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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME
FOR 2012-2013**

**[Decision 2(XLVII)]
[Item 13(a) of the Provisional Agenda]**

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 2(XLVII), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2012 and 2013. The document contains the Work Programme as approved in Council Decision 2(XLVII) with an additional column listing implementation status for all activities carried out or being undertaken by Council, the Committees and the Secretariat during the biennium.

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2012-2013 as approved in Council Decision 2(XLVII) includes fifty-one activities to be carried out or undertaken by Council, the Committees and the Secretariat. The activities are divided into Core/Council Activities and Committee Work. Eighteen activities are 'regular session's work' with no cost implications, one activity (Activity 4, Expert Panel) is funded from ITTO programme support and thirty-two activities are seeking voluntary contributions (see Table 1).

	Responsible Body	Activities seeking voluntary contributions	Fully funded	Partially funded	Unfunded
Core/Council Activities	Council	11	5	2	4
	Subtotal	11	5	2	4
Committee Work	Joint Committee	1			1
	CFI	6		2	4
	CEM	8	3		5
	CRF	6	1	1	4
	Subtotal	21	4	3	14
	Total	32	9	5	18

Table 1: BWP 2012-2013 Activities seeking Voluntary Contributions

Core/Council Activities:

Out of the eleven Council activities seeking voluntary contributions, five have received full funding, two have received partial funding and four remain unfunded. The total funding sought is US\$3,427,000, out of which US\$710,000 has been received and US\$2,717,000 are pending.

Committee Work:

Out of the twenty-one Committee activities seeking voluntary contributions, four have been fully funded (including one using funding from the BWP 2008-2009 and one funded under TMT), three have received partial funding and fourteen remain unfunded. The total funding sought is US\$3,590,000 out of which US\$638,755 have been received while US\$2,951,245 are pending.

The total funding sought under the BWP 2012-2013 is US\$7,017,000 out of which US\$1,348,755 has been received, while US\$5,668,245 remain pending.

Main Achievements:

The funding provided under Activity 5 has allowed for ITTO representation and participation in Rio+20 including a joint ITTO-JICA side event on 'Harnessing Tropical Forests for the Transition to a Green Economy', which attracted over 70 participants, including high level officials from Japan, Brazil and Switzerland. On June 19, ITTO participated in and Mr. Ze Meka chaired a high level event hosted by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) titled The Landscape: Transformative Action through Cross-Sectoral Coordination. As well as the heads of most of the 14 members of the CPF, this event included forest ministers or heads of forestry from three countries (Gambia, Korea and the UK) and the current and past presidents of Guyana. ITTO also participated in various other events during the week, including a meeting of the CPF and special events on forestry in the Acre and Amapa states of Brazil.

The new ITTO Draft Strategic Action Plan prepared under Activity 8 will be presented to the Council under provisional Agenda Item 15, Documents ITTC(XLVIII)/11, ITTC(XLVIII)/11/Info and ITTC(XLVIII)/12. The Strategic Action Plan covers the period 2013-2018 and builds on elements of ITTO's previous Action Plans. It will provide strategic guidance on the Organization's overall direction in terms of both policy initiatives and project activities under the ITTA 2006.

Under Activity 10 ITTO has participated in the UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban, South Africa, including the organization of a side event in collaboration with JICA, The Forest Dialogue and IUCN under the theme 'REDD Readiness – Ready for What?' on 7 December 2011 in partnership with IUCN, The Forest Dialogue (TFD) and JICA in order to review the progress of selected field projects that are supporting tropical countries

getting ready for REDD+ implementation. ITTO, in collaboration with IUCN and UNFF, also organized a discussion forum on CPF's Forest Day 5 regarding opportunities and challenges for investments of the private sector in REDD+. It reiterated the importance of the private sector's role in scaling up REDD+ investment in tropical countries. Clear REDD+ mechanism and enabling investment environments in tropical countries are essential for unlocking the full potential of private sector participation in REDD+.

Activity 11 to enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES has conducted a series of activities and additional pledges have been received in 2011-2012. An international workshop on SFM and CITES aimed at sharing experiences gained to date is scheduled for January 2013. The activity continues to support members to implement CITES listings of timber species including through specific assistance to design forest management plans, forest inventories, provide guidelines and case studies for making "Non Detriment Findings" (NDFs), and develop and disseminate tools for timber identification. The progress report of this activity will be presented to the Council under Provisional Agenda Item 10, Document ITTC(XLVIII)/4.

The evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot operation of the Thematic Programmes carried out under Activity 12 will be presented to the Council under Provisional Agenda Item 14b, Document ITTC(XLVIII)/10. It has assessed the effectiveness of the pilot procedures and guidelines set forth in Decision 9(XLIV) and the measures to operationalize them. Based on assessments and lessons learned, it will make recommendations to improve the effectiveness of TP operations under the ITTA, 2006.

With the partial funding received for Activity 27, in-house trainings have been carried out in Ghana to promote efficient wood processing technologies, involving industry owners, managers, supervisors, workers and governmental representatives. The training has strengthened capacity in common problem areas including log stocking and loading, kiln drying and boilers, was doctoring, finger jointing, laminating, packaging, waste control, maintenance and work safety.

Activity 37 which was already funded under the BWP 2008-2009 has been completed with the publication of the report 'Tracking Sustainability' (ITTO TS 40) in October 2012. As the scope of forest products in international trade continues to increase in tandem with the complexity of global supply chains, timber and forest product tracking technologies will play an increasing role in ensuring sustainable and legal supplies of these essential products. ITTO's extensive work in this field concluded that there was a need for a compendium of existing timber tracking technologies to provide countries with detailed information on the features of different systems that are becoming widely available in the forest sector from a range of providers. The report is available on the ITTO website.

The harmonization of the reporting system of the ITTO Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests with the validated and revised ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests' have been completed under Activity 42. The validation process was organized to prepare a final draft integrating comments made by ITTO Member countries on a revised draft presented to the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF) in November 2011 in Guatemala. The process also included three workshops in the three tropical regions. The recommendations were consolidated to produce one document under the title "Final Draft revised ITTO Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests" which will be presented for consideration at the 46th Session of the CRF, Documents CRF(XLVI)/8a and CRF(XLVI)/8b. The revised principles and guidelines are expected to add value to the existing ITTO's SFM Guidelines.

Major Difficulties Encountered:

All activities which have received partial or full funding have been implemented or completed, with the exception of Activity 43 which will be implemented in 2013. The major difficulty encountered is the substantial number of unfunded activities and the limited voluntary contributions received to implement all activities proposed and approved in Council Decision 2(XLVII).

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CORE/COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost Implications	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>1. Continue to publish the ITTO quarterly Tropical Forest Update (TFU). [ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-cutting Actions (d), (f)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. Approve and finance two-year extension of Secretariat-implemented project PD 13/99 Rev.2 (M,F,I). Salary component to be shifted to programme support for 2012.</p> <p>Estimated cost : US\$1,500,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$300,000</p> <p>Programme Support Year 2012 – US\$450,000</p> <p>To be determined Year 2013 – US\$750,000</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$750,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded. Publication of the TFU was suspended at the end of 2011 due to a lack of voluntary contributions.</p>
<p>2. 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)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Action (p)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p> <p>Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions/ Unearmarked funds Year 2012 – US\$40,000 Year 2013 – US\$40,000</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: US\$40,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>Assistance is being provided by the Secretariat for the participation of TAG and CSAG in the Forty-eighth Session of the Council.</p>
<p>3. 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)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011,</p>	<p>Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches as wide an audience as possible by: continuing to improve the ITTO website; editing, publishing and disseminating relevant ITTO reports, including Annual Reports; producing and disseminating outreach materials; and convening side events and exhibiting ITTO outreach materials at relevant events.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding pledged: US\$50,000 Funding pending: US\$100,000</p> <p>Partial funding was pledged in late 2012 for this activity for the maintenance of the Japanese website and the publication of the Annual Report in Japanese. Limited public relations and outreach</p>

<i>Cross-cutting Actions (d), (f)]</i>	<p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$150,000</p> <p>To be determined Year 2013 – US\$150,000</p>		<p>activities were undertaken during 2012 using funds remaining from 2011 and programme support funds. This included maintenance and translation of the ITTO website, publication of the 2011 Annual Report, contribution to the production of CPF SFM Fact Sheets, production of posters and flyers, etc.</p>
<p>4. 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. [ITTA, 2006, Article 26] [ITTC Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)]</p>	<p>Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$380,000 Expected funding sources: Programme Support Year 2012 – US\$190,000 Year 2013 – US\$190,000</p>	<p>Council and Committees</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: US\$190,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>The Forty-third and Forty-fourth Meetings of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals were convened in Yokohama, Japan on 6-10 February 2012 and 30 July-3 August 2012 respectively.</p>
<p>5. Provide for ITTO's participation in and visibility at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) (Rio +20). [ITTA,2006, Article 15] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Actions (n), (o)]</p>	<p>Make provision for effective ITTO participation in and visibility at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 4 to 6 June 2012 including the convening of a side-event and the opening of a booth to exhibit and disseminate ITTO outreach materials.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$100,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>ITTO participated in Rio+20 from 20 to 23 June 2012, conducted the ITTO-JICA Side Event on 'Harnessing Tropical Forests for the Transition to a Green Economy' on 18 June 2012, displayed and disseminated ITTO outreach materials and attended relevant events convened in conjunction with the Conference.</p>
<p>6. 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)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Action (o)]</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$50,000 Year 2013 – US\$50,000</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$50,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded. Using limited funds remaining from a related previous BWP activity, ITTO funded the consultancy for the UNFF Secretariat on the preparation of a background document on strategic policy issues related to forests and economic development in preparation for UNFF 10 in 2013. ITTO also participated in CPF teleconferencing and meetings held in conjunction with events which were attended by</p>

