# Presentation to Pre-JMRC



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#### INTRODUCTION

- Introduction to Presenters
- **❖** Background to the Associations
  - ➤ Forest Products Association
  - ➤ Guyana Manufacturers & Services Association

## **Observations from FLEGT VPA Projects**

- Increased awareness and acceptance of the VPA
- ❖ Need for continuous sensitisation of VPA
- ❖ What is required of the FSOs
- Concerns about transparency
- Market Availability and Access
- **❖** EU Regulation on deforestation free products



### **Transparency**

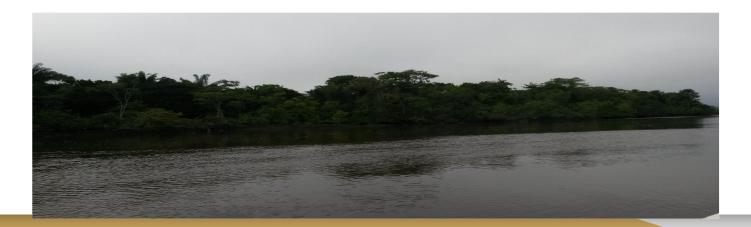
- Complaints Mechanism
- Effective and efficient System
- **\*** Timelines

## Market Availability & Access

- ♦ Different Certifying bodies and acceptability on different markets
- ❖ Information on available markets and how to access

#### EU Regulation on deforestation free products

- Benchmarks to be used for categorising
- Implication for Guyana
- ♦ How can Guyana avoid falling into a high risk category



#### Conclusion

- Concerns would be taken on board
- Continued support from the Associations
- ❖ FSO will develop trust in the process and buy-in