

Programme

10 – 11 September 2026
Bonn, Germany

10TH SEPTEMBER Thursday

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome from the TEI and getting to know each other	
09:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks	Speakers - Ina von Frantzius, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany – BMZ (tbc) - Simon Gmeiner, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission – DG INTPA - Jeroen Verhagen, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission – DG ENV
10:00 – 11:00	EUDR Preparedness – Where Do We Stand? How ready are producer countries and supply chain actors to meet EUDR requirements? This opening session takes stock of current preparedness levels across key commodity sectors and partner countries, highlighting where progress is being made and where critical gaps remain.	Speakers - Michaela Foster, European Forest Institute - Lesly Nassila, University Basel - Dietmar Stoian, Landscape Alliance
11:00 – 11:15	Teaser and Transfer to next Session	
11:15 – 13:00	Governance and Institutional Dynamics – How Is the EUDR Reshaping Policy Frameworks? The EUDR is not only a trade regulation – it is reshaping governance landscapes in producer countries. This session examines how national policy frameworks are being adapted, where tensions with local regulations arise, and how public and private sector initiatives interact in practice.	Facilitator Emily Gallagher , Landscape Alliance Speakers - Pascal Renaud-Bernath, University Freiburg - Jan Börner, University Bonn - Caroline Salomão, Thünen Institute for Forestry - Eric Kumeh, University of British Columbia
11:15 – 13:00	Due Diligence, Risk Assessments and Legality – Tools, Risks, and Practical ExperienceI What constitutes a robust due diligence system and how can risks be assessed and be clearly linked to specific products? What challenges exist when interpreting data that has been collected? What does "legal production" mean under the EUDR – and how can it be verified in practice? This session introduces various tools that can be used to support due diligence processes and presents first-hand results from risk assessments and dry runs in producer countries.	Facilitator Franziska Rau , GIZ Speakers - Alice Bisiaux, European Forest Institute - Titte Steffensen, Preferred by Nature - José Jordi Brotons Martínez, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, ES - MITECO - Felipe Nunes, Center for Territorial Intelligence - Sarah Drost, AidEnvironment
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:30	Gallery Walk – Market Space	
14:30 – 15:00	Feedback in the Plenary on the Sessions	
15:00 – 17:00 <i>Coffee break included</i>	Value Chain Transformations – Who Bears the Burden of Compliance? The EUDR is reshaping agricultural commodity value chains – but who bears the costs of geolocation mapping, conformity with local laws etc.? This session examines impacts on smallholders, women, indigenous communities, and informal actors, and asks whether the most vulnerable are carrying a disproportionate share of the compliance burden.	Facilitator Christoph Kubitz a, GIGA Institute Speakers - Joss Lyons-White, University Cambridge - Emily Gallagher, Landscape Alliance - Tesfaye Berihun, Hawassa University - Lukas Rumboko Wibowo, National Research and Innovation Agency - Pierre-Jean Sol Brasier, FERN
15:00 – 17:00 <i>Coffee break included</i>	Commodity Mapping – Spatial Data as a Foundation for Deforestation-Free Supply Chains Knowing where commodities are grown is a prerequisite for effective due diligence. This session presents advances in commodity mapping for cocoa, rubber, wood, and other EUDR-relevant crops, and shows how spatial data can support risk assessments. This session will discuss how to deal with possible disagreements in datasets and how global / regional and local mapping efforts may complement one another. It will furthermore discuss the need for clearer definitions in particular cases.	Facilitator Sarah Carter , World Resources Institute Speakers - Bashara Abubakari, CERSGIS - Christophe Sannier, ESA/GAF – World AgroCommodity Project - Antje Ahrends, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh - Rémi D’Annunzio/Andrew Arnell, FAO (tbc)
17:00 – 17:30	Presentation of Results in the Plenary and Closing	

11TH SEPTEMBER Friday

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Short recap of the Sessions from Day 1		Jerome Scheuren , GIZ SAFE
09:30 – 11:30 <i>Coffee break included</i>	Mapping Deforestation – Land-Use Data, Risk Analysis, and Environmental Impacts Credible due diligence depends on reliable data. This session presents state-of-the-art approaches to land-use analysis – including AI-assisted methodologies – and evaluates global and regional reference maps for EUDR compliance, covering deforestation hotspots, forest cover change, and unintended impacts on agroforestry systems.	Facilitator Melvin Lippe , Thünen Institute for Forestry Speakers - Sarah Carter, World Resources Institute - Timer Manurung, Auriga Nusantara - Juliana Freitas Beyer, Thünen Institute for Forestry - Martin Persson, Chalmers University	
09:30 – 11:30 <i>Coffee break included</i>	Shifting Trade Flows – Market Dynamics in a Post-EUDR World As actors adapt to EUDR requirements, global commodity trade is likely to be rerouted and restructured. This session analyses and discusses the potential for shifts in trade flows, price changes, market segmentation and the restructuring of processing, what tools and information we have to monitor such structural shifts, and what these changes might mean for both producing and consuming countries.	Facilitator - Jan Börner , University Bonn Speakers - Chris West, Stockholm Environmental Institute York/ TRASE Initiative - Michaela Summerer, ITC - Barbara Küpper, Profundo - Thomas Kastner, Senckenberg Institute for Nature Research - Michaela Foster, European Forest Institute	
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of Results in the Plenary		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break		
13:00 – 14:45	Incentivising Sustainable Agricultural Systems – under which conditions will farmers transition to deforestation free production? The right conditions are needed for a successful transition to deforestation-free production. This session examines suitable conditions that promote sustainable agricultural practices and sustainable forest management. These conditions may include beneficial institutional framework conditions, the strength of cooperatives, the accessibility of financial support systems and trainings, and the importance of a living income and secure land titles.	Facilitator Marieke Leegwater , Solidaridad Speakers - Margarete Githinji, Wageningen University and National Treasury and Planning, Kenya - Franziska Ollendorf, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research - Heidi Megerle, University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg - James Kaba, University Kwame Nkrumah Kumasi - Guillaume Lescuyer, CIRAD	
13:00 – 14:45	Payments for Ecosystem Services and other mechanisms to support smallholder farmers and forest-dependent communities financially This session will present learnings on Payments for Ecosystem Services and their limitations. It will touch upon necessary conditions and the question how monitoring systems can be organised in a credible but also manageable way. It will moreover include an overview on available financing mechanisms for smallholder farmers in EUDR-relevant value chains, including blended finance. It will showcase of an adapted mechanism to support coffee smallholders in Uganda.	Facilitator Louise Simon , Climate and Company Speakers - Ciniro Cost Junior, CIAT - Driss Ezzine De Blas, CIRAD - Paula Pinto, Climate and Company	
14:45 – 15:15	Gallery Walk – Market Space		
15:15 – 15:30	Short feedback in the plenary on previous parallel sessions		
15:30 – 16:30	Way forward In this session, a Theory of Change linked to the EU Deforestation Regulation will be outlined. Based on this, ideas for an independent monitoring framework for the EUDR will be presented. The session will furthermore include reflections on how to ensure inputs from local producers and communities in monitoring. Reflections on the discussions that were held in the TEI Symposium will be included.	Speakers - Constance McDermott, University of Oxford - Chris West, Stockholm Environmental Institute York/ TRASE Initiative - Michaela Foster, European Forest Institute	
16:30	Closing Concluding remarks will be shared by the TEI Secretariat.	Katrin Toepfer , TEI Secretariat	