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# Improving governance

for addressing climate change and achieving the SDGs

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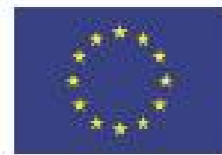
# TWO CONCEPTS: **FLEGT** AND **REDD+**

## TWO PROGRAMMES:

FAO - EU FLEGT PROGRAMME



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## ONE COMMON OBJECTIVE:

*Improved forest governance to address  
deforestation and illegal timber trade*

## FAO supports:

- **stakeholder dialogue**
- **community empowerment**
- **clarification of tenure**
- **legal and policy reform**
- **private sector engagement**
- **monitoring and transparency**



# STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE



**Honduras and Guyana:** FAO has worked with indigenous peoples' groups to develop and pilot a Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) protocol



# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- rights to resources and work

## Liberia:

- raise awareness of good forest governance principles

## Thailand

- address legal land tenure challenges
- strengthen smallholders' access and capacity to participate in legal timber trade



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# CLARIFICATION OF LAND AND FOREST TENURE

## Guyana:

- harmonize forest land mapping and verification systems for managing forest concessions

## Tunisia:

- pilot tools to map forest boundaries and record overlapping land claims



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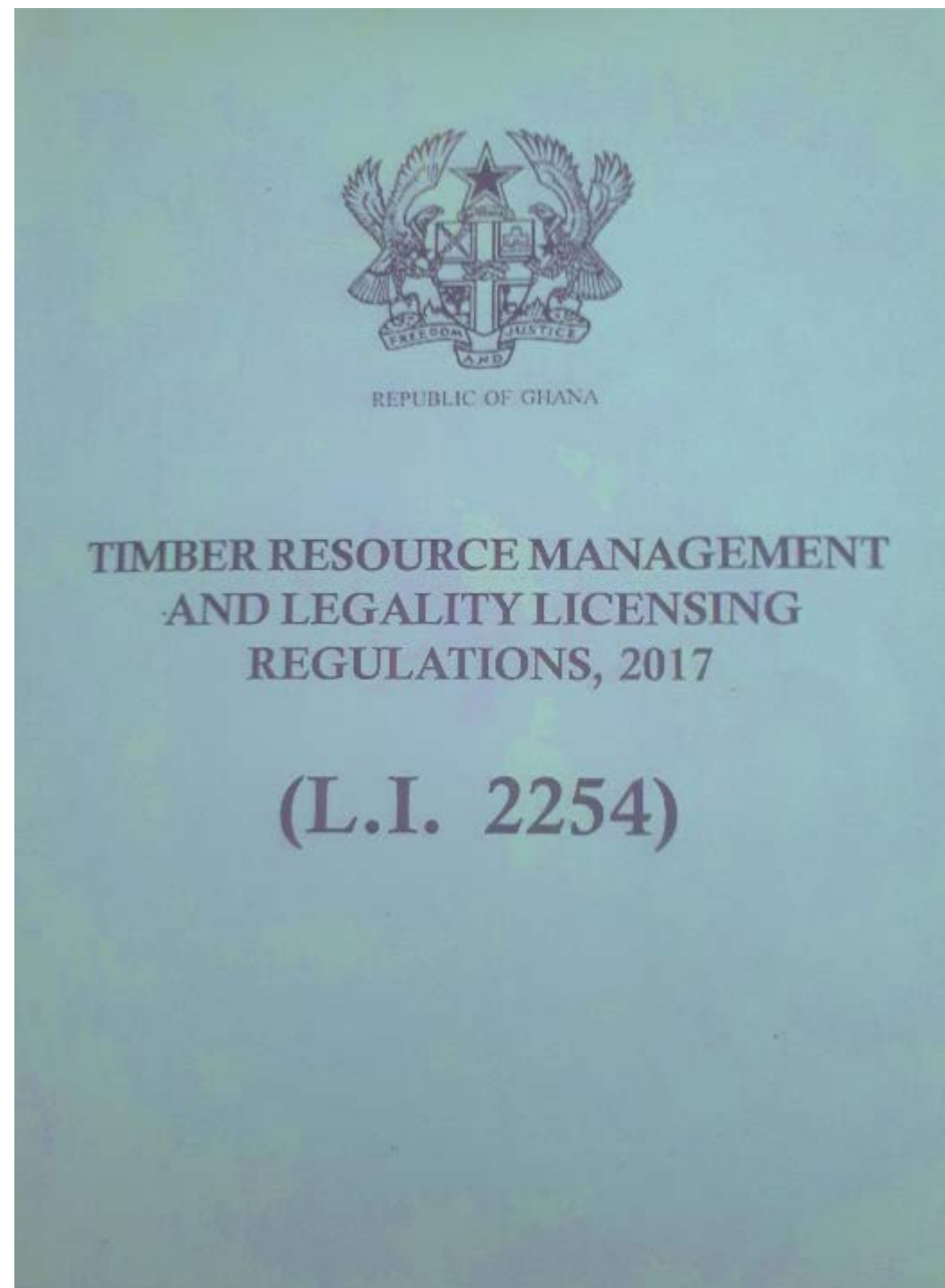
# LEGAL AND POLICY REFORM

## Côte d'Ivoire:

- identify inconsistencies across sectoral legislation
- develop implementing decrees for the Forest Law to address timber legality and deforestation challenges.