			ITTO as well as in the CPF Organization Led Initiative (OLI) on Forest Financing in support of the UNFF held in Rome from 19 to 21 September 2012 and the meetings of the CPF Advisory Group on Finance (AGF) preceding the OLI.
7. 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> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, EO6, Goal 2(1)]</i>	<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.</p> <p>(a) Make provision for an additional 2-3 national workshops on C&I under Decision 4(XXXIV), incorporating related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshop curricula.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding source: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>(b) Convene an expert meeting to review the ITTO C&I in the light of experience gained in compiling the SFM Tropics reports, recommendations from national C&I workshops, revision of ITTO guidelines and policy papers, the review of field level implementation of the C&I carried out in 2010-2011 and developments in international forestry (e.g. climate change). Print the revised C&I following Council approval.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>(c) 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) and relevant</p>	Council	<p>(a) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p> <p>(b) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p> <p>(c) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$50,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded. ITTO participated in a joint C&I process meeting (including discussions on harmonizing forest</p>

	<p>meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>		<p>reporting) in Jacksonville, Florida, in late August 2012 with travel funds partially provided by FAO.</p>
<p>8. Formulate and approve a new ITTO Action Plan.</p>	<p>Consultancy work and Working Group Meeting to prepare a draft of the next ITTO Action Plan for Council's consideration.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$150,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>The Council, under its Provisional Agenda item 15, will receive and consider the draft ITTO Action Plan 2013-2018 prepared by the Working Group comprising six members from Producer Countries and six members from Consumer Countries, one representative from the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) and one representative from the Trade Advisory Group (TAG).</p>
<p>9. Support for the ITTO Children's Environmental Education Programme on Tropical Forests (CEEP). [ITTA, 2006, Article 1] [ITTC Decision 1(XLIV)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Action (d)]</p>	<p>Following the approval of the Children's Environmental Education Programme on Tropical Forests (CEEP) at the Forty-fourth session of the Council, the Secretariat secured the initial fund to begin the Programme. The first Environmental Education Conference under the CEEP was convened in Yokohama on July 2009. In 2010, a side-event on the Programme was organized in conjunction with the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in Seoul. Activities to be undertaken in 2012-2013 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating research-led supplementary teaching materials • Establishing "school forests" • Leading a forest-friendship experience • Setting up a learning network • Organizing a forest education camp • Dispatching lecturers • Convening another environmental education conference 	Council	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$120,000</p> <p>Using limited funds remaining from a related previous BWP activity, ITTO participated in the Yokohama International Festa 2012 from 20 to 21 October 2012 which included the setting up of the ITTO booth on the theme 'Preserving Africa Forests – the Lungs of the World'.</p>

	<p>Estimated cost: US\$240,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$120,000 Year 2013 – US\$120,000</p>		
<p>10. 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. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (p)]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 1(XXXVIII)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcomes 5 (B), (D), (G), Cross-cutting Action (c)]</i></p>	<p>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 the global debate 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, to make sure that ITTO producer member countries are well informed, actively involved, and benefit from possible incentives for sustainable forest management in the tropics; • 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; • Taking into account the CPF Strategic Framework on Forests and Climate Change, participate in CPF related initiatives on forests and climate change to bring up tropical forest perspectives; and • Invite the Secretariat of the UNFCCC to update the Council on the development of the tropical forest debate under the UNFCCC framework. <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$75,000 Year 2013 – US\$75,000</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: US\$100,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITTO's participation in the UNFCCC COP 17 (Durban, South Africa, December 2011), including the organization of a side event in collaboration with JICA, The Forest Dialogue and IUCN under theme "REDD Readiness-Ready for What?"; ITTO publications exhibit at COP17 and Forest Day 5 organized by CPF members as a parallel event of COP17; co-organization with IUCN and UNFF of a Discussion Forum at Forest Day 5 on Financing Opportunities and Issues for Mitigating and Adaptation with a focus on the private sector; and co-organization with the World Agroforestry Centre of a Discussion Forum on Landscape approaches: The place of agroforestry, afforestation and reforestation in REDD+. • Support the revision and publication of a booklet on REDD+ (2012) in English and Japanese, in partnership with JICA. • ITTO continued co-facilitating (with CBD) and support to the CPF working group on advancing a common message on SFM, addressing issues raised at the global climate change debate regarding sustainable forest management. • Co-sponsoring the International Technical Seminar toward Developing a Framework of Global REDD+ (Tokyo, February 2012) organized by FFPRI of Japan. • ITTO presentation of REDDES Thematic Programme and its climate related projects during Swiss - Philippines Initiative Multi-

