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ITTO supports REDD+ capacity building in Myanmar

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, 8 November 2012: An agreement on the implementation of an ITTO project on REDD+ capacity building in the context of sustainable forest management was signed by the government of Myanmar and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) today. Emmanuel Ze Meka, the Executive Director of ITTO and H.E. Win Tun, Minister of Environmental Conservation and Forestry of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met at ITTO's headquarters in conjunction with the on-going 48th session of the International Tropical Timber Council. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders in the country in the design and implementation of REDD+ activities with the specific aim of facilitating the preparation of REDD+ national strategies and the establishment of a robust **Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)** system for teak-bearing forests in Myanmar's Bago Yoma Region. The project will be implemented by Myanmar's Forest Department starting in December 2012.

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