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I. Background

At its Forty-Fifth Session in November 2009, the ITTC adopted the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2010-2011 which included Activity 13 entitled "Assess resources required to implement sustainable forest management". These terms of reference are prepared to facilitate the implementation of this Activity.

Financing sustainable forest management has constantly been a crucial theme in the deliberations of ITTC particularly with regard to the achievement of the ITTO 2000 Objective. At its Twentieth Session in 1996, the ITTC through its Decision 8 (XX) invited producer member countries to submit estimates of resources needed and costs incurred in achieving the Year 2000 Objective. Pursuant to this Decision, producer member countries submitted their estimates and a panel of experts was convened in 1997 to assess the accuracy and completeness of the estimates submitted and make recommendations for the mobilization of resources to assist member countries in accelerating progress towards the achievement of the Year 2000 Objective. The findings of the panel indicated that 18 out of the 26 country reports submitted by producer member countries were of variable quality and many countries did not provide information at the level of the forest management unit. The panel did not consider that the aggregate of the estimated submitted by countries could be regarded as a definitive statement on the resources needed to achieve the Year 2000 Objective. However, the panel considered that the ITTC may find it useful to identify the specific costs and resources needed to carry out the highest priority actions for the purpose of mobilising resources or allocating project funds.

Since ITTO has been at the forefront in the development and implementation of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management encompassing 7 thematic areas (1) enabling conditions for SFM; (2) forest resource security; (3) forest ecosystem health and condition; (4) flow of forest produce; (5) biological diversity; (6) soil and water and (7) economic, social and cultural aspects, a specific study to identify priorities across the 7 thematic areas will be conducted. After developing a guidance methodology to estimate the resources required for generating multiple forest-based benefits under sustainable forest management, a comparison review will be carried out through case studies at the national and forest management unit level in selected countries.

In addition, since the five ITTO Thematic Programmes (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade, Community Forest Management and Enterprises, Trade and Market Transparency, Industry Development and Efficiency and Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests) have been approved by Council for implementation on a pilot basis, a specific study on the assessment of the resources need to implement these Programmes beyond 2011 will also be conducted.

II. Terms of reference

1. To review methodologies for defining financial resources required for the achievement of sustainable forest management and the report of the Expert Panel on Resources Needs and Costs incurred in Achieving the year 2000 Objective;
2. To develop guidance methodology to assist Members in estimating the resources to achieve sustainable forest management within the context of ITTO *Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests* (C&I) and the five ITTO Thematic Programmes, taking into account a multipurpose approach to forest management for which the resources may be divided into a few components;
3. To conduct a case study for selected countries (i.e. two countries in each tropical region) in estimating the resources to promote sustainable forest management based on the guidance methodology developed under item 2 above;

4. To convene a panel of experts to review the outcomes of the case studies and refine the guidance methodology for estimating the resources required to promote the sustainable management of each Member's forest resources, as appropriate; and
5. To report the results of the case studies with recommendations for follow-up actions to the Forty-Seventh Session of the ITTC.

III. Budget

Item	Approximate cost (US\$)
A. International consultants (2 consultants x 2 months x US\$10,000)	40,000
B. Panel of Experts (6 experts x US\$5,000 & 2 consultants x US\$5,000)	40,000
C. Travel costs for 2 international consultants (2 consultants x US\$10,000)	20,000
D. Country case studies assistance (6 countries x US\$10,000)	60,000
Sub-total	160,000
ITTO program support (13%)	20,800
Total:	180,800