			<p>Stakeholder Safeguards Consultation Workshop (Bohol, Philippines, 31 March-1 April 2012), and International Meeting on Forest-based Climate Change Policies and Action Plans in Indonesia (Jakarta, May 2012).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for participation in CPF's Forest Day 6 and in UNFCCC COP 18 (Doha, Qatar, December 2012), organizing a side event in partnership with JICA, FFPRI, UNU-IAS and others on REDD+ and SFM.
<p>11. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 15]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Action (n)]</i></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", the European Commission's further grant in the amount of US\$7,268,000 (EUR 5,000,000) is being envisaged over a period of four years for the ITTO-CITES capacity building programme which commenced earlier in 2006. Matching ITTO contributions from other donors in the amount of US\$3,634,000 (EUR 2,500,000) during the same period are required, with US\$1,817,000 (EUR 1,250,000) for each of the biennial periods.</p> <p>Matching ITTO contributions for 2012-2013: US\$1,817,000 (EUR 1,250,000)</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: US\$800,060 Funding pending: US\$108,440</p> <p>The first installment of funds from the new EC grant was received in early 2012. Additional pledges were received during 2011-2012 from Germany, Norway, USA and the private sector. Regional coordinators for Asia, Africa and Latin America were appointed shortly after receipt of the EC funds. An African regional workshop was held in Cameroon in June 2012 to discuss progress under the first phase of the ITTO-CITES programme and new species for potential CITES listing. Country-specific activities were underway in Brazil, Cameroon, Congo, DRC, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia and Peru as of August 2012, focusing on <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>, <i>Pericopsis elata</i>, <i>Prunus africana</i>, <i>Gonystylus</i> spp and several <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> species from Madagascar. Activities were being prepared in August 2012 by Brazil and Bolivia in liaison with the regional coordinator for possible programme funding. Consultations with the CITES Secretariat have continued throughout 2012 to guide and focus the programme's activities. Publication of the programme newsletter will recommence during the second half of 2012, coinciding with updated information on the programme on both Organizations' websites. An international workshop on SFM and CITES aimed</p>

			at sharing experiences gained to date under the programme is scheduled for January 2013; planning for this workshop is currently underway by the Secretariats, the Asian regional coordinator and host-country Indonesia.
12. Evaluation of the pilot operation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 24.3, 25] [ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV)), 8(XLIV), 10 (XLIV) [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Part II]	Pursuant to Decision 9(XLIV), the effectiveness of the pilot operation of the Thematic Programmes will be reviewed and evaluated after three years, i.e. in 2012. Estimated cost: US\$90,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions	Council	Funding received: US\$90,000 Funding pending: Nil The evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot operation of the Thematic Programmes will be presented to the Council at its Forty-eighth Session under Provisional Agenda item 14b.
13. Consider impact of the global economic and financial crisis on the tropical timber sector and help countries build resilience to future downturns by understanding timber demand drivers. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (k), (m)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Action (c), Expected Outcome 3 (G)]	Consider the final report of the study on 'Improving Resilience of the Tropical Timber Sector to the Impacts of Global and Regional Economic and Financial Crises' undertaken under TMT-SPD 002/10 Rev.1 (M).	Council	The final report is to be presented for the consideration of the CEM at its Forty-sixth Session.
14. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2012-2013. [ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Delivery, monitoring and evaluation]	Regular Sessions' work	Council	The progress report on the implementation of the Biennial Work Programme for 2012-2013 will be presented at the Forty-eighth Session of the Council to be convened in Yokohama, Japan on 5-10 November 2012.
15. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2014-2015. [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	Council	Consistent with the entry into force of the ITTA, 2006 and the explanation given in Document ITTC(XLVIII)/8, a draft Biennial Work Programme for 2013-2014 will be presented at the Forty-eighth Session of the Council in 2012.

