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REPORT OF THE ITTO FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL

(Item 18 of the Provisional Agenda)

1. Fellowship selection for 2014 was conducted electronically. However, the Panel met once during the Fiftieth Session of the ITTC to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2014 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson: Dr. B.C.Y. Freezailah (Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)

Producers: Mr. Brou Yao Benoît (Cote d'Ivoire)
Mr. Samuela Lagataki (Fiji)
Ms. Gabriela Ramcke Lancaster (Mexico)

Consumers: Ms. Luo Xinjian (China)
Mr. Akira Yamada (Japan)
Mr. John Lee (New Zealand)

And supported by:

Secretariat: Mr. E. Collins Ahadome
Dr. Chisato Aoki

2. The Selection Panel considered a total of 108 applications made up of 53 applications from Africa, 21 from Asia/Pacific, 29 from Latin America and Caribbean region and 5 from Europe and North America. Ten percent of the applications were in the field of Economic Information and Market Intelligence (EIMI); 13% in the field of Forest Industry (FI) and 77% in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM). Thirty five percent of the applications were submitted by female applicants.

While reviewing these 108 applications, the Panel used the following selection criteria:

- (i) Consistency of the proposed activities with the ITTO fellowship programme's objective and priority areas;
- (ii) Qualifications of the applicants to undertake the proposed fellowship activities;
- (iii) Applications and benefits of the skills and knowledge to be acquired or advanced under the fellowship activities; and
- (iv) Reasonableness of costs in relation to the proposed activities.

The Panel took into account the balance among the three subject areas and regions as well as the opportunity to promote the participation of women. The Panel also took into account the Strategic Action Plan in its selection Process. The Panel recommends to the Council to award 23 fellowships, subject to the availability of funds at a total cost of US\$150,780. Women account for 35% of the recommended applicants. Forty four percent of the recommended applicants are from Africa, 22% from Asia/Pacific, 30% from Latin America and Caribbean region and 4% from a consumer country. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report. Also attached is the Fellowship Awardees for the Spring 2014 Cycle.

3. The Selection Panel commended the efforts of the Secretariat for showing the achievements and impacts of the Fellowship Programme by inviting three former fellows to present their success stories at the Opening Session of the 50th ITTC as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the Fellowship Programme, and by publishing some success stories of the former Fellows in the special issue of the Tropical Forest Update (Vol 23 No.3, 2014). The Panel also appreciated the active outreach initiative of the Secretariat, such as having produced the promotional brochure of the Fellowship Programme and having created a social media platform for the Fellowship Network to facilitate interaction and knowledge-sharing among ITTO Fellows and alumni. The Panel recommended further outreach initiatives to attract more funding as it recognized the effective and important role for the Programme on capacity building for the Member countries.
4. The Selection Panel members for the Year 2015 were also invited to the Panel meeting and were informed of the fellowship selection procedure and timeline for 2015. The 2015 Selection Panel is composed of:

Chairperson: Vice-Chairperson, 51st Session of ITTC

Producers:	Mr. A. Orpheé Lokossou	(Benin)
	Mr. Daniel Segura	(Ecuador)
	Mr. James Singh	(Guyana)

Consumers:	Ms. Laura de Pundert	(Netherlands)
	Mr. John Lee	(New Zealand)
	Ms. Jessica Graham/Alicia Grimes	(U.S.A.)

5. The Chairperson of the Panel thanked the outgoing Panel members for their excellent and hard work on selection process.

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APPENDIX

**LIST OF APPROVED FELLOWSHIPS
(Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel)**

Autumn 2014 Fellowship Cycle

App. No	Name	Nationality	Subject
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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND MARKET INTELLIGENCE

119/14A	Ebune, Rita Mosume	Cameroon	Short Training Course on "Competing Claims on Natural Resources" at Centre for Development and Innovation at Wageningen UR in Wageningen, the Netherlands
091/14A	Molina Murillo, Segio Andres	Costa Rica	Natural Capital Project Fellows Program at Stanford University in Stanford, U.S.A.

COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY

003/14A	Angwere, Walter Onekon	Cameroon	Masters Program in Environment and Natural Resource Management at African Nazarene University in Nairobi, Kenya
053/14A	Ev, Anoop	India	3rd World Teak Conference 2014 in Guayaquil, Ecuador
061/14A	Rebollar Domínguez, Silvia	Mexico	Preparation of Technical Document on "The Study to Develop Mechanical Test of Two Tropical Timber Species" at the Materials Laboratory of the Yucatan Scientific Research Center, Mexico
062/14A	Shamsudeen, R. Sheik M.	India	Preparation of Book on "Wood Bio Deterioration-Insects and Marine Organisms" at Kannur University in Kannur, India.
018/14A	Verma, Deepti	India	Preparation of Technical Document on "Opportunity for Growth of NTFP Based Cottage Enterprises for Upliftment of Hill Economies in India: A Case Study of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, India"

COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

015/14A	Atoche Montoya, Werhner	Peru	XXIV Annual Short Course in Protected Area Management at the Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A.
066/14A	Awokou, Simon Kodjoli	Benin	International Conference on "Towards Sustainable Production of Mahogany Species in Plantation in Tropical Africa" at Forestry Research Institute of Ghana in Kumasi, Ghana
049/14A	Camacho Moreno, Eleonora	Mexico	XXVII International Intensive Course on Diversified Management of Tropical Natural Forests at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
032/14A	Camargo, Marisa Camilher	Brazil	Ph.D. Field Research on "Business Solutions for Climate Change: Towards Effective Forest Governance" at the University of Helsinki in Helsinki, Finland
076/14A	Eyi Ndong, Hugues Calixte	Gabon	Preparation of Technical Document on "Practical Guide for Identification of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) of Gabon" at the Botanical Garden Meise in Brussel, Belgium
120/14A	Guaman Hernandez, Marco Vinicio	Ecuador	Master's Program in Practice of Biodiversity Conservation at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
004/14A	Hashmiu, Ishmael	Ghana	Preparation of Technical Document entitled "Integrated Assessment of the Prospects and Constraints of Payments for Ecosystem Services for Enhancing Adaptation of Sacred Groves and Indigenous Forest-Dependent Communities to Climate Change in Ghana"
102/14A	Kedjeyi, Bidéname	Togo	Master's Research on "Simplified Mapping related to Ecological Elements of Fazao-Malfakassa Park in Togo" at AgroParisTech Montpellier in Montpellier, France
030/14A	Kouacou, Yao Elvis Franklin	Côte d'Ivoire	Short Term Training in Use of Flying Object (civilian drones) in Forest Management at XAMINATION Technologies in Caen, France
001/14A	Nchu, Innocent Ngiehnu	Cameroon	Short Training Course in "Assessment of the Effect of Climate Change on Agro-ecological Systems Using Optical and SAR Remote Sensing and GIS" at the University of Twente in Enschede, the Netherlands
010/14A	Nsiah, Samuel Kwadwo	Ghana	Masters Thesis on "Community Mapping and Inventory of Traditionally Protected Forests in the Transitional Zone: Utilizing Geographic Information System and Indigenous Knowledge for Policy

			Formulation and Biodiversity Conservation" at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.
005/14A	Oppong, James Amponsah	Ghana	Masters Research on "Phenology and Seed Germination Improvement of Two Important Tree Species" at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana
060/14A	Paguada Pérez, Darwin Rolando	Honduras	Master's Program in Management and Conservation of Tropical Forests and Biodiversity at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
025/14A	Sann, Bo	Myanmar	Ph.D. Research on "Secondary Succession of a Tropical Dry Forest: Diversity Patterns and Regeneration Processes in Relation to Functional Traits of Species" at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan
068/14A	Thinn, Thinn	Myanmar	Ph.D. Research on "Assessment of Land Use Changes and Mangrove Recovery in Cyclone-Affected Areas in the Ayeyarwady Delta, Myanmar" at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan
105/14A	Valent05ina, Vaglica	Italy	Publication of Technical Document on "Listing New Timber Species of Dalbergia spp. In the CITES Appendices" at Department of Forest Management, National Council of Protected Areas in Guatemala City, Guatemala

