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DECISION 1(LIX)

PROJECTS, PRE-PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Having considered at its Fifty-ninth Session the recommendations of the three Committees on Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities and the Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals for the 2023 project cycle, as contained in documents CEM-CFI(LVII)/5, CRF(LVII)/6 and ITTC/EP-58, respectively;

Noting that the time-bound electronic no objection procedures to approve relevant projects taking into account Expert Panel Ratings for Projects and Pre-Projects were conducted during the project cycle for 2023;

Welcoming the expression of interest by donors in several concept notes submitted under the programmatic approach and to be developed into full project proposals for future Council approval and funding, as listed in the annex to this decision;

1. Decides to:

- (i) Endorse the approval obtained through the time-bound electronic no objection procedure for the following Projects and Pre-Projects for the project cycle of 2023:

PPD 203/23 Rev.1 (F)	Support for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in the Oti Plain, Togo (Togo) ITTO Budget \$117,712
PD 927/22 Rev.2 (F) (CN-21002)	Development of an Information System on the Potential of Wood and Carbon to Support Sustainable Forest Management in South Kalimantan, Indonesia (Indonesia) ITTO Budget \$233,300
PD 925/22 Rev.2 (F)	Support to the Local Communities of the Mono Plain for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in Togo (Togo) ITTO Budget \$591,808
PD 931/23 (F) (CN-1527)	Promoting SFM and Local Wood Consumption through Capacity Building and Improving Regulation in the North Zone, Costa Rica (Costa Rica) ITTO Budget \$138,260.00
PD 932/23 (F) (CN-22014)	Assessment and Dissemination of Knowledge and Experience for Ex-Situ Conservation and Plantation of Caoba in Northern Coastal Area, Peru (Peru) ITTO Budget \$84,784
PD 933/23 Rev.1 (M)	5th World Teak Conference: Developing Sustainable Development of the Global Teak Sector - Adapting to Future Markets and Environments (India) ITTO Budget \$188,238

PD 934/23 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening the Conservation of the Critically Endangered Rosewood (*dalbergia spp.*) in Dakrong Nature Reserve and Dong Nai Conservation Landscape, Vietnam (Vietnam)
(CN-21007) ITTO Budget \$148,976

PD 935/23 Rev.1 (I) Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia (Malaysia)
(CN-23025) ITTO Budget \$212,088

- (ii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of the Projects, Pre-Project and Activities as listed in the Annex to this Decision; and
 - (iii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of all the other approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities as soon as earmarked funds are available in the Special Account or in the Bali Partnership Fund Account.
2. Urges Members to consider financing those approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available,
 3. Appeals to Members to make unearmarked contributions to the Thematic Programmes Account and the Special Account,
 4. Further appeals to Members to also make voluntary contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund, particularly to the Sub-Account B of this Fund to finance Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities, and
 5. Requests the Executive Director to continue consultations with potential donors in order to secure financing for those Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available.

ANNEX

Financing during 2023 for Projects, Activities and Concept Notes

(i) Projects:

PD 808/16 Rev.5 (F) Phase I Conservation of African Barwood (<i>Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir</i>) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities (Côte d'Ivoire) – Budget revised in 2023 [Japan \$320,000 (Note 2)]	\$320,000.00
PD 916/21 Rev.2 (F) Pilot Sustainable Management Systems for Secondary Natural Forests in the Collective Afro-Descendant Community Territory of the Bajo Calima Community Council, Municipality of Buenaventura, Colombia (Colombia) – Balance funded / budget revised in 2023 [Japan \$200,000 (Note 2)]	\$200,000.00
PD 935/23 (I) (CN-23025) Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia [Japan \$212,088 (Note 2 and Note 3)]	\$212,088.00
PD 903/19 Rev.2 (F) Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia) [USA \$140,000 (Note 4)]	\$140,000.00
PD 912/20 Rev.2 (I) Strengthening Technical and Business Management in the Timber Forest Industry of Peru (Peru) [Japan \$180,000 (Note 4)]	\$180,000.00

(ii) Activities approved through Decision 2(LVI) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2021-2022 (extended to 2023):

