the national legal framework and aims to ensure that Guyana's timber products are legal.

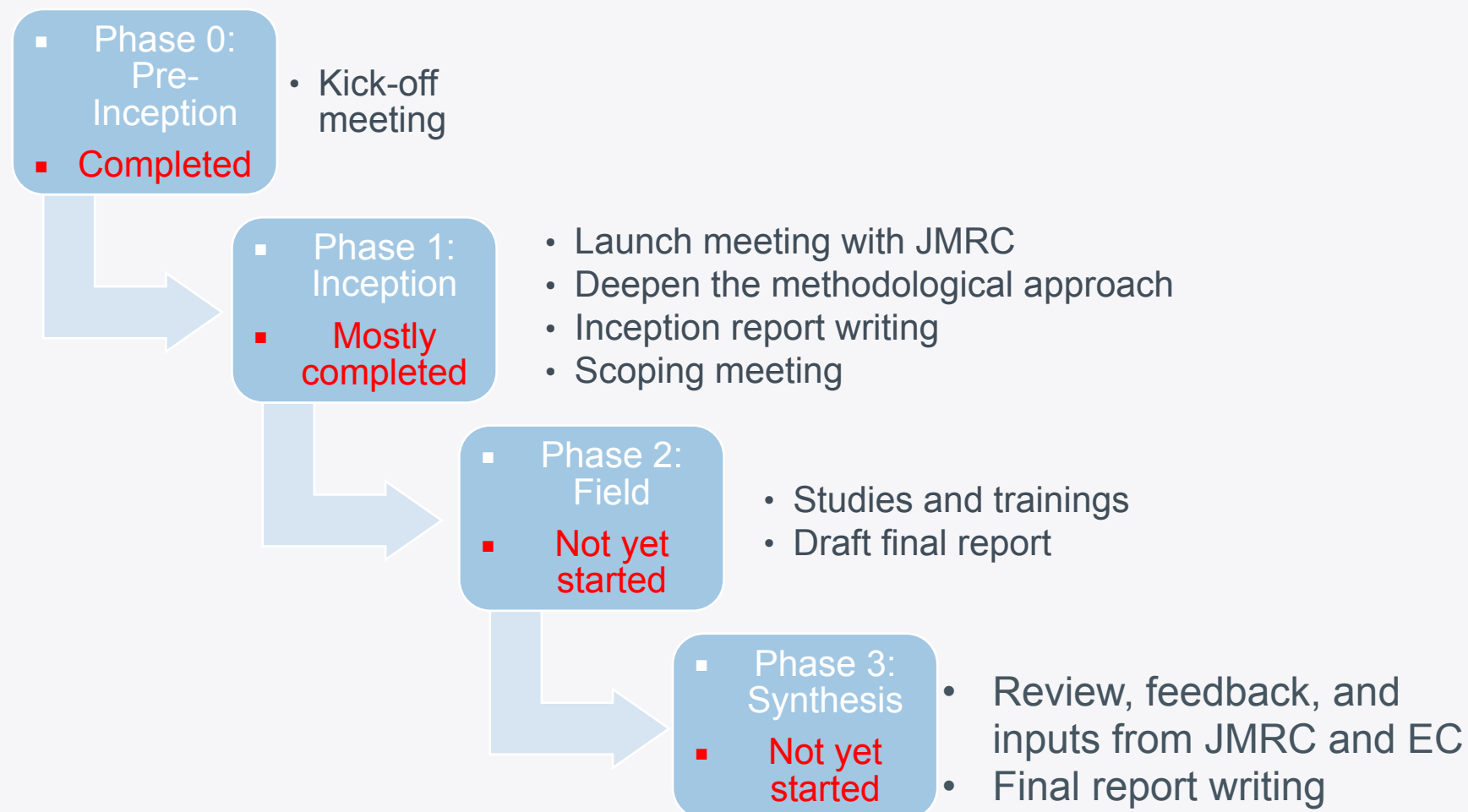
Further reading:

Guyana-EU VPA

- Articles 8 and 9
- Annex V



Main activities and deliverables



Phase 1: Inception (Home-based)

- The team will be presented to the JMRC and the European Commission (EC). **Today, 23rd November 2023.**
- The team of experts will review capacity gas assessments of the different stakeholders to implement the VPA. This will help to develop targeted training programs that seek to address the gaps identified from the needs assessment. **Completed.**
- The team leader will prepare the inception report summarizing the objectives, methodology, approach, scope and outputs of the assignment, documentation review, field missions, findings, and setting out a detailed planning of the project's activities, including the work program. **Completed.**
- In order to conclude the inception phase of the assignment, the inception report and the complete logistical organization for the trainings and studies will be presented to the JMRC and EC team for feedback and finalization. **Mostly completed.**

