

Monday 5 to  
Wednesday 7 July

### Audience

For anyone needing an understanding of forest certification, legality verification and governance issues including forest managers, forest product processors, organizations supporting conservation and development and those involved in policymaking and procurement decision-making, as well as anyone involved in forest products purchasing and trade

### Location

Oxford, United Kingdom

### Course fee

£900 (includes coffee, lunch, training materials and VAT)

## Responsible forestry and timber trade: linking production to changing market requirements

3-day course

### Course Outline

This course provides practical guidance for understanding forest management and chain of custody certification. It explains the major components of forest certification schemes including an introduction to the auditing process complemented by an overview of the various independent legality verification initiatives. Participants will be introduced to step-wise processes for meeting standards and the importance of traceability and good supply chain management when dealing with certified and verified legal timber products. Another focus is on the increasing demand for legality as access requirement to globally significant timber markets. The course explains the drivers behind, eg EU-FLEGT, Lacey Act, government purchasing policies, responsible business approaches and conservation strategies. The course also provides practical guidance on developing responsible purchasing policies to meet changing market requirements.

The training course will be delivered through a combination of presentations and group work to maximize opportunities for shared learning.

### Outcomes

By the end of the course you will have an understanding of the different components which make up forest certification schemes and the different international forest certification schemes that exist. You will understand the issues surrounding responsible purchasing of forest products and will be in a position to develop and deliver a responsible purchasing approach.