<p>16. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-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></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Forty-eighth Session of the Council.</p>
<p>17. 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></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council at its Forty-eighth Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.</p>
<p>18. Make allocations from un-earmarked 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></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on Sub-Account B funding.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Forty-eighth Session of the Council to decide on the allocations from the available unearmarked funds.</p>
<p>19. 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> <i>[ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The progress report on the implementation of the Thematic Programmes will be presented to the Council at its Forty-eighth Session under Provisional Agenda item 14a.</p>
<p>20. Undertake the biennial review and assessment of the international timber situation. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 28]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Cross-Cutting Actions (c), (j), Expected Outcome 3 (A)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Document ITTC(XLVIII)/4 on the 'Elements for the Annual Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2012' will be presented to the Council at its Forty-eighth Session under item 11 of its Provisional Agenda.</p>

21. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	Council	The Council will receive the report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the IAG under item 9 of its Provisional Agenda.
22. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	Council	The Council at its Forty-eighth Session will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Sessions of the Committees under item 21 of its Provisional Agenda.
23. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). <i>[ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work	Council	The Joint Session of the Committees will consider the ex-post evaluation reports of two (2) projects in the field of Forest Industry and eight (8) projects in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Forty-sixth Session of the Committees.
24. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	Council	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website and in the Annual Report.

COMMITTEE WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost Implications	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
25. Disseminate and share information on the outputs, outcomes, impacts and lessons learned from ITTO's project work and its contribution to sustainable forest management. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (r)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 6 (F), Cross-Cutting Action (f)]</i>	Disseminate and share information on the outputs, outcomes, impacts and lessons learned from ITTO's project work and its contribution to SFM and sustainable development in member countries, with special focus on poverty alleviation and sustainable development of local communities. (a) Building from the results of the meta-evaluation of the ITTO projects, make provisions for holding of regional workshops in the three tropical timber producing regions with the aim to disseminate and share outputs, outcomes, impacts and lessons learned from ITTO's project work and its contribution to SFM and sustainable development	Joint Committees	(a) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$250,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.

	<p>in ITTO member countries. Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions/Pooled Sub-Account for Ex-Post Evaluations</p> <p>(b) In partnership with FAO, CIRAD and CIFOR, develop and disseminate a study on results of multipurpose forest management in selected ITTO producer countries.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>(c) In collaboration with members of the CPF, support the production of Fact-Sheets on SFM to be disseminated as policy briefs at relevant meetings related to sustainable development, including Rio + 20.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>(d) Assess resources required to implement sustainable forest management.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>		<p>(b) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$40,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p> <p>(c) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$40,000 The funding was mobilized from remaining funds allocated for climate change components in the 2010-2011 BWP and 2012-2013 BWP. The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) released eight new fact sheets that highlight the key role of sustainable forest management in sustainable development. These fact sheets were circulated at Rio + 20 and are available at http://www.cpfweb.org/76228/en/.</p> <p>(d) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$40,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>26. Support selected producing member countries to promote wood-based bioenergy using wood residues and waste. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (c), (f),</i></p>	<p>Based on the outcomes and recommendations of the International and Regional Fora on Wood-based Bioenergy using wood wastes and residues, the activity aims at further assisting member countries to develop proposals on wood-based bioenergy.</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000 This activity remains unfunded.</p>

<p>(p), (s)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 2 (A)]</p>	<p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>		
<p>27. Strengthening the capacity to promote efficient wood processing technologies in tropical timber producing countries. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcomes 2 (A), (C)]</p>	<p>This pilot activity will focus in producing member countries in the Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean Regions in which their forest industries production chains encounter problems of inefficiency and lack of human resource capacity.</p> <p>The scope of the in-house training to be provided to industries in producing member countries, 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.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$78,755 Funding pending: US\$171,245</p> <p>In-house trainings have been carried out in Ghana (Kumasi, Berekum, and Accra) from 11 to 15 June 2012, covering five factories (sawmill, wood working, veneer/plymill, and furniture).</p> <p>This activity has involved industry owners, managers, supervisors, workers, as well as government representatives. The activity has raised awareness and understanding of the stakeholders toward the importance of improving efficiency in the forest industry production chains to help achieve SFM.</p> <p>With the funds remaining, this activity will be continued in 2-3 selected member countries in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean Regions.</p>
<p>28. Matching the needs of forest industry with the innovations, technologies and know-how developed through ITTO projects. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i), (p)] [ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, FI Outcomes 1 (D), (I), FI Outcomes 2 (A), (C), Cross-Cutting Action (a)]</p>	<p>During the last 10 years ITTO projects under the Committee of Forest Industry have produced a number of innovations, technologies and know-how. As recognized in the ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, the role of Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs) has been growing in the national and international markets of forest products. Findings, outputs and lessons from completed ITTO projects are valuable sources to support the development of SMEs in the forest industry sector. ITTO can further contribute to the development of forest industry by disseminating developed technologies and know-how that match the current needs of SMEs.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$80,000 Funding pending: US\$20,000</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, the Secretariat started the compilation of a database of private sector associations and informal consultations with potential consultants in order to design the relevant questionnaires to identify the current industry needs, that later can be matched with the innovations, technologies and know-how developed through ITTO projects.</p>

