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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015-2016 EXTENDED INTO 2017 – DECISION 2(LII)

[Item 10 (a) of the Provisional Agenda]

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 2(L), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2015 and 2016. The document contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 2(L), however, the columns on 'Expected SAP Outcomes' and 'SAP Indicators' have been replaced by the column reflecting the 'implementation status' of all activities carried out and being undertaken by the Council, the Committees and the Secretariat. For information on the columns on 'Expected SAP Outcomes' and 'SAP Indicators' please consult the BWP 2015-2016 as approved in Council Decision 2(L).

With the adoption of Decision 2(LII) the BWP 2015-2016 was extended into 2017.

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2015-2016 was adopted with Council Decision 2(L) and includes fifty-one activities grouped in accordance with the strategic priorities identified in the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 (SAP) plus routine, administrative and financial activities. Activities 50 and 51 were added to the BWP on recommendation of the CRF and CFA, respectively, at the close of the 50th session and not categorized according to strategic priorities. The activities are under the responsibility of the Council and/or the Committees. Fifteen activities are 'regular session's work' with no cost implications, six activities are funded from core budget and 30 activities are seeking voluntary contributions.

The total funding sought under the BWP 2015-2016 is US\$9,495,509. This is divided into US\$7,698,159 from voluntary contributions and US\$1,797,350 approved under the core budget (see Table 1). With the extension of the BWP into 2017 the core budget contribution increased by US\$900,675 to US\$2,698,025. US\$50,000 for Activity 4b had already been pledged under the BWP 2013-2014. Activity 25 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by a grant from the EU in the amount of Euro 4 million through 2018 and is not included in the calculation of the voluntary contributions sought under this BWP.

Table 1: BWP 2015-2016 Funding by Budget Source

Source	Funding sought 2015/2016	Funding received 2015/2016	Funding received 2017	Received Total
Core Budget	\$1,797,350	\$1,797,350	\$900,675	\$2,698,025
Voluntary Contributions	\$7,698,159	\$3,866,881	*\$528,293	\$4,395,174
Total	\$9,495,509	\$5,566,231	\$1,428,968	\$7,093,199

**includes a re-allocation of US\$97,486 from PD124/01 Rev.5 (M) Phase III Stage 3 to Activity 8, ITTO-CITES*

Table 2 divides the voluntary contributions by strategic priority of the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018. It reflects the voluntary contributions sought by year and the contributions received so far. At the time of preparing this report, voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$4,395,174 have been received, including US\$430,807 in 2017. In addition, US\$97,486 has been re-allocated from PD 124/01 Rev.5 (M) Phase III Stage 3 to Activity 8, ITTO-CITES. In total that is equivalent to 57.1% of the total voluntary contributions originally sought under the BWP 2015-2016. About 49.5% of the voluntary contributions (US\$2,176,145) were pledged for Activity 8, ITTO-CITES (Strategic Priority 2). Routine Activities included two activities (Act. 50 – Survey on the use of ITTO Guidelines; Act. 51 – Study on regional representation) seeking voluntary contributions. Both activities have received full funding, i.e. Activity 50 from voluntary contributions and Activity 51 from the Working Capital Account (pursuant to Council Decision 2(L)). Both activities have been completed and were reported to the 51st ITTC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Table 2: BWP 2015-2016 Voluntary Contributions sought/received by Strategic Priority

Strategic Priority/ Routine Activities	Voluntary Contributions sought			Voluntary Contributions received	
	2015	2016	Biennium Total	2015 to 2017	%
Strategic Priority 1	\$995,000	\$480,000	\$1,475,000	\$249,032	16.9 %
Strategic Priority 2	\$936,830	\$886,829	\$1,823,659	\$2,176,145	119.3 %
Strategic Priority 3	\$520,000	\$420,000	\$940,000	\$250,000	26.6 %
Strategic Priority 4	\$370,000	\$140,000	\$510,000	\$127,555	25.0 %
Strategic Priority 5	\$440,000	\$340,000	\$780,000	\$185,000	23.7 %
Strategic Priority 6	\$1,255,000	\$839,500	\$2,094,500	\$1,332,442	63.6 %
Routine Activities	\$75,000	NIL	\$75,000	*\$75,000	100.0 %
Total	\$4,591,830	\$3,106,329	\$7,698,159	\$4,395,174	57.1 %

**Includes US\$25,000 from the Working Capital Account for Activity 51*

Table 3 shows the number of activities under each Strategic Priority and under Routine, Administrative and Financial Activities and includes the number and funding status of activities seeking voluntary contributions.

Out of the thirty activities seeking voluntary contributions, six activities (20%) have received full funding, thirteen activities (43.3%) have received partial funding and eleven activities (36.7%) remain unfunded.

Table 3: Funding status of BWP activities seeking voluntary contributions by Strategic Priority

Strategic Priority	Activities		Funding Status		
	Total	Seeking Vol. Cont.	Full funding	Partial funding	No funding
1. Promote Good Governance and Enabling Policy Frameworks for Strengthening SFM and Related Trade, and Enhancing SFM Financing and Investment	6	6	0	3	3
2. Strategic Priority 2: Increase the Contribution of Tropical Forests to National and Local Economies, Including through International Trade	2	2	1	0	1
3. Strategic Priority 3: Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Producing Forests	3	3	-	1	2
4. Strategic Priority 4: Reduce Tropical Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhance the Provision of Environmental Services	3	3	-	2	1
5. Strategic Priority 5: Improve the Quality and Availability of Information on Tropical Forests, Forest Product Markets and Trade	11 ^{1,2}	6	1	3	2
6. Strategic Priority 6: Build and Develop Human Resource Capacity to Implement SFM and Increase Trade in Forest Goods and Services from Sustainably Managed Forests	8	8	2	4	2
7. Routine, administrative and financial activities	18 ³	2	2 ⁴	-	-
Totals	51	30 (100%)	6 (20%)	13 (43.3%)	11 (36.7%)

¹ Activity 19 has components funded from Core Budget and from Voluntary Contributions

² Six activities are funded from Core Budget

³ Fifteen activities are regular sessions' work with no budget implications, one activity under Core Budget (Act. 34, Expert Panel)

⁴ Activity 51 (US\$25,000) is funded from the Working Capital Account

The categorization of activities by responsible body is reflected in Table 4. Twenty six activities are under responsibility of the Council, one under Council/Committees, one under the Joint Committees and four under the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA). The remaining nineteen activities are responsibility of the technical Committees, i.e. eight under Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF), five under Forest Industry (CFI) and six under Economics, Statistics and Markets (CEM).

Out of thirteen activities seeking voluntary contributions under responsibility of the Council, eleven have received full or partial funding and two remain unfunded.

Out of seventeen activities seeking voluntary contributions and under responsibility of the ITTO technical Committees, eight have received full or partial funding and nine remain unfunded. While the four activities under CEM have received full or partial funding, none of the five activities under CFI has received any funding. Under CRF four activities have received full or partial funding, while four remain unfunded.

Table 4: Funding status of BWP activities by responsible body

Responsible Body	Activities		Funding Status		
	Total	Seeking Vol. Cont.	full	partial	No
1. Council	26	13	3	8	2
2. Council/Committees	1	-	-	-	-
3. Joint Committees	1	-	-	-	-
4. CFA	4	-	-	-	-
5. CEM	6	4	2	2	-
6. CFI	5	5	-	-	5
7. CRF	8	8	1	3	4
	51	30	6	13	11

Status, Progress, Achievements:

Below a brief compilation of the progress made in 2017 and achievements of the activities which have received full or partial funding. For more details please refer to the respective activity in the BWP Progress Report.

Strategic Priority 1: Promote good governance and enabling policy frameworks for strengthening SFM and related trade and enhancing SFM financing and investment

Under this priority six activities have been approved. Three activities have received partial funding (Act.2; Act.4a; Act.6b) and three remain unfunded.

- Under Activity 2, the draft report on 'ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women', GEEW will be presented to Council under Item 10(a)(iii) of the Provisional Agenda, [Document(LIII)/6]
- Under Activity 4a the 2nd regional workshop on the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest was held in Cotonou, Benin from 8-13 May 2017. The report will be presented to the 51st CRF
- Under Activity 6b ITTO participated in the first FRA 2020 planning meeting in Joensuu, Finland in June 2017 and will participate in a CFRQ planning meeting in Nelson, New Zealand in November 2017

Strategic Priority 2: Increase the contribution of tropical forests to national and local economies including through international trade

Under this priority two activities have been approved. Activity 7 remains unfunded and Activity 8 has received full funding.

- Under Activity 8, the final report of the ITTO-CITES program will be presented under Provisional Agenda Item 11 [Document ITTC(LIII)/4]

Strategic Priority 3: Enhance conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber producing countries

Under this priority three activities have been approved for funding. One activity (Activity 10) has received partial funding.

- Under Activity 10, the International Conference on Sustainable Mangrove Ecosystems: Making a vital resource for achieving the SDGs and the Paris Agreement was held in Bali, Indonesia, 18-21 April 2017.

