

ITC Roundtables on Deforestation-free Global Value Chains

#deforestation

#trade

#sustainability

A network of private and public partners, industry federations and associations respond to the challenge of Deforestation-free Global Value Chains by:



Nurturing the existing initiatives that support deforestation-free supply chains through responsible sourcing policies; sharing best practices, innovative approaches and building on existing platforms;



Unpacking methodologies and approaches that enable deforestation-free supply chains through in-depth review of existing models and approaches to traceability and chain-of-custody;



Adopting joint resolutions and plan of actions including public statements to advance discussions on the new proposed regulation of the European Union on deforestation-free products.

The **United Nations 2030 Agenda** underlines the importance of international trade as a means of implementation for the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Trade-flows and trade policies in turn also have an impact on sustainability of production processes through the scale, composition and technique effects. There is now increased awareness globally on the need for international trade to support a more environmentally sustainable global economy.

Fighting against global deforestation and forest degradation at the international level has become a worldwide priority, and the European Union is developing a proposal for a new regulation on “deforestation-free” products. The International Trade Centre (ITC), an agency of the United Nations based in Switzerland, is convening four rounds of private-public consultations and development of concrete plans of actions for “Deforestation-free Global Value Chains” in priority commodities sectors, such as soy, cocoa and coffee.



Organizing partners

European feed manufacturers' federation (FEFAC)
European cocoa association (ECA)
European coffee federation (ECF)

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29 MARCH 2022

First roundtable

“Producing countries considerations to deforestation-free products: the state of play in soy, cocoa and coffee sectors”
(online)

5 MAY 2022

Second roundtable

“Industry responses to deforestation: methodologies & approaches implemented in Global Value Chains”
(online)

9 JUNE 2022

Third roundtable

“Implications of the new EU regulation on deforestation-free products”
Third roundtable
(online)

SEPTEMBER 2022

(Exact date TBC)

Fourth roundtable

“Roadmap and practical set of recommendations to implement deforestation-free policies that are WTO compatible”
(in person – Geneva)