



“Achieving Forest-related Aichi Targets on the Ground: ITTO/CBD Collaborative Joint Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity”

ITTO-CBD-JICA Joint Side Event at CBD COP12

Time: 13:15-14:45

Date: 13 October 2014

Venue: Room 2, Hall F, Alpensia Convention Centre

Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province,

Republic of Korea

Background and Objectives:

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in 2010 between the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the occasion of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) held in Nagoya, Japan. The key purposes of the MoU are to identify, develop and implement targeted joint activities on forests and biodiversity between ITTO and CBD.

In accordance with the MoU, the ITTO/CBD Joint Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest (ITTO/CBD Initiative) was subsequently started, and to date 11 projects have been funded to support the efforts of countries in sustaining tropical forest biodiversity and resource base as well as the livelihoods of the people living in and around tropical forests. These projects cover a broad range of activities, such as the establishment and sustainable management of transboundary conservation areas and the development of capacities of forest institutions, local and indigenous communities and other stakeholders.

After the successful implementation the original four-year duration, the MoU will be renewed with the extended period of 2015-2020 during the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. It is expected that the ITTO/CBD Initiative will further contribute to the implementation of the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 and the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the achievement of its forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The objectives of this side event are to:

- Share the major lessons learned and showcase the key achievements made through the implementation of projects under the ITTO/CBD Initiative;
- Illustrate the value of the collaboration between ITTO and CBD and the multiple support provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in sustaining biodiversity and resource base of tropical forests and the associated livelihoods of the people; and
- Thereby, further contribute to the achievement of the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The event will also celebrate the signing of a new MoU with the extended duration of 2015-2020 and projections of targeted activities between ITTO and CBD.

Tentative Programme:

Time	Contents
13:15-13:20 (5 min.)	Opening address by Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO
13:20-13:25 (5 min.)	Remarks by Dr. Braulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive secretary, CBD Secretariat
13:25-13:30 (5 min.)	Signing of MoU by Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO and Dr. Braulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat
13:30-13:40 (10 min.)	Presentation on the outline of the ITTO/CBD Initiative by Mr. John Leigh, Conservation Officer, ITTO
13:40-14:20 (40 min.)	Presentations on the lessons learned and achievements made through the implementation of projects under the ITTO/CBD Initiative by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cheanng Dany (Cambodia) on the Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex to Promote Cooperation for Trans-boundary Biodiversity Conservation between Thailand, Cambodia and Laos • Mr. Pedro Lopez (Guatemala) on the Integrated Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity in the Tacana Volcano and Its Range of Influence in Mexico and Guatemala • Ms. Yani Septiani (Indonesia) on Promoting Biodiversity Conservation in Betung Kerihun National Park (BKNP) as a Transboundary Ecosystem between Indonesia and State of Sarawak Malaysia • Ms. Tomoko Taira, JICA (Japan) on its support provided to the Initiative Facilitated by Ms. Catalina Santamaria, Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat
14:20-14:40 (20 min.)	Discussion Facilitated by Ms. Catalina Santamaria, Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat
14:40-14:45 (5 min.)	Concluding remarks by Ms. Catalina Santamaria, Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat

Lunch will be provided

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