Strategic Priority 4: Reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation and enhance provision of environmental services

Under this priority three activities have been approved for funding. Two sub-activities have received partial funding.

- Under Activity 12b, the report on the study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products was presented to the 49th CRF in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Under Activity 14b, ITTO has supported 14 participants to attend the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference 2015. A side event was organized and a special TFU edition on tropical forest fire management ([TFU issue No. 24/2](#)) was published under the title "Putting a brake on wildfire".

Strategic Priority 5: Improve the quality and availability of information on tropical forests, forest product markets and trade

Under this priority, eleven activities have been approved. Five activities are funded from the core budget, five activities are seeking voluntary contributions and one activity (Activity 19) has sub-activities funded from the core budget and from voluntary contributions (partially funded). Activity 25 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by the EU through a grant of € 4,000,000 for the period 2014-2018. Two activities have received partial funding and two remain unfunded.

The activities supported by the core budget include:

- Activity 15 Publication of the ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)
Release of a free app making TFU available on smart phones and tablets
- Activity 16 Preparation and conduct of the Annual Market Discussion in collaboration with the Trade Advisory Group (TAG). The theme of the 2017 Market Discussion is 'Sharing Experiences on Promoting Investment in Tropical Timber Industries and Tropical Forestry'.
- Activity 17 Publication of the ITTO Tropical Timber Market Report under the Market Information Service (MIS)
- Activity 18 Enhancement of ITTO statistical work and databases on statistics
- Activity 19 Enhance public relations, education and outreach activities
- Activity 22 Undertake the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation. The biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016 was published in 2017 under the extension of the BWP.

All above activities have been fully implemented. Under Activity 19 several technical reports have been published, co-published and disseminated, including:

- PS 20 'Voluntary SFM Guidelines'
- PS 21 'Criteria & Indicators for SFM'
- TS 43 'Technical guide on the quantification of carbon benefits in ITTO Projects' (with partial support from Activity 21)
- TS 44 'Impact of Timber Procurement Policies'
- TS 45 'Europe's Changing Tropical Timber Trade'
- TS 46 'The Bright Green Hotspot – Outcomes of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forest Complex project, 2000–2016' (will be released at the 53rd ITTC)
- ITTO Annual Reports 2014 , 2015, 2016
- Fifteen editions of the ITTO e-Newsletter '*Tropical Timber News*' have been published during 2015, 2016 and 2017 (up to the time of preparation of this report)
- ITTO-CITES Program related newsletters

Furthermore, videos of relevant ITTO projects and activities have been produced or disseminated through the Organization's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ittosfm>. At the time of preparation of this report, a total of 49 videos were available.

Activity 20 on improving the branding and marketing of ITTO has been suspended due to the impairment of ITTO funds.

Under Activity 21, the synthesis of the aggregated achievements of the ITTO Thematic Programmes on REDDES and TFLET was presented to the 51st ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The activity has also provided partial support for the publication of TS 43. The work on the development of a new website and the integration of other web-based system was terminated. The activity has been suspended due to the impairment of ITTO funds.

Under Activity 22 the 2015-2016 Biennial Review was published in 2017 under the extension of this BWP.

Activity 23 was implemented by the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) and the website www.timbertradeportal.com is operational.

The work on IMM under Activity 25 was suspended during most of 2016 and early 2017 due to the impairment of ITTO funding. IMM restarted operations in April 2017 with a new lead consultant and market analyst appointed and market consultants recruited. The IMM 2015-2016 Annual Report has been published.

Strategic Priority 6: Build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM and increase trade in forest goods and services from sustainably managed forests

Under this priority eight activities have been approved. Six activities have received partial funding and two remain unfunded.

Under Activity 26 support has been provided support for the participation of TAG and CSAG at the Council Sessions in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Under Activity 27 the Secretariat has participated in meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), meetings of the Ad Hoc Expert Group 1 & 2, the UNFF11 and UNFF12, and has provided regular inputs to ensure that the CPF website is updated with relevant information on ITTO's work.

Due to the impairment of ITTO funds, no awards had been made under Activity 28 in 2016. The programme recommenced in 2017 and the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme [Document ITTC(LIII)/8] will be presented to the Council under Provisional Agenda Item 10(a)(ii) and any new awards will be announced at the 53rd ITTC.

Under Activity 29, ITTO and FAO jointly organized a regional workshop on forest product statistics for the Caribbean region in Saint Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, 12-14 April 2016. ITTO was also invited and participated in the FAO regional workshop on forest products statistics in Portugal, 9-11 October 2017.

Activity 33 is being implemented by TRAFFIC and about to be completed. Following the formation of the Steering Committee, a series of briefing meetings was held with the forestry departments, customs departments and industry stakeholders of Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia in late 2015, 2016 and the first half of 2017 respectively. The draft of the timber manual and guide is being reviewed by selected government agencies in Malaysia. The technical workshop for finalization of the WCO Timber Trade Guidelines was held on 12-13 October 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, to review the draft WCO Timber Trade Guidelines with the Malaysian government agencies and discuss on recommendations to the implementation of the Guidelines for customs and other stakeholders.

Routine, Administrative and Financial Activities

Under this category, eighteen activities have been approved. Fifteen activities are 'regular sessions work' with no cost implications. Activity 34 (Expert Panel) is funded from Core Budget. Activity 50 has been fully funded from voluntary contributions and Activity 51 has been funded from the Working Capital Account.

Under Activity 34 the 52nd Expert Panel was held in Yokohama, Japan from 5-9 June 2017. The report of the 52nd EP will be presented to the Joint Committees under Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-52].

Under Activity 50 an on-line survey on the use of the ITTO SFM related guidelines has been conducted. The report was presented to the 49th CRF in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Under Activity 51 the report on the study on regional ITTO presence and representation was presented to the 51st ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Summary remarks and difficulties encountered

Out of the 30 activities under this BWP seeking voluntary funding, six have received full funding, thirteen partial funding and eleven remain unfunded. The following (sub)-activities have been completed:

- Activity 4a Publish the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines as a policy document in the three languages (English, French and Spanish) and disseminate these guidelines to key stakeholders in ITTO member countries and the international community
- Activity 12b Study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products
- Activity 14b Support Wildfire Networks and support attendance at the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference
- Activity 22a Publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2013-2014 in the first half of 2015
- Activity 22b Publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016 in 2017 under the extension of the BWP 2015-2016 (Decision 2(LII))
- Activity 23 Creation of web-based 'One-Stop' interactive profiles of the wood based industry, trade and forestry sectors in producer member countries to support tropical timber market transparency and diversification
- Activity 50 Undertake a survey to assess the use of the various ITTO guidelines on the sustainable management of plantations, secondary forests, biodiversity and natural forests in the tropics
- Activity 51 Study on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation

The impairment of ITTO funds has impacted the activities listed in the table below in varying degrees, ranging from writing off the entire approved budget to writing off remaining funds after the bulk of foreseen work had been completed. For details on the impact please refer to the 'Summary Report on the Implementation of Decisions dealing with the Impairment of ITTO Funds' [Document ITTC(LIII)/12].

Table 5: BWP activities impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds

BWP Activity	Title
Activity 4b	Promote the publication, dissemination and application of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests
Activity 10	Promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems
Activity 12a	Continue to study the implications of climate change for tropical forests and the contribution of tropical forests to the mitigation of the effects of climate change
Activity 20	Improve branding, positioning and marketing of ITTO
Activity 21	Develop an ITTO knowledge management strategy and knowledge management guidelines (Continuation of BWP 2013-2014 Activity 22)
Activity 26	Consider advice from and facilitate involvement of the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG)
Activity 28	Freezailah Fellowship Fund
Activity 29	Enhance the technical capacity of member countries, particularly developing member countries, to meet the statistics and reporting requirements
Activity 32	Improving forestry extension schemes to ensure the implementation of sustainable forest management and contribute to the conservation of tropical forest ecosystems
Activity 51	Study on regional ITTO presence and representation