Spring 2014 Fellowship Cycle

<u>App. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Subject</u>
026/14S	Martínez Recinos, Herless Arbey	Guatemala	XV International Course in "Economic Basis for Assessment and Management of Environmental Services" at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
007/14S	Quintana Sagarnaga, Silvia B.	Mexico	Short Training on WaNuLCAS Model (A Model for Water, Nutrient and Light Capture in Agroforestry Systems) at World Agroforestry Centre, ICRAF Southeast Asia Programme in Bogor, Indonesia
058/14S	Rodrigues, Camila Horiye	Brazil	International Course in "Market Access for Sustainable Development" at Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR in the Netherlands

COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY

037/14S	Asafu-Adjaye, Osei Asibe	Ghana	XXIV IUFRO World Congress 2014 in Salt Lake City, U.S.A.
036/14S	Lartey, Harriet Ansaah	Ghana	International Course in "Climate Change Governance" at Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR in the Netherlands
143/14S	Midence Cerdas, Rebeca A.	Costa Rica	Master's Research on "Development of a Plan for Marketing Products with High Value in Industrial Design at the Base of Tzalam produced by Small Production Chains in the Ejido Tzalam Forest in Campeche" at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico
009/14S	Shanbhag, Rashmi Ramesh	India	XXIV IUFRO World Congress 2014 in Salt Lake City, U.S.A.

COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

040/14S	Abruquah, Edith	Ghana	Short Course in "Climate Change in Development" at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, U.K.
227/14S	Akpona, Jean Didier Tèwogbadé	Benin	Preparation of Technical Document on "Assessment of Seeds Germination, Plantations Viability and Floral Visitation of Three Declining Native Trees Species (Khaya senegalensis, Pterocarpus erinaceus, Milicia excelsa) involved in Logging for their Sustainable Management in Benin (West Africa)"
046/14S	A Rahman, Azman	Malaysia	Study Tour on Payment of Environment Services Mechanism Model in Cultural Landscape Conservation hosted by the University of Hiroshima in Hiroshima, Japan
181/14S	Asaha, Stella Ngeh	Cameroon	International Course in "Landscape Functions and People: Climate Change, Conflicts and Collaboration in Forested Landscapes" in Thailand, organized by Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR in the Netherlands
230/14S	Bonilla Morales, José David	Mexico	XXVI International Intensive Course in "Diversified Management of Natural Tropical Forests and Value Chains: Management to the Challenges of Climate Change" at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
226/14S	Fadila, Rinda Amalia	Indonesia	The 42nd International Forestry Students Symposium in British Colombia, Canada

225/14S	Febrissa, Ivanna	Indonesia	The 42nd International Forestry Students Symposium in British Colombia, Canada
008/14S	Gandaseca, Seca	Indonesia	XXIV IUFRO World Congress 2014 in Salt Lake City, U.S.A.
119/14S	Houmenou, Victorin	Benin	Ph.D. Research on "Ethnopharmacological Study of Some Plants Used in the Treatment of Female Infertility in Southern Benin, West Africa" at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Abomey in Calavi, Benin
206/14S	Kibongo Epse Ebanga, Agnès	Cameroon	International Course in "Decentralization in Rural Areas and Local Governance" at Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation in Wageningen, the Netherlands
072/14S	Kouadio, Bouattenin	Côte d'Ivoire	Short Training Internship on "Contribution of Remote Sensing and GIS in the Management of Forest Reserves in Côte d'Ivoire: The Case of the Forest Reserve of Tene in Department of Oumé, West-Central Region of Côte d'Ivoire, at University Center of Research and Application in Remote Sensing (CURAT) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
013/14S	Nguon, Pheakkdey	Cambodia	Ph.D. Research on "Knowledge into Action: Stakeholders' Assessments of Projects to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) in Cambodia" at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
251/14S	Orjuela Vásquez, Mónica	Colombia	Master's Thesis on "Strengthening the Policy and Regulatory Frameworks to Improve Governance and Social Benefits of Community Forest Concessions in the Maya Biosphere Reserve (MBR) in Petén, Guatemala and Autonomous Region of North Atlantic (RAAN), Nicaragua" at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
151/14S	Samaniego Arcos, Catty Marisela	Peru	Professional Master's Program in Practice of Development at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
187/14S	Than, Wai Wai	Myanmar	World Forest Institute International Fellowship Program at World Forest Institute in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.
061/14S	Yadav, Pramod Kumar	India	International Course in "Governance of Landscapes, Forests and People" in Indonesia, organized by Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR in the Netherlands