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Preface

The Job Creation Law (*Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja*) issued in November 2020 brings the policy of legality of forest products to a higher level, that all forest products must come from legal and sustainable sources of raw materials that are guaranteed credibility by the Legality and Sustainability Verification System (SVLK). SVLK developed dynamically that initially, the letter K referred to the word "*Kayu*," which means "Timber," to "*Kelestarian*," which means "Sustainability". SVLK is also *mandatory* for all types of forest rights, which have different biophysical characteristics and actors. In response, this study highlights the various types of forest rights which provide different perspectives on the effectiveness of the legality and sustainability verification system. One of its main recommendations is that the government should encourage policies that can increase business profitability in state and private forests as incentives for sustainable forest management, job creation, and business opportunities, as well as to improve people's income under the Job Creation Law.

This book is the result of a study of "Strengthening Forest Governance: Preparing for the Next 10 Years" to develop new ideas for strengthening the effectiveness of international cooperation and trade in

supporting transitions towards sustainable land use and livelihoods, to influence future programming of donors and multilateral organizations, in collaboration with Chatham House, an International Affairs Think Tank based in the City of London (UK). Through *desk* studies, questionnaire surveys to stakeholders, in-depth interviews, field visits, and *national and international workshops*, discussions are also routinely carried out with the team of Chatham House, *Centro Brasileiro de Analise e Planejamento* (CEBRAP) from Brazil, and *Centre d'Etudes Pour l'Action Sociale* (CEPAS) from the Democratic Republic of Congo who jointly works on studies on the same project.

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With the publishing of this book, we hope the goals of SVLK can be achieved effectively by considering the characteristics of the forest rights regime for forest management justice and maximum profits in the forestry business, as well as inputs for improving forest governance in Indonesia.

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