PROGRESS REPORT

BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015-2016

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: PROMOTE GOOD FOREST GOVERNANCE AND FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
1. Undertake studies in collaboration with relevant partner organizations to review the achievement of sustainable management of tropical timber producing forests. [ITTA, 2006, Article 28(4a)]	<p>Make provisions for work on the preparation of ITTO's third report on the State of Tropical Forest Management (SFM Tropics 2016). Analysis will be conducted for SFM progress against the baseline set in the SFM Tropics 2005 and 2011 reports.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$600,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$400,000 Year 2016–US\$200,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFM Tropics 2016 report published by the end of 2016 • Special TFU published summarizing findings of SFM Tropics 2016 report 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 400,000 Year 2016 US\$ 200,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>
2. Development of ITTO Guidelines to incorporate gender equity in the Organization's activities, programmes and projects in member countries.	<p>A consultant will be recruited to draft ITTO guidelines on gender equity. To this end, he/she should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the gender guidelines of other international organizations; • Analyze different ITTO instruments and tools particularly those that are most commonly used by ITTO member countries, and identify which of these instruments would require the incorporation of gender-related mechanisms for their implementation; • Prepare a draft of ITTO Gender Guidelines, including a training module; • Propose at least five gender-related indicators for future Strategic Action Plans and for future work. <p>Estimated Cost: US\$35,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of ITTO Gender Guidelines 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 30,000 (includes a voluntary contribution of US\$20,000 in 2017) Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 5,000</p> <p>The report of the consultant was presented to the 51st ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Building on that report and taking into account recommendations and comments from members a second consultant has drafted 'ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women, GEEW' which will be presented for consideration of Council under Item 10(a)(iii) of the Provisional Agenda, Document ITTC(LIII)/6.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
3. Demonstration and adoption of credit schemes for Small-Medium Forest Enterprises (SMFEs). [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(g)]	Through a previous ITTO project, a credit scheme for SMFEs has been developed with the high potential of replication and scaling-up. The activity will assist three ITTO selected producer countries in replicating the credit scheme for SMFEs. This work commenced via a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2013-2014. Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$125,000 Year 2016–US\$125,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The credit schemes for SMFEs replicated in three member countries 	CFI	Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 125,000 Year 2016 US\$ 125,000 This activity is pending funding.
4. Promote the publication, dissemination and application of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (f), (l), (o), (p)] [ITTC Decision 4(XLIX)]	Pursuant to Decision 4(XLIX) <i>ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest</i> , the following activities are planned: (a) Publish the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines as a policy document in the three languages (English, French and Spanish) and disseminate these guidelines to key stakeholders in ITTO member countries and the international community. Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$100,000 (b) Organize three regional capacity building training workshops (one in each tropical region) to facilitate the effective and wider application of the Voluntary Guidelines in particular to revitalize and renew the basics of sustainable forest management especially among	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for SFM published in three ITTO working languages in 2015 Three regional capacity building workshops conducted in three tropical regions in 2015 and 2016 	Council	Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest were published in 2015 in English, French and Spanish as Policy Development Series 20. http://www.itto.int/policypapers_guidelines/ USB memory stick (1000 copies) containing all ITTO SFM related guidelines were also produced, along with a new poster entitled “Guiding SFM in the Tropics”. The activity has been completed. Funding received: US\$ 59,032 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 90,000 Year 2016 US\$ 40,968 The 1st Regional Workshop on ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
	<p>professional foresters of producer member countries.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$240,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$50,000 already pledged under Activity 34 of the 2013-2014 BWP)</p> <p>Year 2015–US\$110,000</p> <p>Year 2016–US\$80,000</p>			<p>Natural Tropical Forests was convened using funds provided under the 2013-14 BWP in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 17–20 August 2015. The Workshop was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, the Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia and Forest Research Institute Malaysia. It was attended by a total of 24 participants from forestry agencies of eight member countries in Asia-Pacific region. The report was presented to the CRF at its 49th Session.</p> <p>The 2nd Regional Workshop on ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests was held in the city of Cotonou, Benin from 8 –12 May 2017. It was organized jointly with the public authorities for forest and forestry of the Republic of Benin (Ministère du Cadre de Vie et du Développement Durable, Direction Générale des Eaux, Forêts et Chasse) with support of Prof. Juergen Blaser (Bern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland). The Workshop was attended by a total of 32 participants from African ITTO member countries namely: Benin; Cameroon; C.A.R, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique and Togo. The report will be presented to the CRF at its 51st Session.</p> <p>Additional funds are required in the BWP 2018-2019 to allow the organization of a regional capacity workshop for Latin America and Caribbean region.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>5. Facilitate the improvement of forest concession policies and practices for tropical timber production forests. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1 (i), (m), (n)]</i></p>	<p>This activity will facilitate the improvement of forest concession policies and practices for tropical timber production forests in collaboration with FAO, Brazilian Forest Service (BFS) and International Technical Tropical Timber Association (ATIBT) and other relevant organizations and institutions through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of an International Workshop on Forest Concessions in Porto Velho – Rondonia, Brazil in August 2015 (tentative); • Development and dissemination of a policy brief and a practical guide to enhance development, implementation and assessment of forest concession policies and practices for policy makers and forest managers and practitioners; and • Promotion of collaboration among ITTO member countries, co-organizers of the International Workshop, and relevant organizations and institutions. <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$150,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Workshop on Forest Concession convened in 2015 • A policy brief and practical guidance developed in 2015 • Promoted collaboration among ITTO member countries, co-organizers of the International Workshop, and relevant organizations and institutions 	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 150,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded. However ITTO was included by FAO as a partner of two International Workshops which were held in October 2016, in Porto Velho, Brazil and in July 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.</p>
<p>6. Continue to monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work, which includes monitoring the implementation of Decision 4(XXXIV) under which 28 national workshops to promote application of C&I have already been implemented. The two components below were also included in a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2013-2014.</p> <p>(a) Make provision for an additional 2-3 national workshops on C&I (with focus on new member countries) incorporating related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshop curricula.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two to three national C&I training workshops convened 	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>This sub-activity is pending funding.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
	<p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Participate in international C&I related meetings/discussions/initiatives, including the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest Reporting, initiatives to take advantage of synergies between ITTO and FAO forest reporting (SFM Tropics and FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$25,000 Year 2016–US\$25,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant meetings attended; collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced 		<p>Funding received: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>ITTO provided partial funding for printing the Spanish version of FRA 2015 based on CFRQ inputs and was recognized on the FRA for this contribution. ITTO also assisted with reviewing modules of the FAO SFM Toolbox.</p> <p>ITTO participated in the CFRQ data review meeting in June 2015 and also in a side event at WFC in September 2015. ITTO also participated in the International Expert Workshop on Strengthening Collaboration on Criteria and Indicators to Promote and Demonstrate Sustainable Forest Management in May 2016.</p> <p>ITTO participated in the first FRA 2020 planning meeting in Joensuu, Finland in June 2017 and will participate in a CFRQ planning meeting in Nelson, New Zealand in November 2017, following which available funding under this activity will be exhausted.</p>
	<p>Sub-total 2015: US\$ 995,000 Sub-total 2016: US\$ 480,000 Biennium Sub-total: US\$1,475,000</p>			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL FORESTS TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>7. World Teak Conference 2015: Strengthening the Global Teak Market for Sustainable Development. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (p)]</p>	<p>In close cooperation with relevant international, regional and national organizations (TEAKNET, FAO, ASOTECA and IUFRO), the 3rd World Teak Conference 2015 will be organized in May 2015 in Ecuador. The Conference focuses on past achievements, the current state of knowledge and future challenges for the sustainable development of the global teak market. Conference presentations and discussions will include social, economic, technical and environmental issues that have an impact on the production, marketing and trade of teakwood.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring in policy makers, researchers and academicians, practitioners, civil society, the private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in the sustainable development of Teakwood to discuss on past achievements, the current state of knowledge and future challenges for the sustainable development of the global teak market. 	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>ITTO supported the Conference with a Silver sponsorship (US\$3,000) using unspent budget (US\$6,074.75) of the related BWP 2008-2009 activity (PP-A/43-230) and paid the lifetime membership fee to Teaknet using the same funds which are now exhausted. Despite the lack of new funding under the 2015-16 BWP, this activity can therefore be considered completed.</p>
<p>8. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES. [ITTA, 2006, Article 15] [ITTC Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)]</p>	<p>Continue to assist Members to implement CITES listings of timber species. Pursuant to Decision 5(XLVI) on “Multi-Donor Mechanism to Facilitate Enhanced Cooperation between ITTO and CITES”, a second grant of approximately US\$6,200,000 (EUR 5,000,000) from the European Commission was approved in early 2012. This grant extends over a period of four years and allows continued implementation of the ITTO-CITES capacity building program which commenced in 2006. Matching ITTO contributions from other donors in the amount of approximately US\$3,063,725 during the four-year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three countries with improved inventory designs • Three tracking/monitoring systems established • Three regional training/experience workshops conducted • Reduced number 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$2,176,145 (includes voluntary contributions of US\$305,000 in 2017 and US\$97,486 re-allocated from PD 124/01 Rev.5 (M) Phase III Stage 3)</p> <p>Funding pending Year 2015: US\$ NIL Funding pending Year 2016: US\$ NIL</p> <p>See document ITTC(LIII)/4 for a complete progress report on this activity.</p>

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	<p>period are required under the contract with the EC, with US\$ 1,290,066 already pledged during 2011-2013, leaving a balance of US\$1,773,659 to be sought until the end of the EC grant period in 2016. The amount sought from donors during this biennium is therefore US\$886,830 per year.</p> <p>ITTO contributions: US\$ 1,773,659 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$ 886,830 Year 2016–US\$ 886,829</p>	of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species		
	<p>Sub-total 2015: US\$ 936,830 Sub-total 2016: US\$ 886,829 Biennium Sub-total: US\$1,823,659</p>			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: ENHANCE THE CONTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL TIMBER PRODUCING FORESTS TO THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY

