

Addressing the Big 4 Drivers of Deforestation



5 & 6 May 2018, Bonn, Germany

An international workshop and skillshare addressing the trade in and overconsumption of the four main drivers of forest loss: beef, soy, palm oil and wood

Agenda, 2nd draft

Saturday 5 May

9:30 - 10:30 Round of introductions

Report back from strategy meetings on commodity trade at 2017 peoples' summit "WTO Out" in Buenos Aires and the World Social Forum in Salvador, with a focus on the impact of free trade agreements and corporate capture of policy making (Mary Lou Malig, GFC, Philippines)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Introductions by activists from production countries on the impacts of the 4 Big Drivers, the underlying causes, and the alternatives proposed, followed by plenary debate:

- Wood: Peg Putt, Markets for Change, Australia (includes report back from international strategy meeting on bioenergy in Estonia)
- Wood for pulp: Oliver Munnion, GFC, Portugal
- Palm Oil: Nadine Mballa, Centre for Environment and Development, Cameroon
- Beef: Miguel Lovera, Iniciativa Amatocodie, Paraguay
- Soy: Diana Aguilar, FASE, Brazil (virtual presentation)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:00 Introductions by activists from consumer countries on campaigns to address these drivers followed by plenary debate to exchange additional campaign experiences:

- Wood for paper: Merel van der Mark, Environmental Paper Network, Netherlands
- Palm Oil and Wood for bioenergy: Almuth Ernsting, Biofuelwatch, Scotland
- Soy and Beef: Mia MacDonald, Brighter Green, USA

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 18:00 3 parallel working groups:

- Lessons learned and common strategies addressing beef and soy as drivers
- Lessons learned and common strategies addressing wood as a driver
- Lessons learned and common strategies addressing palm oil as a driver

Sunday 6 May

- 9:30 - 11:00** Reporting back from the working groups
- 11:00 - 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 - 13:00** Brief introductions on relevant international policy processes, including:
- 1) the UNFCCC (Anne-Laure Sable, CCFD, France)
 - 2) the Convention on Biodiversity (Simone Lovera, GFC, Paraguay)
 - 3) trade agreements (Pablo Solón, Fundación Solón, Bolivia)
 - 4) the High Level Political Forum/SDGs and UN Environment Assembly (Isis Alvarez, GFC, Colombia)
- 13:00 - 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00** Plenary discussion on lessons learned and opportunities for joint awareness raising campaigns and advocacy campaigns. The aim is to explore 1) Which existing international campaigns and alliances can be strengthened; 2) Which new international campaigns and alliances are needed.
- 15:00 - 17:30** Continuation of parallel strategy meetings on beef and soy, wood and/or palm oil. The aim is to:
- 1) Explore some of the lessons learned can be applied in the international campaigns targeting specific commodities;
 - 2) Develop a limited number of concrete action plans for specific international campaigns;
 - 3) Agree on means of continuing communication, strategizing and alliance-development through existing (list serve?) and new channels.