**Myanmar Forest Certification Committee Reformation**

Myanmar Forest Certification Committee (MFCC) has reformed its Committee structure. MFCC contains representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation (MONREC), the private sectors and Environmental Conservation NGOs and CSOs. The official launching of the Committee was held with the mandate of the Minister of MONREC at the Director General’s Office, Gygone, Yangon on 22nd September 2018. UKhin Mg Yi, Permanent Secretary for MONREC, was confirmed as the new MFCC Chairman.

The Committee is comprised of:

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| ***MFCC Position*** | ***Organisation/Position*** |
| Chairman | MONREC/ Permanent Secretary |
| Secretary | Private Sector |
| Member | Environmental Conservation NGO (Representative) |
| Member | Civil Society Organization(Representative) |
| Member | Timber Merchant Organization(Representative) |
| Member | Myanmar Timber Enterprise (MTE)/Managing Director |
| Member | Forest Department (FD)/Director General |
| Member | Union of Attorney General Office/Director |
| Member | Union Minister Office/Assistant Secretary |
| Member | Natural Forest and Plantation Division (FD)/Director |
| Member | Environmental Conservation Department/Director |
| Member | Extraction Department (MTE)/ Deputy General Manager |
| Member | Department of Labour (Ministry of Labour immigration and Population)/ Director |
| Member | Department of Research and Innovation (Ministry of Education)/ Director |

At the meeting the majority of the new MFCC members attended and the overall Committee membership status was confirmed. Also the Committee verified the responsibilities and duties, the organizational structure of MFCC, along with funding costs and expenses. The Committee received an update on the work on MFCC. This included progress on the third party verification system that has been set up and also discussions on progress on the EU-FAO-FLEGT Programme. According to the meeting, U Shwe Kyaw, former chairman of MFCC, was assigned as the adviser and U Bar Ber Cho was continued as MFCC Secretary.