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<p>9. Consider impacts of conservation and protection in transboundary areas in relation to achieving SFM. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(m), (q), (n), (q), (r)]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 2(XLV)]</i></p>	<p>Organize an international conference on biodiversity conservation in transboundary tropical forests with aim of promoting the development and implementation of forest policy, governance and institutional arrangements towards effective conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in transboundary forests, taking into account ITTO and partners' experiences in transboundary conservation areas. This conference will be held in a selected country in the Congo Basin as a follow-up to the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests held in Quito, Ecuador on 21-24 July 2010 in collaboration with CBD Secretariat, IUCN and the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador. The conference in the Congo Basin will also cover the enhancement of forest law enforcement, and governance (FLEG) in tropical transboundary conservation areas.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$300,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests convened in 2015 	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 300,000 Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>This activity is pending funding. However, ITTO co-organized and participated in the Regional Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Forests of the Greater Mekong Sub-region in March 2016 utilizing funds from a related project (PD577/10 Rev.1 (F)).</p>
<p>10. Promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (j), (m), (q), (r), (s)]</i></p>	<p>Strengthen practical actions and partnerships to facilitate the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove forests and ecosystems, specifically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing actions having been taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders to conserve, restore and sustainably manage mangrove forests and ecosystems, including best practices and innovative approaches such as PES; and Organizing an international conference in June/July 2016 in close collaboration with ISME and other partners to: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A synthesis report produced to review the actions having been taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders; and An international conference on mangrove forests convened in 2016 	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 250,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>Review of actions taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders to conserve, restore and sustainably manage mangrove forests and ecosystems has been conducted. The report was presented to the CRF at its 49th Session.</p> <p>International Conference on Sustainable Mangrove Ecosystems: Making a vital resource for achieving the SDGs and the Paris Agreement</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share lessons learned and challenges and opportunities recognized for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove forests and ecosystems; and • Discuss and identify strategies and practical actions which ITTO and its member countries can take, such as the development of a comprehensive action plan, the improvement of database and information system and the enhancement of partnerships for knowledge sharing and capacity development. <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-US\$50,000 Year 2016-US\$250,000</p>			<p>was held on 18–21 April 2017 in Bali, Indonesia. The conference was organized jointly by ITTO, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia and the International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME) with the support of many partners including CIFOR, FAO, US Forest Service, AFoCo as well as proactive mangrove related civil society groups and the private sector in Indonesia. It was attended nearly 300 policymakers, researchers, practitioners and community representatives from 25 countries.</p> <p>Recognizing an urgent need to reduce the continuing loss and degradation of mangroves, participants in the conference have urged policymakers, mangrove practitioners and scientists, coastal communities, international organizations, the private sector, and donors to “redouble their work” to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management and use of the world’s remaining mangrove ecosystems.</p> <p>Presentation materials, videos for selected keynote speakers and the conference report are available on the ITTO website at http://www.itto.int/mangrove2017/</p>
<p>11. Facilitate the application of the ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(m), (r)] [ITTC Decision 6(XLVI)]</i></p>	<p>Pursuant to Decision 6(XLVI), application of the ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines will be promoted through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of three regional capacity building training workshops (one in each tropical region), as part of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity (ITTO/CBD Initiative), to facilitate the wider and effective application of the ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines; • Awareness raising and promotion of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three regional training workshops convened • Participation of ITTO at the relevant international meetings increased in 2015 and 2016, including the 	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 170,000 Year 2016 US\$ 170,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>

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	<p>partnerships and fundraising at the international meetings for the wider application of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines and the implementation of ITTO/CBD Initiative, and dissemination and promotion of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines at other relevant fora;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of side events at the relevant major international meetings, such as CBD COPs, on the achievements of ITTO/CBD Initiative and their contribution to the attainment of forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets; and • Enhancement of the organized participation of ITTO member countries in the global debate related to the biodiversity conservation and landscape restoration to facilitate them in taking integrated approaches toward the conservation of biodiversity in tropical forests, including the effective and wider application of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines. <p>Estimated cost: US\$340,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$170,000 Year 2016–US\$170,000</p>	organization of side events		
	<p>Sub-total 2015: US\$520,000 Sub-total 2016: US\$420,000 Biennium Sub-total: US\$940,000</p>			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: REDUCE TROPICAL DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION AND ENHANCE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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12. In cooperation with relevant organizations, continue to study the implications of climate change for tropical forests and the contribution of tropical forests to the mitigation of the effects of climate change. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (p)] [ITTC Decision 1(XXXVIII)]	<p>(a) Support is required for ITTO to provide information for members interested in formulating and implementing an integrated forest sector response to climate change, and for participation in global debates related to the role of tropical forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at UNFCCC meetings where tropical forests will be brought to debate; • Facilitate the participation of ITTO member countries in events where the theme of forests and climate change will be high in the agenda; and • Organization of a side event at UNFCCC COPs on the role of sustainable forest management in the tropics to support climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to restore degraded tropical forests. <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in two UNFCCC COPs in 2015 and 2016 and the organization of side events • Participation in four selected forest and climate change related meetings 	Council	<p>(a)</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>Using limited resources available from previous related BWP and outreach activities, the following activities were supported:</p> <p>Co-organizing the International Seminar for Climate Change and Forests: REDD+ Finance Mechanism and Its Optimum Use (February 3-4, 2015, University of Tokyo, Japan) jointly with the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), CIFOR, JICA and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES),</p> <p>Organizing a side event on 1 December 2015 during UNFCCC COP21 regarding “REDD+ within INDCs: Governance lessons learnt from community forest management in tropics” in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry of Myanmar, the Forestry Administration of Cambodia and the World Resources Institute (WRI); and holding an exhibition booth during the second week of COP21 and in a thematic pavilion of 2015 Global Landscapes Forum.</p> <p>Organizing a side event on 17 November 2016 during UNFCCC COP22 regarding Enabling results-based payments for REDD+ in tropical forests: lessons from reference setting” in collaboration with the Basque Centre for Climate Change, Spain, MoEF of Indonesia, FRIM, and the Forestry Commission of Ghana; and holding</p>

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	<p>(b) Study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the relevant documents and research findings for the estimation of carbon removals and emissions, including the related work of ITTO; • Implementation of a case study to estimate carbon content, emissions from production and duration in the end-use markets for some selected tropical wood products; and • Identification of methodologies available for the estimation of long-term carbon removals and emissions associated with the production and use of tropical wood products. <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$70,000</p>	<p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A case study conducted to estimate carbon content, emissions from processing and duration in the end-use markets • A synthesis report on the methodologies available for the estimation of carbon removals and emissions associated with the production and use of tropical wood products 		<p>an ITTO exhibition booth during the second week of COP22 and in 2016 Global Landscapes Forum.</p> <p>(b) Funding received: US\$ 67,555 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 2,445</p> <p>This sub-activity has been completed using the partial funding made available. The report was presented to the CRF at its 49th Session.</p>
<p>13.Continue to promote the understanding of the contribution of environmental services to the sustainable management of tropical forests. <i>[Decision 2(XLVII)]</i></p>	<p>As a follow-up to the recommendations of the International Forum on Payments for Environmental Services of Tropical Forests (San José, Costa Rica on 7-10 April 2014) jointly organized by ITTO, FAO, and Costa Rica's National Fund for Forest Finance (FONAFIFO), this activity will continue the promotion of PES schemes to support innovative and sustainable financing for SFM.</p> <p>(a) Make provision for the conduct of PES case studies from selected successful initiatives by assessing development policies, laws, governance and institutional implementation arrangements to enable the effective design</p>	<p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine case studies from successful examples of PES 	<p>CRF</p>	<p>(a) Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p>

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	<p>and implementation of PES schemes in the tropics.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Participate in important international PES related meetings/networks, including financing for SFM</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$20,000 Year 2016–US\$20,000</p>	<p>schemes conducted</p> <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant PES meetings/networks attended; collaboration with other organizations to promote PES schemes enhanced 		<p>This activity is pending funding.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 20,000 Year 2016 US\$ 20,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>
<p>14. Contribute to national and international efforts in the prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests. [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(m)] [ITTC Decision 6(XXXIII)]</p>	<p>(a) Together with FAO review and update the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests and the FAO Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines to take into account scientific insights into the state of forests and forest protection in the tropics in the last 15 years and the progress made in fire management and climate change research and development globally</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$80,000 Year 2016–US\$20,000</p> <p>FAO: TBD (approx. US\$10,000)</p> <p>(b) Make provisions for ITTO's contributions to the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Global Wildland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised ITTO Guidelines published in 2016 Assistance to three preparatory fora in three ITTO producing regions provided Assistance to the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference provided to 6 participants from each of the three ITTO producing regions and the organization of a side event 	CRF	<p>(a)</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 80,000 Year 2016 US\$ 20,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 40,000</p>

