



<b>Title</b>	Turning Sustainability Commitments into Actions: Indonesia's Oil
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<p>The rapid emergence of zero-deforestation commitments, culminating in the New York Declaration on Forests (NYDF) in September 2014, has been a reaction to a sense of urgency among a wide range of stakeholders who strive to halve deforestation by 2020 and to end it entirely by 2030. Early implementation, however, revealed that several governance challenges have hampered the effective achievement of commitments: lack of supportive legal framework, a different vision of sustainability, lack of corporate transparency and credible system for traceability and lack of sustainability standard compliance. A recent assessment of progress against ten ambitious global targets related to protecting and restoring forests indicated that political will and company implementation are still insufficient to curb deforestation.</p> <p>Encouragingly, the last four years have seen some remarkable examples of public policy leadership by national and sub-national governments taking various initiatives to demonstrate how forests play a significant role in climate change mitigation. In the palm oil sector in Indonesia - currently the world's largest producer of crude palm oil – governments issued such policies as oil palm moratorium and put them into effect to slow down the deforestation rate and help improve the governance of resources. Sub-national governments took initiatives to adopt principles of green growth and low carbon oil palm development. The private sector also took active engagement and implementing actions, which are often beyond the sustainability standard and legal compliance, towards eliminating deforestation from their supply chains.</p> <p>This panel discussion will critically and genuinely examine challenges and potential for effectively achieving the stated commitments and demonstrate how different actors concerned with the palm oil sector in Indonesia are responding to call for the end of deforestation and how they have been steadily implementing the commitments through various initiatives that would lead to the desired environmental, economic and social benefits.</p>	