



# International Expert Meeting on Addressing Climate Change through Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests



Yokohama, 30 April – 2 May 2008

# Objective



- **Promoting the role of tropical forests and their sustainable management in climate change mitigation and adaptation.**



## Expected results

- Clarify and illustrate the role of ITTO in climate change adaptation and mitigation in relation to tropical forests, and
- Assist members in formulating and implementing an integrated forest-sector response to climate change.



# Focus

Addressing climate change through sustainable forest management (SFM)

- **Mitigation**

- REDD
- Carbon sequestration (A&R, restoration)
- Carbon substitution

- **Adaptation**

- Vulnerability of forests and forest sector
- Coping strategies through SFM



# Comparative advantages



- Intergovernmental organization operating under the ITTA, an agreement negotiated and signed by 60 producers and consumer countries, under the auspices of the UN.
- A forum where issues pertaining tropical forests can be discussed and dealt with
- A lean, flexible and responsive Secretariat to implement the decision of the ITTC

**An action-oriented organization, assisting member countries to put policies into practice.**

**More than US\$ 300 million invested in about 750 projects in member countries over the last 20 years**

- **Active member of the CPF - Collaborative Partnership on Forests**
- **Wide range of partners including Governments, international and regional organizations, private sector representatives, local communities and NGOs.**

# Working modalities of this meeting

## Open ceremony

- Raising the issues
- Involving the authorities and the public
- Debating the context

## Statements & key note speeches

- What is going on
- The state of knowledge

## Country cases

- The field reality, challenges and expectations



# Working groups

## *Thematic focus (Day 2):*

- 1) **Carbon sequestration**  
(A&R, restoration)
- 2) **Reducing emissions**  
(managing carbon pools, REDD)
- 3) **Substitution** (of high carbon-emitting schemes to lower emitting schemes)
- 4) Tropical forests and **adaptation** to climate change



# Working groups

*Regional focus (Day 3) :  
Needs for development  
and implementation of  
forestry mitigation and  
adaptation measures:*

1) Africa

2) Asia-Pacific

3) Latin America and  
the Caribbean





# Conclusions and recommendations

By the end of the Meeting we should...

- ✓ Have a **common understanding** of the role of sfm of tropical forests to address climate change.
- ✓ Identify the **actions** that ITTO, its members, partners and other key stakeholders should do to address climate change through SFM.
- ✓ Identify forest related **issues** relevant to key forthcoming policy events (TICAD IV, UNFCCC, G8, others).

# Let's work together

- Be proactive
- Put up your questions
- Share your experience