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	<p>Advisory Group, and the related Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN) / Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), and provide support for the Africa, Asia, and Latin America Regional Wildland Fire Networks and other inter-institutional cooperation efforts in their preparatory meetings for the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in 2015 in South Korea, and further organize a side-event and support the attendance of up to 18 participants from producer member countries implementing ITTO fire-related projects to present and interchange experiences at the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in 2015 in South Korea.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$100,000</p>			<p>Using the partial funding made available, ITTO provided support for the Africa, Asia, and Latin America Regional Wildland Fire Networks and other inter-institutional cooperation efforts in their preparatory meetings for the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference that was held in October 2015 in the Republic of Korea. It also organized a side-event and supported the attendance of 14 participants from producer member countries implementing ITTO fire-related projects to present and interchange experiences at the 6th International Wildland Fire Conference. A special TFU edition (TFU 24/2) on tropical forest fire management was published under the title “Putting a break on wildfire” as well as other outreach materials on fire. This activity has been completed.</p>
	<p>Sub-total 2015: US\$370,000 Sub-total 2016: US\$140,000 Biennium Sub-total: US\$510,000</p>			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON TROPICAL FORESTS, TIMBER MARKETS AND TRADE

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15. Continue to publish the ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU). [ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28]	Regular Sessions' work. Estimated cost: US\$520,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$260,000 Year 2016–US\$260,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to four issues per year of TFU published and distributed in three ITTO working languages of the Organization 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 780,000 (includes US\$260,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL Year 2017 US\$ NIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITTO published eight editions of the Tropical Forest Update (TFU)—a newsletter promoting the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forests—in 2015, 2016 with the following titles: Issue 24/1, Moving beyond the conflict of procurement—highlighting the impact of tropical timber public procurement policies. Issue 24/2, Putting a brake on wildfire—showcasing ITTO's work on tropical forest fire management., Issue 24/3, Testing the mettle of tropical timber—exploring current efforts in developing environmental product declaration for tropical timber and tropical timber products. Issue 24/4, Forests rise to the top—highlighting ITTO's updated Guidelines for SMF of natural tropical forest, as well as other field-level efforts in implementing SFM. . Issue 25/1, ITTO and CITES: an enduring partnership—highlighting the results, benefits and impacts of the ITTO–CITES Programme on its 10th anniversary. Issue 25/2, Getting it done locally—presenting evidence of local communities as good forest managers. Issue 25/3, Measures that add value—stating the case for value adding in the tropical timber sector.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 25/4, Council appoints new head of ITTO—presenting outcomes of the 52nd Session of the Council and ITTO’s work on C&I. <p>For the year 2017 –and at the time of preparation of this report– three issues were published and a 4th one was under preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 26/1, Flying under the radar—exploring the impacts of the artisanal operations in the tropical timber sector. Issue 26/2, All is not lost—highlighting the potential of tropical forests to address global challenges and ITTO’s role in this. Issue 26/3. Holding the ground on mangroves—making the case for the need of arresting mangrove loss and restoring degraded mangrove ecosystems. Issue 26/4, under preparation. <p>Furthermore, in August 2016 a free ‘app’ was released to make TFU instantly available on smart phones and tablets.</p> <p>TFU is distributed in hard-copy to more than 15,000 individuals and organizations in more than 160 countries. In addition to be available online and on the TFU app.</p>
16. Collaborate with the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) in organizing and holding the ITTO Annual Market Discussion on the world tropical timber trade during Sessions of the ITTC in 2015 and 2016. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(e), (h)]</i>	<p>Regular Sessions’ work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$35,000 Year 2016–US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2015 and 2016 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 105,000 <i>(includes US\$35,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</i></p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The Secretariat collaborated with the TAG in the preparation and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2015 on the theme “Raising the Profile of Tropical Timber in the Market</p>

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				Place” in conjunction with the Fifty-first Session of ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16 to 21 November 2015 and the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2016 on the theme “Free Trade Agreements – Challenges and Opportunities for the Tropical Timber Trade” in conjunction with the Fifty-second Session of ITTC in Yokohama, Japan from 7 to 12 November 2016. The 2017 Market Discussion on the theme “Sharing Experiences on Promoting Investment in Tropical Timber Industries and Tropical Forestry” is being arranged in liaison with the TAG.
17. Continue to publish the ITTO Market Information Service (MIS). <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28]</i>	Regular Sessions’ work. Estimated cost : US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$200,000 Year 2016–US\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to forty-six TTMRs published in 2015 and 2016 (23 issues per year) 	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 614,000 <i>(includes US\$207,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</i></p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL Year 2017 US\$ NIL</p> <p>With the approved financing of US\$200,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2015, twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2015. The provision of the same amount for 2016 plus an additional \$7000 to provide for increased costs has allowed publication to continue, although publication was suspended in July and August along with other core activities due to the lack of sufficient payments to the administrative budget. Twenty-one issues were published in 2016. With the approved financing of US\$207,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2017, the publication has continued, with 23 issues to be published by the end of the year.</p>

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18. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 27]</i>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Committee will make provisions for and consider the results of activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$20,000 Year 2016–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in two meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group in 2015 and 2016 • Updating and refinement of JFSQ 	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 60,000 <i>(including US\$20,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</i></p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL Year 2017 US\$ NIL</p> <p>With the approved financing of US\$20,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2015, ITTO participated in the meeting of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) held at ITTO Headquarters from 27-29 January 2015 to consider revisions to be proposed to the harmonized system of customs classification and preparations for the distribution of JFSQ. A subscription to the Global Trade Atlas was purchased to facilitate ITTO's statistical analyses of timber trade. Further integration of price series into a database as well as further development of the primary and SPWP products database was achieved during 2015-2016. In 2016, the IWGFS was held in Geneva on the 9-10th of February. Continuation of the improvement of the JFSQ was pursued during this meeting with the preparation of new definitions and codes mainly based on the ones of the Combined Nomenclature (CN)) proposal for the Harmonized System 2022. The development of a Conversion Factor questionnaire was also discussed and completed during the meeting and the questionnaire was sent to member countries. In 2017, the IWGFS was held in Rome on the 7-9th of February. The meeting focused on the revision of the definitions of some wood products of the JFSQ in order to cover the most current timber products innovations. The meeting also focused on the final joint proposal</p>

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				submitted to the World Customs Organization in order to include new timber products of interest in the Harmonized System (HS) in 2022. The joint proposal was the completion of a three-year preparation between the 4 Organizations. The proposal will be now analyzed during the various WCO rounds with the hope that the products proposed will be included in the HS2022. The Conversion Factor Questionnaire was also discussed as progress and submission from the ITTO producer members was fairly slow and difficult. It was agreed that the Organizations will publish the results of the survey early 2018 despite the few submissions.
<p>19. Further enhance public relations, education and outreach activities to best convey the achievement of the objectives of the Organization. [ITTA, 2006, Article 1] [ITTC Decision 5(XXVII)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p> <p>Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches as wide an audience as possible by:</p> <p>(a) Undertaking regular communications and outreach activities including, inter alia, improvements and updates to the ITTO website in the three official languages; publishing and disseminating relevant ITTO reports, including annual reports; newsletters, editing, producing and disseminating public relations materials (posters, brochures, pamphlets, calendars, etc.).</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$228,042 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$114,021 Year 2016–US\$114,021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three new technical series documents published and disseminated • Issue of Tropical Forest News newsletter ever two months, • New posters, pamphlets and leaflets published • Two Annual Reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced • ITTO website with improve functionalities 	Council	<p>(a) Funding received: US\$ 342,063 (includes US\$114,021 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 NIL Year 2016 NIL Year 2017 NIL</p> <p>Activities undertaken include:</p> <p><u>Updates and improvements and to the current ITTO website:</u> The ITTO website (www.itto.int), which is available in English, French, Japanese and Spanish, has been updated regularly. It contains a wide range of information on ITTO's work, such as top stories; news; calls for proposals; vacancy announcements; information for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees; publications, including the Tropical Forest Update and the policy development and</p>

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				<p>technical series; databases; the Market Information Service; information on ITTO Fellowships, thematic programmes, and collaboration with the CBD and CITES; FLEGT Independent Market Monitoring (IMM); a listing of forthcoming events; search tool for the ITTO project database; and links to access ITTO's YouTube channel and subscribe to <i>Tropical Forest News</i>.</p> <p>The ITTO project search tool was improved in 2016; it now displays contact details of executing agencies, project websites, photos, videos and social media, as well as other project outputs, such as completion reports, technical reports and papers, ex-post evaluation reports, and dissemination materials.</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, a total of 49 videos portraying the Organization's work were available on ITTO's YouTube channel.</p> <p>In 2016, a webpage (http://www.itto.int/ittc-52/) was dedicated to comprehensive coverage and reporting of the 52nd Session of the International Tropical Timber Council, including daily news, developments, presentations, photos and insights. In 2017 a similar webpage (http://www.itto.int/mangrove2017/) was dedicated to coverage and reporting of the <i>International Conference on Sustainable Mangrove Ecosystems</i>.</p> <p><u>Regular outreach activities:</u> A photo exhibition of ITTO projects and activities was displayed at ITTC-52 in 2016. In 2017 a new photo exhibition was hosted at Yokohama Central Library from 19 September to 9 October. ITTO also conducted several outreach activities in collaboration with relevant authorities of its</p>