PP-A/53-323K Co-organizing the First Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 2) [China, Macao SAR \$62,000 (Note 2)]	\$62,000.00
PP-A/59-355 Publication of C&I on SFM in Africa (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 7(b)) [Japan \$31,950.72 (Note 2)]	\$31,950.72
PP-A/56-341B Support for women's group with the restoration of forest landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo – Phase 3 (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 11 (c)) [Soka Gakkai \$75,159.71 (Note 1)]	\$75,159.71
PP-A/59-351 Community-based Restoration of Cyclone-affected Vulnerable Mangrove Forests through the Empowerment of Coastal Communities and Women in the Rewa Delta, Fiji (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 11 (d)) [Japan \$350,000 (Note 2)]	\$350,000.00

PP-A/59-352 Community Empowerment in Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia – <i>additional activities to PD 902/19 Rev.3 (F)</i> (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 11(e)) [Japan \$258,000 (Note 5)]	\$258,000.00
PP-A/59-353 (CN-21004) Enhancing the Value of the Secondary Natural Forest through its Sustainable Use, Contributing to Climate Change Mitigation and Generating Rural Employment, within a Post-Covid Context (Costa Rica) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 11(f)) [Japan \$250,000 (Note 2)]	\$250,000.00
PP-A/52-319 ITTO Fellowship Programme (Year 2023) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 Activity: 21) [Kisso-an (Private) \$2,612.88 (Note 2), Japan \$41,754.16 (Note 3), Finland \$5,247.25 (Note 2)]	\$49,614.29
(iii) Activities approved through Decision 2(LIX) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2024-2025:	\$1,140,685.00
PP-A/53-323I Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains – Phase II (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [China, Macao SAR \$1,140,685 (Note 1)]	
PP-A/53-323J Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains – Phase II (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [China, Macao SAR \$326,370 (Note 1)]	\$326,370.00
PP-A/59-357 Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/due care training (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 2) [USA \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$25,000.00
PP-A/54-331A (CN-23026) Enhancing Teak Management – Phase II (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 3) [Germany \$1,413,449 (Note 1)]	\$1,413,449.00
PP-A/52-320 Enhance Cooperation between ITTO and CITES (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 4) [USA \$100,000 (Note 4)]	\$100,000.00
PP-A/59-358 Statistical capacity building workshops (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 6) [Japan \$15,000 (Note 4)]	\$15,000.00
PP-A/59-359 Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 7) [USA \$60,000 (Note 4)]	\$60,000.00

PP-A/59-360 Operationalizing the ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 8 (a)) [USA \$90,000 (Note 4)]	\$90,000.00
PP-A/59-361 Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 8 (b)) [USA \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$20,000.00
PP-A/59-362 Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical production forests (ITTO and CBD) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 9) [Japan \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$20,000.00
PP-A/59-363 Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 10) [USA \$10,000 (Note 4)]	\$10,000.00
PP-A/59-364 ITTO communication strategy / ITTC coverage by ENB (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 12) [USA \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$25,000.00
PP-A/59-365 Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 14 (c)) [Japan \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$25,000.00
PP-A/59-366 Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 15) [USA \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$20,000.00
PP-A/52-319 ITTO Fellowship Programme (Year 2024) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 18) [Japan \$11,729 (Note 4), USA \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$31,729.00
(iv) Other activities	
PP-A/53-323H Policy briefs on 3 Sustainable Wood Use (SWU) projects in Southeast Asia [Japan \$15,000 (Note 3)]	\$15,000.00
PP-A/59-354 Working Group on Matters Pertaining to Article 44 of ITTA, 2006 [Japan \$75,000 (Note 2)]	\$75,000.00
PP-A/59-356 Secondment of Programme Officer from the Korea Forest Service (2024-2026) [Korea \$579,314.67 (Note 1)]	\$579,314.67

Total pledges to Projects and Activities confirmed after the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council to-date: **\$6,120,360.39**

(v) Expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes (Note 5):

CN-21009 \$41,265.00
Strengthening and consolidating the national process for controlling illegal logging and associated trade in Cameroon (Cameroon)
– Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$40,316]
[USA \$41,265 (Note 4)]

Total expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes: **\$41,265.00**

Grand total of pledges confirmed and expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes after the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council to-date: \$6,161,625.39

Note 1: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council through a funding agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.

Note 2: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council (new cash).

Note 3: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council by allocating balance funds from completed projects returned to the donor.

Note 4: Pledges received during the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council.

Note 5: This list is included hereby to provide an official record of donor expressions of interest in Concept Notes made during 2023.

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