Phase 2: Field (Guyana)

- Conduct studies and carry out trainings (see slides 12 to 14)
- Most of the training activities will be carried out at the Forestry Training Centre Inc. (FTCI).
- Activities 6,7&8 will be implemented in different Sawmills, Lumberyards, Forest operators, Amerindian Reservation, Associations in the interior of the country in the following locations:
 - Aishalton (Region 9); Anna Regina (Region 2); Annai (Region 9); Bartica (Region 7); Georgetown (Region 4); Ituni (Region 10); Karasabai (Region 9); Kwakwani (Region 6); Lethem (Region 9); Linden (Region 10); Mabaruma (Region 1); Moruca (Region 1); New Amsterdam (Region 6); Orealla/Siparuta (Region 6); Parika (Region 3); and Springlands (Region 6).
 - For convenience and costs, locations will be grouped in clusters according to geography.

Team Leader / Expert 1: Forestry & Capacity Building

Dr. Patrick Chesney

General description of the position:

- Activity 1: 12 working-days
- Activity 3: 10 working-days
- Activity 4: 2 working-days
- Activity 6: 32 working-days
- Activity 7: 33 working-days
- Activity 9: 5 working-days
- Activity 10: 5 working-days
- Management, oversight and meetings: 15 working-days

Total 114 working-days

Strengthening capacity of the GFC and other government agencies

Activity 1: GFC. Verify compliance of FSOs with VPA requirements (JIF 4.1.2 – 4.1.5, 6.1.3, 7.4.4)

Activity 3: GFC. Timber grading (JIF 7.1.2).

Activity 4: GFC. Updated standards for sawmills and lumberyards (JIF 7.4.8).

Strengthening capacity of Forest Sector Operators (FSOs)

Activity 6: Diagnostic study on capacity needs in the different locations for the different stakeholder groups (JIF 4.1.1).

Activity 7: to comply with VPA requirements (JIF 4.1.2 – 4.1.5, 6.1.3, 7.4.4)

Activity 9: Timber grading (JIF 7.1.2).

Activity 10: updated standards for sawmills and lumberyards (JIF 7.4.8)

Expert 2: Health and Safety (H&S)

Dr. Ivars Vanadziņš

General description of the position:

- Activity 2: 6 working-days
- Activity 8: 33 working-days
- Meeting and reports: 3 working-days

Total: 42 working-days

Strengthening capacity of the GFC and other government agencies

Activity 2: To verify Health & Safety (H&S) requirements of the VPA in the field (JIF 7.1.3a)

Strengthening capacity of Forest Sector Operators (FSOs)

Activity 8: to comply with H&S requirements of the VPA in the field (JIF 7.1.3a)

Expert 3: Data analysis

Dr. Haimwant Persaud

General description of the position:

- Activity 5: 15 working-days
- Meeting and reports: 2 working-days

Total: 17 working-days

Strengthening capacity of the GFC and other government agencies

Activity 5: Data analysis techniques (JIF 7.4.8).