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				<p>host country (Japan), including lectures at schools, universities and for JICA's trainees programme; annual editions of the 'Green Earth Festival', 'Yokohama International Forum', 'Yokohama International Festa', 'Global Seminar for Youth'; and other programmes and activities organized by the city of Yokohama.</p> <p><u>Publications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFU (refer to activity 15) • Policy series: PS-21 "Criteria & Indicators for SFM" and PS-20 "Voluntary SFM Guidelines" • Technical reports: TS-46 "The bright green hotspot' (to be launched at ITTC-53) TS-45 "Europe's changing tropical timber trade", TS-44 "Impact of timber procurement policies", TS-43 "Technical guide on the quantification of carbon benefits", "Assessment of the ITTO restoration guidelines", and Life cycle assessment for ipe and cumaru decking, meranti plywood and African mahogany lumber • MIS: posted every two weeks • Review and assessment of the world timber situation • Annual reports 2014, 2015 and 2016 • Publicity materials: fact sheets for each thematic programme, and new posters on ITTO's work on the voluntary SFM guidelines, thematic programmes, mangroves, forest fire management, fellowships, C&I, TFU app, assessing ITTO guidelines, completed projects in 2016 and key benefits • ITTO-CITES Programme and related newsletters • Twelve editions of the e-newsletter 'Tropical Forest News' published and

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	<p>(b) Outreach materials and booths to exhibit the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium (e.g. UNFCCC CoP21 in Paris 2015, XIV World Forestry Congress, CBD CoP in 2016, UNFF-11, 23-COFO, and other fora not covered under other BWP activities)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$169,308 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$84,654 Year 2016–US\$84,654</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora 		<p>distributed during 2015, 2016 and 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITTO Calendar published for 2015 and 2016, 2017 and 2018. Several publications from ITTO funded projects/activities were also disseminated through ITTO's media. <p>(b) Funding received: US\$ 253,962 <i>(includes US\$84,654 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</i></p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 NIL Year 2016 NIL Year 2017 NIL</p> <p><u>In 2015–17, ITTO participated at:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XIV World Forestry Congress, hosting 5 side events and staffing a booth that displayed and distributed ITTO publications UNFCCC COP 21, hosting 3 side events and staffing a booth that displayed and distributed ITTO publications The Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016, hosting stream one “pathways for prosperity” and staffing a booth that displayed and distributed ITTO publications 23rd Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 23) and World Forest Week, hosting a side event with several partners The 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development CITES COP 17, hosting a side event highlighting the work conducted under the ITTO–CITES Programme on Implementing CITES for Tropical Tree Species UNFCCC COP 22, hosting two side-events on “Enabling results-based payments for REDD+ in tropical forest: and on “REDD+ within the intended nationally determined contributions”. ITTO also participated in the

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	<p>(c) Coverage of ITTC session by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily digital coverage of ITTC sessions 		<p>Global Landscapes Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD COP 13, providing inputs to the high-level segment, as well as other relevant agenda items, and hosting a side event on “Borderless conservation in a borderless world” • IUFRO Division 5 Conference on “Forest Sector Innovations for a Greener Future” • At the time of preparation of this report ITTO was making arrangements for its participation at UNFCCC COP 23. <p>ITTO was sponsored to highlight its work at the following fora:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Strengthening Forest Control Systems and Market Chains in APEC Economies in August 2016, the Third Senior Official Meeting held under the auspices of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) • IUFRO Regional Congress for Asia and Oceania. <p>An exhaustive list of ITTO’s involvement in international cooperation and collaboration is available at the ITTO annual reports.</p> <p>(c) Funding received: US\$ 35,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 20,000 Year 2016 US\$ 45,000</p> <p>Coverage of ENB was secured at ITTC-51 and ITTC-52 relevant postings are available at http://www.iisd.ca/forestry/itto/ittc51/ and http://enb.iisd.org/forestry/itto/ittc52/. ENB covered most of the cost of its participation.</p>
<p>20. Improve branding, positioning and marketing of ITTO. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a),</i></p>	<p>As a follow-up to the fundraising and knowledge management strategies developed for ITTO under the BWP 2013-2014, this activity aims at improving ITTO’s visibility among international organizations, as</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two high quality videos of the work of the 	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 100,000 Year 2016 US\$ 100,000</p>

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(b), (f), (h), (o)]	<p>well as other platforms (i.e. private sector, academy, donors, NGOs, etc.) by delivering compelling case studies and messages on the added value of the work of ITTO in promoting SFM and legal and sustainable timber trade.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$150,000 Year 2016–US\$100,000</p>	<p>organization;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimedia developed and disseminated; • Printed material (pamphlets, brochures, and posters) 		<p>The activity has been suspended due to the impairment and loss of ITTO funds. Nonetheless, the Secretariat produced two videos, one on “Criteria and indicators for SFM” and other entitled “Local communities, forest managers <i>par excellence</i>”. Both videos are available at ITTO’s You Tube channel in English, French, Japanese and Spanish. Other related activities have been undertaken, such as, hosting photo exhibitions at ITTC sessions and other venues. For further details please refer to activity 19.</p> <p>This activity has been impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds and any further work under this activity will require new funding.</p>
21. Implementation of the ITTO Knowledge Management Strategy and Action Plan – [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (r)]	<p>The activity is the continuation of Activity 22 under the BWP 2013-2014 to ‘Develop an ITTO knowledge management strategy and knowledge management guidelines’ and comprises the implementation of the ‘ITTO Knowledge Management Strategy and Action Plan’ approved at the 49th ITTC, Libreville, Gabon. It includes the following components:</p> <p>(a) ITTO staff capacity building/training</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$30,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$30,000 from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>(b) Enhanced learning and networking including at the regional level (through ITTO regional officers)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$30,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$30,000 from Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITTO Staff training on communication tools including social networks; • Improved ITTO networking in particular at the regional level • Targeted publications on specific projects • Re-examination report of the KM Strategy & Action Plan objectives 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial support was provided for Outreach training to ITTO staff during the first quarter of 2016. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of activities to improve project learning and knowledge use and sharing, the synthesis of the aggregated achievements of the ITTO Thematic Programmes on REDDES and TFLET towards the programmatic objectives was presented to the 51st ITTC, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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	<p>22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>(c) Re-examination of the ITTO KM Strategy overall goals and objectives</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$20,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$20,000 from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>(d) Targeted publications and other materials synthesizing key results of ITTO projects</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of networking, agreement had been reached with the German Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL) that ITTO will coordinate Phase 2 of the Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN) for a three-year period from 2016-2018. Due to the impairment of ITTO funds the agreement could not be executed and the GTTN coordination has moved to another institution. <p>The activity has been impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds and any further work will require new funding.</p>
<p>22. Undertake the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation. [ITTA, 2006, Article 28]</p>	<p>(a) Publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2013-2014 in the first half of 2015.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$50,000</p>	<p>(a) Biennial review and assessment published in 2015</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>(a) Funding received: US\$ 116,000 (includes US\$56,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2017 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation 2013-2014 was published in July 2015. An additional amount of US\$ 10,000 required for design and layout was made available from the administrative budget.</p> <p>The 2015-16 biennial review was published in 2017 under the extension of the BWP and approved 2017 Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget (total cost \$96,000 including an additional amount of \$6,000 required for design and layout made available from the Administrative Budget.</p>

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	<p>(b) Consideration of the draft elements for the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2016–US\$40,000</p>	<p>(b) Draft elements considered at the Fifty-second Session of the Council in 2016</p>		<p>(b) Funding received: US\$ 40,000 Funding pending: Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The draft elements for the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016 were presented to and considered by the ITTC at its Fifty-second Session in 2016.</p>
<p>23. Creation of web-based 'One-Stop' interactive profiles of the wood based industry, trade and forestry sectors in producer member countries to support tropical timber market transparency and diversification. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1]</i></p>	<p>The activity will present in one easily accessible website on the ITTO home page the vast intelligence ITTO has on the industry and trade in producer member countries. This will be complemented by information provided directly by government agencies, trade/industry associations and private enterprises in producer member countries. The website will also include information on steps taken in each country to ensure legality of timber production, thereby assisting importers with due diligence requirements.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-US\$100,000 Year 2016-US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and promotion of the web based producer country trade/industry profiles • An increase in inquiries to tropical timber exporters from traditional and emerging markets • An increase in the number of markets supplied • An increase in the number of products exported to traditional and emerging markets 	<p>CEM</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>This activity was implemented by the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) under a MOU between ITTO and the ETTF. A final report was provided by ETTF to the Secretariat in 2016; The website (www.timbertradeportal.com) is operational and is attracting many hits. The activity can be considered completed using the funding made available.</p>