<p>29. Demonstration and adoption of credit schemes for Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the forest sector. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1(g)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 1 (A)]</i></p>	<p>One of the main recommendations of various investment fora organized by ITTO is the promotion of accessible credit lines for Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs). It was subsequently demonstrated by the ITTO project PD 233/03 Rev.2 (I) that the establishment of a credit line associated with effective capacity building enables SMEs to move-up in a production chain. In this activity, ITTO will further demonstrate the effectiveness of the financing model developed through ITTO project, by making provisions to assist two selected producer member countries in replicating the credit scheme for their SMEs.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$120,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$120,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>30. Promoting innovations in the utilization of tropical timber. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i), (p)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 2 (D), Cross-Cutting Action (a)]</i></p>	<p>Currently, technology transfer and innovations for utilizing tropical timber are not adequately promoted compared with temperate and boreal timber. Even amongst tropical timber producing countries, there are considerable differences in the capacity and capabilities to produce innovative products. In this activity, ITTO will support producer member countries to promote innovations in the utilization of tropical timber by investigating main drivers of and barriers to the development and application of innovative technologies. Under this activity ITTO will conduct a baseline study on the innovative technologies applicable for the efficient utilization of tropical timber in producer member countries and hold an international workshop to disseminate the results of the study.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$150,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>31. Development of Environmental Product Declaration (EDP) for three tropical wood products. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1 (a), (f), (s)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 1 (D),</i></p>	<p>Compile Environmental Product Declarations (EPD's) through the development of a Life Cycle Inventory database and comparative Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) reports for three products, namely meranti plywood, ipe decking and khaya lumber representing three geographic regions.</p>	CFI	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>

<i>Expected Outcome 2 (C)]</i>	Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding source: Voluntary Contributions		
32. 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 2012 and 2013. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(e), (h)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 3 (B)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions. Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$50,000 To be determined Year 2013 – US\$50,000	CEM	Year 2012 Funding received: US\$50,000 Funding pending: Nil The Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2012 on the theme 'Trading in Challenging Markets'.
33. Continue to publish the ITTO bi-weekly Market Information Service (MIS). <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 3 (C)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work. Approve and finance the two-year extension of project PD 16/93 Rev.4 (M) implemented by the Secretariat. Estimated cost : US\$480,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$240,000 To be determined Year 2013 – US\$240,000	CEM	Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$240,000 This activity remains unfunded. The publication of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) under the MIS has been suspended since January 2012.
34. Enhance the technical capacity of member countries, particularly developing member countries, to meet the statistics and reporting requirements. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 28(5)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 3 (D)]</i>	Upon request, provide assistance to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting. This activity was not funded under the 2010-2011 BWP and is submitted again due to its continuing relevance. Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$50,000 Year 2013 – US\$50,000	CEM	Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$50,000 This activity remains unfunded. Using limited funds remaining from related previous BWP activities, and in collaboration with FAO, a statistics workshop for Central America is planned for 2-4 October 2012 in Panama. A second joint ITTO-FAO statistics workshop is planned for late 2012 if funding for this activity is secured.

<p>35. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 27]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcomes 3 (D), (E)]</i></p>	<p>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 Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire Process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$50,000</p> <p>To be determined Year 2013 – US\$50,000</p>	CEM	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$50,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded. Using limited funds remaining from related previous BWP activities, ITTO has participated in the meeting of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics held in Geneva, Switzerland on 14-15 February 2012.</p>
<p>36. Review of the timber market in two significant tropical timber importing countries. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(e), (h)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 3 (F)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. Provisions for the studies and markets to be covered may be proposed by the Committee.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$100,000 Year 2013 – US\$100,000</p>	CEM	<p>Year 2012 Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>37. Continue to promote improvement in forest law enforcement. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1(n)]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 6(XXXI)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 4 (A)]</i></p>	<p>In cooperation with FAO, continue, as necessary and upon request, to disseminate and promote use of "Best Practices for Improving Law Enforcement in the Forest Sector", developed jointly by ITTO and FAO, and provide for feedback from the workshops. The cooperation will include developing a compendium of the current state of national technologies for monitoring illegal logging and related trade for consideration and approval of the Council. This activity was funded under the 2008-2009 BWP; an international workshop to review the compendium developed in 2011 and make recommendations for further work in this area will be convened in 2012.</p>	CEM	<p>This activity requiring US\$200,000 was funded under the 2008-2009 BWP. The compendium was completed and the ITTO Workshop on Tracking Technologies for Forest Governance was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15 to 17 May 2012, attracting the participation of some 100 participants representing governments, inter-national organizations, industry and NGOs. The workshop report, including the compendium and all presentations, will be posted on the ITTO website.</p>

