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**CHINA AND THE GLOBAL FOREST PRODUCTS TRADE:
TRADE OF LEGAL AND SUSTAINABLE WOOD IN CHINA**

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Dear Colleague,

The Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), IUCN-China, and Forest Trends are pleased to announce the third six-monthly informal forum to discuss issues related to the trade of legal and sustainable wood in China. The meeting will be held at **Beijing Oriental Garden Hotel in Beijing on June 18-19, 2008.**

The aim of this series of meetings is to establish a regular and open place for key stakeholders to hold constructive discussions about the international trade of sustainable and legal forest products between key producer, manufacturing and consumer countries. The meeting is a place to share findings from new research and information on relevant initiatives. Ultimately, we would like to ensure that international and local organizations are familiar with each others' work and can together implement solutions that may be useful in China.

The previous two meetings were held on April 26-27 and Nov. 1-2, 2007 in Beijing and brought together more than sixty participants from Chinese and international NGOs, governments, academia and the private sector.

The agenda for the 3rd meeting is currently under development. It aims to increase participation among Chinese government, manufacturers and industry associations, with sessions exploring public and private procurement policies updates on legislative initiatives in both the US and Europe, on markets for certified wood products, the situation with legal / illegal wood supply from key producer regions, wood tracking systems as well as other practical tools to combating illegal logging and associated trade.

If you are interested in giving a 15-minute presentation on these or other relevant issues please let us know before the **20th of May** by sending Ms. Li Jia an email

describing the topic of your proposed presentation. We will respond by June 1 if the agenda can accommodate your presentation. You will be welcome to bring your organizations' publications to the meeting.

Participation at the meeting is free and open to all, but pre-registration is essential.

Please contact Li Jia at lijia@iucn.org.cn (tel. 8532 4822) to register.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please feel free to contact Sun Xiufang xsun@forest-trends.org or Dong Ke dongke@iucn.org.cn in Beijing, or Kerstin Canby kcanby@forest-trends.org in Washington DC, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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