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24. Development of Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for selected tropical wood products. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (f), (s)]	<p>This activity will compile Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) through the development of a Life Cycle Inventory database and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) reports for three products, complementing the work already done to develop EPDs for meranti plywood, ipe decking and khaya lumber under the 2013-2014 BWP. This activity was submitted and endorsed by ITTO's Trade Advisory Group.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$90,000 Year 2016–US\$90,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCA reports, carbon footprint and EPD developed for three products 	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 90,000 Year 2016 US\$ 90,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding. Work continued in 2015 using limited funds remaining from the 2013-2014 BWP activity. All three of the originally proposed EPDs have now been completed and any further work under this activity will require new funding.</p>
25. Promote trade in tropical timber and tropical timber products from sustainably managed and legally harvested sources. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)]	<p>Further promote the development and implementation of web-based information systems designed and operated to make sound data and information available to assist consumers in identifying/purchasing legally/sustainably produced timber, in cooperation with governments and public-private partnerships.</p> <p>ITTO finalized a 4.4 million euro contract (including EUR 375,000 to be provided as an in-kind contribution by ITTO) with the European Union in 2014 to establish an Independent Market Monitoring system for FLEGT-licensed timber entering the EU market. This activity was included under Activity 25 of the 2013-2014 BWP whose implementation approach (above) and objectives were closely related. The IMM will be implemented from 2014-2018 and progress will be reported to the CEM under this BWP activity during 2015-2016.</p> <p>Activity No.: PP-A/49-291 EU Contract Number: DCI-ENV/2013/316-244</p> <p>Estimated cost: Funded by EU grant of EUR 4 million through 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMM system developed and implemented 	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 4,499,438 Funding pending: NIL (Funding received is equivalent to EU contribution of 4 million euros at prevailing exchange rate)</p> <p>During 2015, the baseline report on EU imports of tropical timber was completed and was published in ITTO's Technical Series. The first four members of the IMM Information Network (from Germany, Ghana, Spain and UK) were recruited by the end of 2015 and initial country reports were compiled in early 2016. Work on the IMM was suspended during most of 2016 and early 2017 due to ITTO's funding impairment and while an agreement on how to proceed was finalized with the EC/EU. The IMM restarted operations in April 2017. The IMM network has been reestablished, with a new lead consultant and market analyst appointed. Market consultants have been recruited in Belgium, France, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and UK. The 2015-16 Annual Report has been published and a new website and newsletter will be launched before the end of the year.</p>

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	Sub-total 2015: US\$1,203,675 Sub-total 2016: US\$1,093,675 Biennium Sub-total: US\$2,297,350 <i>(not including Activity 25)</i>			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: BUILD AND DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT SFM AND INCREASE TRADE IN FOREST GOODS AND SERVICES FROM SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FORESTS

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26. Consider advice from and facilitate involvement of the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG). [ITTC Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)]	Regular Sessions' work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions. Estimated cost: US\$80,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$40,000 Year 2016–US\$40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 120,000 (includes a voluntary contribution of US\$40,000 in 2017)</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL Year 2017 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The activity was impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds, however new pledges at ITTC 51 and ITTC 52 have allowed continuing the support for TAG/CSAG participation at Council sessions.</p>
27. Continue to provide for ITTO's cooperation and consultation with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and other relevant international and regional organizations, institutions and initiatives. [ITTA, 2006, Article 15] [ITTC Decision 7(XXX)]	Maintain ITTO's active involvement in the CPF and UNFF by providing relevant inputs, participating effectively in the relevant activities, work and meetings of the UNFF and CPF and shouldering part of the costs of relevant work and activities on the basis of equitable cost-sharing with other members of the CPF. Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of ITTO in UNFF11 in 2015 and up to four CPF meetings in 2015 and 2016 Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2015 and 2016 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 25,000 Year 2016 US\$ 15,000</p> <p>The Secretariat has carried out the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended AHEG2 on IAF and associated CPF meetings in January 2015; Attended UNFF11, CPF meetings and CPF side event in May 2015; Attended AHEG1 on Strategic Plan and CPF meetings in April 2016; Attended CPF Retreat in June 2016; Attended and sponsored one participant for meeting on indicators for SDGs in November 2016 Attended AHEG2 and CPF meeting in January 2017 Attended expert meeting on UNFF reporting in February 2017 Attended UNFF12 and CPF meeting in May 2017 <p>The Secretariat has been providing input on</p>

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				<p>regular basis for keeping the CPF website (http://www.cpfweb.org/) up-to-date in reference to ITTO's work.</p> <p>The activity was impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds but a pledge at ITTC 51 to this activity by the USA allowed work to continue unimpeded.</p>
<p>28. Decide on eligible fellowship applications in 2015 and 2016 based on the recommendations of the Fellowship Selection Panel. <i>[ITTC Decision 4(XXVII)]</i></p>	<p>The objective of the fellowship programme is to develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines, with a view to promoting sustainable management of tropical forests, efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber. Eligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in short term training courses, training internships, study tours, lecture/demonstration tours and international/regional conferences; • Technical document preparation, publication and dissemination, such as manuals and monographs; and • Postgraduate studies. <p>Estimated cost: US\$800,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$400,000 Year 2016–US\$400,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100-120 fellowships awarded in 2015 and 2016 • Fellowship alumni network maintained 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 801,234 <i>(includes voluntary contributions of US\$61,807 in 2017)</i> Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 100,000 Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The Progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme [Document ITTC(LIII)/8] will be presented to the 53rd Session of the ITTC under Provisional Agenda Item 10(a)(ii).</p> <p>The activity has been impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds and no new awards have been made in 2016.</p> <p>A pledge by the USA at ITTC 51 ensured that pending obligations under previous awards were met.</p> <p>The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet during the Fifty-third Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Autumn Cycle 2017 to the Council.</p>
<p>29. Enhance the technical capacity of member countries, particularly developing member countries, to meet the statistics and reporting</p>	<p>Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted in 2015 and 2016 	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 25,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 25,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>ITTO and FAO jointly organized a regional workshop on forest products statistics for the</p>

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requirements. [ITTA, 2006, Article 28(5)]	Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000			<p>Caribbean region in Saint Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, on 12–14 April 2016. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the statistical collection, analysis and reporting abilities of countries in the region. Participants came from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>ITTO was invited and participated to an FAO regional workshop on forest products statistics for Portuguese speaking countries in Portugal on 9-11 October 2017. 8 countries participated to the meeting (Angola, Cabo Verde, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste).</p> <p>Additional funding will be required in order to carry out any other work under this activity.</p>
30. Strengthening the capacity to promote efficient wood processing technologies in tropical timber producing countries. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i)]	<p>This activity will be undertaken in producer member countries in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean regions where forest industry production chains encounter problems of inefficiency and lack of human resource capacity. Forest industries, forest industry associations, forestry training and research institutions, as well as representatives from relevant government agencies will take part in the in-house training.</p> <p>Related work commenced via a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work already provided for in 2013-2014.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$125,000 Year 2016–US\$125,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the in-house training will include strengthening capacity in common problem areas in the wood-based industries, namely: log stocking and loading, kiln drying and boilers, saw doctoring, finger jointing, laminating, packaging, waste control, maintenance and work safety 	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 125,000 Year 2016 US\$ 125,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>

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<p>31. Matching the needs of forest industry with the innovations, technologies and know-how developed through ITTO projects. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i), (p)]</p>	<p>This activity will build on the results of a similar activity carried out under the 2013-2014 BWP, which aimed at strengthening ITTO's outreach by making better use of information developed by ITTO's past projects. Opinions expressed in a stakeholder survey resulted in focusing this activity on making existing knowledge about lesser used species generated by ITTO projects more readily available.</p> <p>A dedicated and scalable web platform was developed in 2013-14 in order to disseminate silvicultural, technical and market information about lesser used tropical timber species (LUS) to different audiences, containing information on 60 species from tropical America, available at www.tropicaltimber.info</p> <p>Under the 2015-2016 BWP, the intention is to expand the website to species from tropical Africa and Asia, and to strengthen regional support structures for updating the platform.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$240,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$140,000 Year 2016–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 60 profiles of LUS per ITTO producer region 	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 140,000 Year 2016 US\$ 100,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>
<p>32. Improving forestry extension schemes to ensure the implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) and contribute to the conservation of tropical forest ecosystems. [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(a), (c), (d), (i), (j), (m), (r)]</p>	<p>A five-day international seminar will be organized in a selected country in Latin America in October 2015 to discuss forestry extension services and schemes with the aim of contributing to the field practice of sustainable management of tropical forests and tropical forest ecosystems.</p> <p>The seminar will be targeted to the institutions and professionals related to forest extension. Guest speakers will include public officers, technical advisors, academicians and researchers from major forestry and timber producing countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A five-day international seminar organized to discuss forestry extension schemes and services Partnerships and networks established to share information and knowledge among 	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 200,000</p> <p>The ITTO Secretariat held informal talks with the Government of Mexico and other Latin American countries so as to organize a five-day international seminar in late 2016 to discuss forestry extension services and schemes, pending the full funding of this activity.</p> <p>The activity has been impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds and any further work under this activity will require new funding.</p>