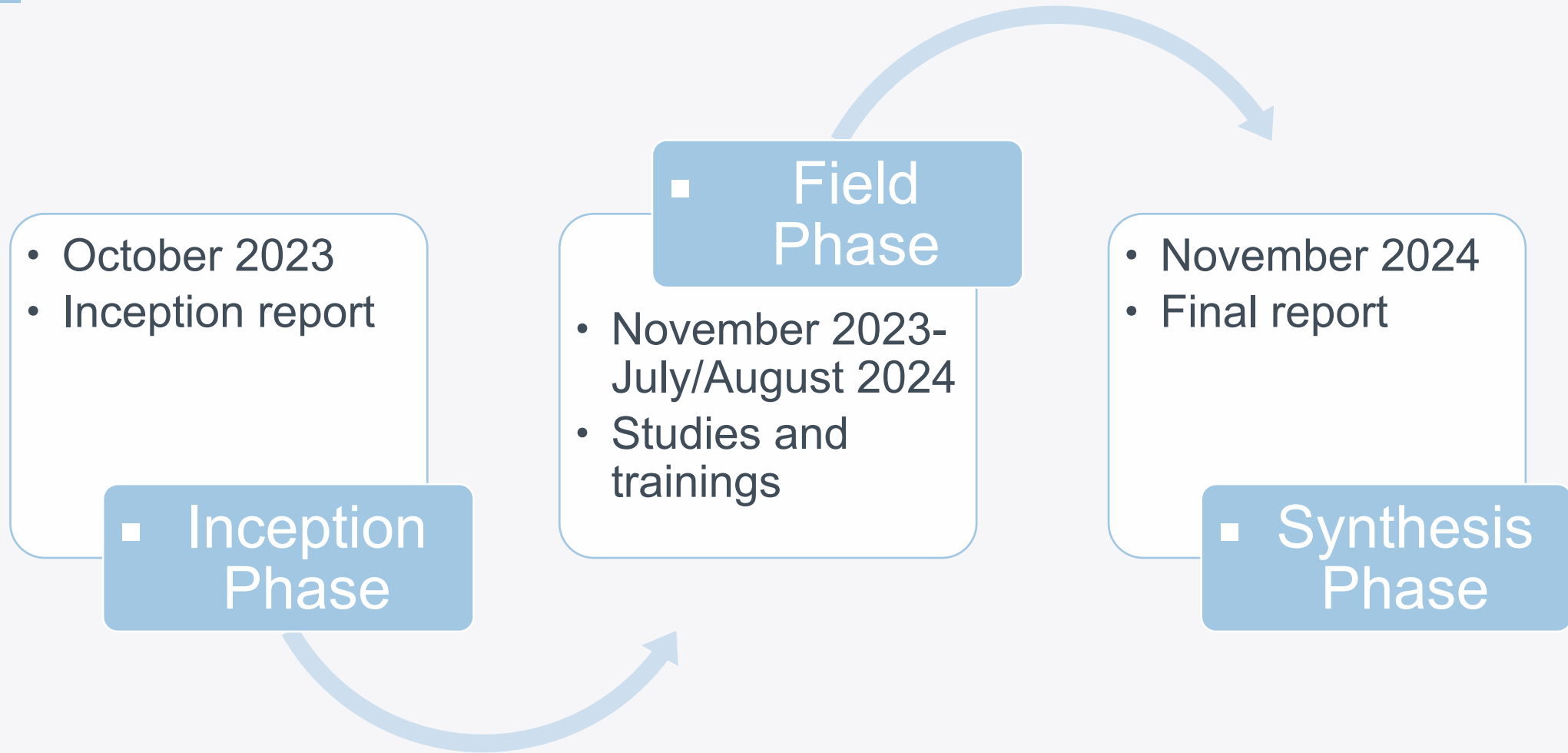
Strengthening capacity of Forest Sector Operators (FSOs)

None.

Phase 3: Synthesis/Final (Home-based)

- The Team Leader will prepare the final draft report, summarising the activities, expert resources used, findings, lessons learnt, conclusions and recommendations/ The report will be reviewed and validated with relevant stakeholders and submitted no later than four weeks before the end of the contract.
- Our team will be attentive to receive and respond to comments from the JMRC and EC about the draft final report to integrate them in the final deliverable of this assignment.
- The team leader will compile the final report of the assignment of a maximum of twenty pages. Annexes will include any training needs assessment, training materials (Power Points etc.). The final report will be submitted two weeks before the end of the assignment.

Timetable



Challenges

- When will the following manuals for the training be finalized and adopted by the GFC management?
 - Manual of Procedures (Activity 1)
 - Current control procedures for H&S (Activities 2 and 8)
 - Updated timber grading procedures (Activities 3 and 9)
 - Updated standards for sawmills and lumberyards (Activities 4 and 10)
- How to enable the FTCI to train the number of persons (Government and FSOs) specified in the ToR? For example:

Activity	Duration (Days)	Government	FSOs	Total
1	2	150	0	150
2 and 8	1	150	TBD	150+
3 and 9	5	40	60	100
4 and 10	1	60	120	180

Next steps

- Field studies: Proposed to commence visit to the field from week of 27th November 2023. Team Leader to be accompanied by staff from the FLEGT Secretariat.
- Training:
 - Manuals: DAI to continue to actively engage GFC management, through the FLEGT Secretariat, on timelines for the finalisation and adoption of same.
 - Number of participants: DAI to continue to actively engage GFC management, through the FLEGT Secretariat on the identification of participants and the scheduling of the trainings.
 - FTCl capacity: DAI to continue to engage the FTCl Manager on the logistics for the trainings, paying particular attention to the size of groups and number of days to complete the curriculum for each training activity.
- Time phasing: To be adjusted following the conclusion of all engagements with GFC management, FLEGT Secretariat and FTCl.

**Thank you very much for
your attention.**

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