<p>38. Promote trade in tropical timber and tropical timber products from sustainably managed and legally harvested sources. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcomes 4 (A), (B)]</i></p>	<p>(a) Consider outcomes and lessons learned from the development of innovative timber tracking systems implemented under the 2010-2011 BWP.</p> <p>(b) 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>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CEM	<p>(a) Three of the six approved proposals for the development of innovative timber tracking systems had been fully implemented and the remaining three proposals are being implemented in Central African Republic, Papua New Guinea and Guyana.</p> <p>(b) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$300,000</p> <p>This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>39. Analyze the economic impact of governmental procurement policies on tropical timber markets.</p>	<p>With a view to facilitating an in-depth consideration by the Committee on issues relating to legality and procurement policies, the activity will involve the preparation of a background paper that will, <i>inter alia</i>, cover the elements contained in the annexed TOR.</p> <p>One consultant from an ITTO producer member country and one consultant from an ITTO consumer member country will assist the Executive Director in the preparation of the background paper.</p> <p>The paper will be prepared in consultation with ITTO member countries, the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) of ITTO and other relevant parties.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$150,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>A small project proposal TMT-SPD 013/12 (M) with a budget of US\$150,000 has been submitted by the Secretariat. It has been approved and is being funded under the ITTO Thematic Programme on Trade and Market Transparency (TMT).</p>

<p>40. Promote the understanding of the contribution of environmental services to the sustainable management of tropical forests.</p> <p><i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(g), (j), (m), (q), (r), (s)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 5 (E), (G)]</i></p>	<p>Organize an International Forum on Environmental Services with the aim of enhancing the capacity of members to develop strategies to strengthen the contribution of forest environmental services in the implementation of sustainable forest management, and cooperating with relevant institutions and processes to this end. The Forum shall cover aspects related to conservation of tropical forest ecosystems, existing experiences and knowledge on payment for environmental services (PES), forest carbon as an emerging forest commodity, equity and gender balance in benefit sharing, and others.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CRF	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$300,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>41. Review and update the ITTO Guidelines for the Establishment and Sustainable Management of Planted Tropical Forests to take into account recent developments in tropical forestry.</p> <p><i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(j), (m)]</i> <i>[Yokohama Action Plan 3.2, Goal 2(1)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 6 (F)]</i></p>	<p>Assess, review and update the <i>ITTO Guidelines for the Establishment and Sustainable Management of Planted Tropical Forests</i> (PS 4, 1993), taking into account new developments emphasizing the role of tree planting in the tropics, including timber supply, energy production, provision of environmental services, restoration potential, as well as the potential of agroforestry and trees outside forests to provide forest goods and services.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	CRF	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$250,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>
<p>42. Harmonize the reporting system of the ITTO Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests with the validated and revised ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests.</p> <p><i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (f), (l), (p)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 6 (A), (B)]</i></p>	<p>The expert meetings in Thun (Switzerland, June 2010) and in Antimary (Brazil, August 2011) convened under the 2010-2011 BWP resulted in the production of the final draft of the revised and updated <i>ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests</i>; there is a need for testing the new Guidelines and fine tune the reporting system of the <i>Revised ITTO Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests</i> (ITTO PS 15, 2005). This validation exercise shall be carried out with strong stakeholder participation in three selected ITTO timber producing countries (one in each tropical region), with the aim to</p>	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$130,000 Funding pending: Nil</p> <p>Activities undertaken since the last Council Session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting the Draft Revised ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests on ITTO website from 1 December 2011 to 31 March 2012 for ITTO member countries' comments. Subsequently, the ITTO Secretariat has received a wide range

