

ANNEX IX

SUPPORTING MEASURES FOR VPA IMPLEMENTATION

Industry restructuring and expansion of plantations will play major roles in achieving Ghana's vision of a sustainable forest sector. Industry restructuring will require capacity building of trade associations and the wood industry training centre, recapitalisation and retooling of the wood processing industry to support downstream processing. Plantation development, which in addition to expanding domestic wood supply will create opportunities for CDM related activities, will require land reforms, development of benefit sharing arrangement and significant levels of investment.

Implementation of the VPA, which will create the enabling environment for these investments, will require supporting measures for the development of a Legality Assurance Scheme, legal reforms, trade promotion and associated capacity building as well as measures focused on the domestic market. The supporting measures required for implementation of the VPA are summarised below.

1. Development of the LAS**1.1. Capacity Building of**

1.1.1. Forest Services Division

1.1.2. Timber Industry Development Division

1.1.3. Forest Resource Management Centre

1.1.4. ICT infrastructure to support timber industry link to WTS

1.2. Independent monitoring**1.3. TVD/TVC establishment****1.4. MLFM (JMRM)****2. Other Capacity Building Requirements**

2.1. Other VPA related agencies (CEPS, Attorney General's, MoFEP)

2.2. Civil Society

2.3. Trade Associations

3. Legal Reforms

3.1. Introduction of subsidiary legislation

3.2. Review and consolidation of forestry laws

4. Trade Promotion

4.1. Promotion of FLEGT licences

4.2. Promotion of verified legal products

4.3. Promotion of Procurement Policy in Ghana

5. Domestic Market

5.1. Promotion of regulation of domestic market

5.2. Promotion of alternative livelihoods

5.3. Development of rubber wood and bamboo processing

5.4. Promotion of Processing and utilisation of LUS