## Ghana: *Timber Resource Management and Legality Licensing Regulations*

- identify land suitable for granting timber rights
- terms and conditions timber rights and licensing





# ENGAGING THE SMALL-SCALE PRIVATE SECTOR

## Lao People's Democratic Republic:

- increase competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises
- pursue legality compliance and production and marketing capacity

## Viet Nam:

- strengthen capacities of smallholders, state-owned forest companies, and forest management boards to pursue sustainable forest management and certification, particularly for plantation forests
- meet timber legality requirements





# INCREASING DATA AND TRANSPARENCY

- **FAO has supported 50+ countries to develop robust National Forest Monitoring Systems**
- **Within FLEGT VPAs: Timber Legality Assurance Systems**
  - on-the-ground timber legality verification and independent third party monitoring



# DATA REVOLUTION



## OPEN TIMBERPORTAL: Public access to information

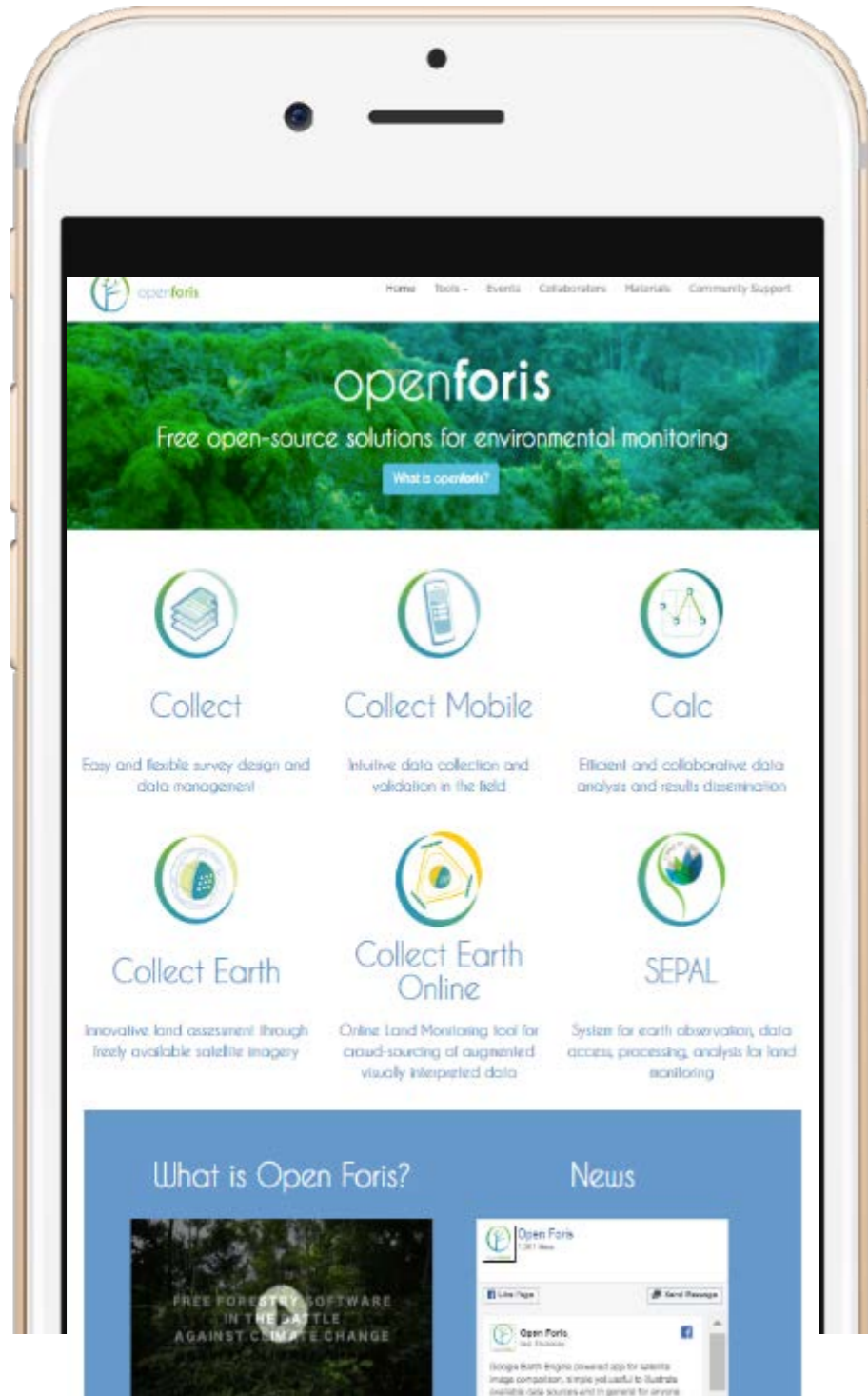
- Many countries publish their national forest products data on public web geoportals



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## SEPAL cloud based platform:

- easy access to satellite imagery, including high resolution
- super computer facilities to process data and produce analyses fast



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# ACTION AREAS FOR MOVING FORWARD

1. Enhance inclusive stakeholder dialogue, and empower communities to exercise rights to resources
2. Support country-level planning, including cross-sectoral land use planning, which involves forestry, agriculture, and other land uses that drive deforestation
3. Strengthen the enabling environment for sustainable investment through incentives to small and medium businesses to improve market access
4. Increase coordination between efforts to address governance



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