<p><i>Cross-cutting Action (b)</i></p>	<p>check its consistency, applicability and usefulness in promoting SFM at different levels.</p> <p>The testing and validation includes assessment of the Guidelines in the field with forest managers (state, private sector and communities) and a national workshop to validate the guidelines in different contexts. For the national workshops, adjustments in the reporting system of the ITTO Criteria and Indicators for SFM will be discussed, in line with the revised SFM Guidelines, strengthening the linkages between the SFM Guidelines and the C&I process. The outputs of these workshops will feed into the C&I review process contained in Council Activity 7.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$130,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>		<p>of comments from ITTO member countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-contract with International Consultant to refine the Draft Revised ITTO Guidelines through the participation in three workshops in the three tropical regions with a view to validating the Draft Revised ITTO Guidelines. • Organization of three Workshops on Validating the Draft Revised ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 10-12 July 2012; Libreville, Gabon, 16-18 July 2012 and Punta Sal, Peru, 14-16 August 2012). • Presentation of the final draft ITTO Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests for the Forty-sixth session of the CRF in November 2012.
<p>43. Promote the implementation of guidelines for the management of secondary tropical forests, the restoration of degraded tropical forests and the rehabilitation of degraded forest land. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(j), (m)] [ITTC Decisions 1(XXXV), 4(XXXV)] [Action Plan 2008-2011, Expected Outcome 6 (B), (C)]</p>	<p>Make provisions for ITTO, in collaboration with the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR) and national institutions to establish and consolidate a learning network of forest landscape restoration model sites for demonstration, exchange of experience and dissemination of best practices, including in the progress and new opportunities for the management of secondary tropical forests, restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests land, as a contribution of ITTO to the Bonn Challenge, a global call for the restoration of 150 million ha by 2020 using a forest and landscape restoration approach.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$50,000 Funding pending: US\$50,000</p> <p>Following consultations with the GPFLR, it was decided to implement this activity under the 2013-2014 BWP when full funding may be available for establishment of the learning network.</p>
<p>44. Facilitate the application of the <i>ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests</i>. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(m), (r)]</p>	<p>Pursuant to Decision 6(XLVI), ITTO is required to promote the application of Biodiversity Guidelines at a range of scales in partnership with the timber producers, local communities and other stakeholders. In cooperation with other international organizations, civil society organizations and others, encourage</p>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$100,000</p> <p>This activity remains unfunded.</p>

<p><i>[ITTC Decision 6(XLVI)]</i> <i>[Action Plan 2008-2011,</i> <i>Expected Outcomes 6 (B), (E),</i> <i>(G)]</i></p>	<p>members and timber producing companies to adapt and make use of the <i>ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests</i> wherever appropriate in their work, including in ITTO project proposals and reporting.</p> <p>Support will be provided to interested member countries and forest concessionaires to formulate proposals to adapt and implement the Guidelines at forest management unit level, as well as for the dissemination of the Guidelines in relevant fora.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>		
<p>45. Contribute appropriately to national and international efforts in the area of prevention and management of fire in relation to tropical timber-producing forests. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1(m)]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 6(XXXIII)]</i> <i>[ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011,</i> <i>Expected Outcome 5 (C)]</i></p>	<p>(a) Review and update the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests to take into account the scientific insights of the state of forests and forest protection in the tropics in the last 15 years and the progress made in fire management research and development globally.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>(b) Further ITTO's commitment as a Core Member of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Global Wildland Advisory Group, and the related Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN) and the 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.</p>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>(a) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$150,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p> <p>(b) Funding received: Nil Funding pending: US\$150,000 This sub-activity remains unfunded.</p>

	<p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2012 – US\$75,000 Year 2013 – US\$75,000</p>		
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FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost Implications	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>46. Review the independent audited statements for the 2011 and 2012 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee at its Twenty-seventh Session in November 2012, will consider the audited Financial Statements of the Organization and the Reports of the Independent Auditor for the year 2011, and if satisfactory, will subsequently recommend to the Council for its approval.</p>
<p>47. Make recommendations to Council on the appointment of auditor for a three-year term for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Organization for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 financial years. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Council at its Forty-sixth Session, subsequent to the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration, appointed the audit firm "Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, Tokyo" to audit the Accounts of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) for the Financial Years 2010, 2011 and 2012, keeping in view that the appointment of an Audit firm for the financial years 2012 or the re-engagement of this same Auditor, on annual basis, is subject to satisfactory performance. However, in November 2013, the Committee on Finance and Administration will recommend to the Council the appointment of a new Independent auditor for a three-year term for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Organization for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 financial years</p>

<p>48. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's biennial administrative budget proposals for the financial years 2014-2015. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>Based on what Council decides at this Session, the Committee at its Twenty-eighth Session in November 2013, will review and make recommendations to the Council on the Organization's administrative budget for the year 2014.</p>
<p>49. Review and make recommendations to Council, as necessary, regarding the Organization's administrative budget for the year 2013. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee at its Twenty-seventh Session in November 2012, will review and make recommendations to the Council on the administrative budget for the year 2013</p>
<p>50. 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 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee will conduct a review at its Twenty-seventh Session in November 2012, as part of the regular work.</p>
<p>51. 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. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee will conduct a review at its Twenty-seventh Session in November 2012, as part of the regular work.</p>