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	<p>The topics to be discussed include: Global overview of forestry extension schemes and services; Challenges and opportunities for forestry extension service; Role of forest professionals in the development of forest management skills; Consideration of biodiversity conservation in forestry operations; Share of responsibility between forest professionals and clients; Certification schemes for forestry extension service; Governance and assistance schemes to improve the quality of forestry extension service; Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of forestry extension service; and Financial incentives for high-quality forestry extension service.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2015–US\$300,000</p>	institutions and experts.		
33. Enhance the Cooperation between ITTO and World Customs Organization (WCO), through the Preparation of Guidelines for Frontline Customs Officials in Combatting Illegal Timber Trade [ITTA, 2006 Articles 1 (d), (k), (n)]	<p>This activity will enable Customs and other border agencies in ITTO and other WCO members to have access to frontline reference materials and training tools for monitoring timber trade, including development of Timber Guidelines for use by Customs officials. This activity has been submitted and endorsed by ITTO's Civil Society Advisory Group.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$259,600 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$150,000 Year 2016–US\$74,500 WCO (in kind)–US\$30,000 TRAFFIC–US\$5,100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Timber Guidelines for use by Customs officials • Pilot implementation of Timber Guidelines in Malaysia 	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 226,208 (includes a voluntary contribution of US\$4,000 in 2017) Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>This activity is being implemented by TRAFFIC under a MOU between ITTO and TRAFFIC. The work plan and budget submitted by TRAFFIC were reviewed and approved based on the funds actually pledged which were judged sufficient to implement the activity. TRAFFIC liaised extensively with Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) as the main partner in implementing the project. However, the official inception of the implementation of this activity was delayed to late September 2015 due to the late release of the funds by one of the donors.</p> <p>Since then, the Steering Committee was formed with the participation of MTIB, Customs and the</p>

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				<p>Ministry of Plantations Industry and Commodities. Briefing meetings were held with the forestry departments, customs departments and industry stakeholders of Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia in late 2015, 2016 and the first half of 2017 respectively. The national workshop was held in May 2016 to promote the project and confirm the support from the government of Malaysia. The draft of timber manual and guide is being reviewed by selected government agencies in Malaysia. The Draft WCO timber trade guidelines has been completed and disseminated to the government agencies of Malaysia for their comments, and Customs China and Cameroon are aware of the Guidelines and are willing to validate and use them in their national customs training programmes. The technical workshop for finalization of the WCO Timber Trade Guidelines was held on 12-13 October 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, to review the draft WCO Timber Trade Guidelines with the Malaysian government agencies and discuss on recommendations to the implementation of the Guidelines for customs and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The suspension of ITTO funding had affected the implementation of this activity. As ITTO funding was resumed and the second instalment was made in April 2017, the implementation of this activity was back on track. It is expected that the activity could be completed before the end of 2017.</p>
	<p><i>From other sources (WCO, TI):</i> US\$ 35,100 Sub-total 2015: US\$1,255,000 Sub-total 2016: US\$ 839,500 Biennium Sub-total: US\$2,129,600</p>			

ROUTINE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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34. With the assistance of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, appraise relevant committee project and pre-project proposals submitted by Member countries. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)]</i>	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals. Estimated cost: US\$280,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$140,000 Year 2016–US\$140,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2015 and 2016 	Council and Committees	<p>Funding received: US\$ 420,000 <i>(includes US\$140,000 in 2017 pursuant to Decision 2(LII))</i></p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The Fifty-first Expert Panel was convened in Yokohama, Japan on 1-5 February 2016. The report was presented to the Joint Committees at the 52nd ITTC. Due to the impairment of ITTO funds, the Fifty-second Expert Panel was postponed from 25-29 July 2016 to 5-9 June 2017. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-52].</p>
35. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2015-2016. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 24]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reviewed at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	Pursuant to Decision 2(LII), the BWP 2015-2016 was extended to 2017 and the Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2015 – 2016 under Provisional Agenda Item 10(a)(i) [Document ITTC(LIII/5)].
36. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2017-2018. <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2017-2018 will be considered at the Fifty-second Session of the Council in 2016 	Council	Pursuant to Decision 2(LII), the BWP 2015-2016 was extended to 2017 and a new BWP for 2018-2019 will be presented to Council under Agenda Item 10(b) [Document ITTC(LIII)/7].
37. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second 	Council	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-third Session of the Council and advise on

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projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 21]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</i>	funding out of Sub-Account B.	Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016		eligibility for funding out of Sub-account B.
38. Decide on project work, including financing, taking into account the recommendations made by the Committees on project proposals and on-going and completed approved projects. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The Council at its Fifty-third Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.
39. Make allocations from unearmarked funds available in the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Special Account to fund implementation of eligible approved actions, projects and pre-projects. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 21]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations made at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-third Session of the Council to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.
40. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The progress report on the implementation of the Thematic Programmes will be presented to the Council under Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LIII)/10].

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<i>[ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]</i>				
41. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The Council will receive the Report of the IAG under Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LIII)/2].
42. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Committees presented at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 17 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
43. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). <i>[ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 17 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations of selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
44. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Council	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, in particular the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter <i>Tropical Forest News</i> , the ITTO YouTube channel, (which as of September 2017 contains 47 videos from projects and activities), outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.

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45. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016 	Joint Committees	The Joint Session of the Committees considered the ex-post evaluation report of one project in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Fiftieth Session of the Committee. Due to the impairment of funds no projects have been selected for evaluation in 2017 and there are no reports to be considered at the 53 rd ITTC.
46. Review the independent audited statements for the 2014 and 2015 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i>	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of independent auditors published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2014 and 2015 	CFA	<p>The reports of the Independent audited statements of the 2014 and the 2015 Financial Years have been approved at the 52nd ITTC.</p> <p>The report of the independent audited statement of the 2016 Financial Year will be reviewed by the CFA at its Thirty-second Session, [Document CFA(XXXII)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.</p>
47. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposals for the financial years 2016 and 2017. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i>	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirtieth CFA Report presented at the Fifty-first Session of the Council in 2015 	CFA	<p>The Council approved the draft Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2016 and 2017 at the 51st ITTC held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p> <p>Pursuant to Decision 2(LII) the BWP 2015-2016 has been extended to 2017 and the CFA at its Thirty-second Session will review the draft Biennial Administrative Budget for 2018 and 2019. The CFA may recommend approval of the budget to the Council.</p>
48. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article</i>	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2014 and 2015 presented at the Fifty-first and 	CFA	The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Thirty-second Session as part of the regular work.

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26(3)]		Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016		
49. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work programme, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it. [ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2015-2016 presented at the Fiftieth Session of the Council in 2014 	CFA	The CFA will conduct a review of the draft BWP 2018-2019 at its Thirty-second Session as part of the regular work.
50. Undertake a survey to assess the use of the various ITTO guidelines on the sustainable management of plantations, secondary forests, biodiversity and natural forests in the tropics [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(a), (d), (m), (r)]*	<p>Make provisions to conduct a survey to assess the use of ITTO guidelines which have been developed to address the social, economic and environmental issues of sustainable forest management in the tropics.</p> <p>A survey will be conducted to gather responses from a full range of tropical forest stakeholders, through a professional online survey services provider, with the aim of analyzing the awareness, use and impacts of ITTO guidelines. Information can be used to make guidelines more useful and accessible to a greater number of practitioners while enhancing public appreciation of these resources.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Estimated funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on the use of ITTO guidelines available before the Fifty-second Council Session 	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>On-line survey on the use of ITTO SFM related-policy guidelines has been conducted. The survey asked for views on SFM in the tropics and on the usefulness of the ITTO SFM policy guidelines in developing and implementing SFM in the tropics. The on-line survey received 286 responses. The report was presented to the CRF at its 49th Session. This activity has been completed..</p>
51. Study on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation*	Make provision for a study on the pros and cons of Regional Offices versus Regional Officers including a cost benefit analysis to inform Council's deliberation at its Fifty-first Session on ITTO presence and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation 	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$25,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p>

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	representation in the regions. Estimated cost: US\$25,000 Estimated funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$25,000			The Council has received the report of the consultant during the 51 st Session of the ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pursuant to Council Decision 2(L) the funding for this activity had been made available from the Working Capital Account. The activity has been completed.
	Sub-total 2015: US\$215,000 Sub-total 2016: US\$140,000 Biennium Sub-total: US\$355,000			

**Activities 50 and 51 were added to the BWP on recommendation of the CRF and CFA, respectively at the close of the 50th session and not categorized according to strategic priorities.*

TOTAL 2015: US\$ 5,495,505
TOTAL 2016: US\$ 4,000,004
BIENNIUM GRAND TOTAL: US\$ 9,495,509