



FIFTIETH SESSION
3 – 8 November 2014
Yokohama, Japan

**REPORT OF THE PANEL
ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND
AT ITS TWENTIETH MEETING**

[Item 20(b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
2. The Panel was chaired by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Ms. Ellen Shaw of U.S.A., and composed of:
 - (a) Three representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
 - (i) Mr. Toshiharu Yamamoto (Japan);
 - (ii) Dr. James K. Gasana (Switzerland); and
 - (iii) Dr. Rowena Watson (U.S.A.).
 - (b) Three representatives from producer member states, one from each geographic region:
 - (i) Mr. Hermel López (Panama) – Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (ii) Mr. Gbanzai Mouhoke Napoleon Paul (Côte d'Ivoire) – Africa; and
 - (iii) Mr. Maidiward (Indonesia) – Asia-Pacific.
 - (c) The Executive Director:
Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka
3. The Panel held its Meeting on Thursday, 6 November 2014 and Friday, 7 November 2014 during the Fiftieth Session of the Council.
4. The Secretariat introduced the working document to the Members of the Panel and a copy of the Decision 4(XXX) – Management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund; the reports of the Panel held at the last Session of the Council, and information regarding the financial status of the Bali Partnership Fund.
5. The Secretariat informed the Panel that as of the end of the Forty-ninth Session of the Council, forty-eight Activities (including Activities for the biennial work programme), five Pre-Projects and five Projects had been approved for financing through the resources of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
6. As of 7 November 2014, the total funds received in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund since its establishment, amount to US\$19.72 million, out of which US\$19.58 million had been allocated. The available fund balance as of 7 November 2014, amount to US\$142,612.23.
7. The Secretariat added that the Council, at its Thirty-fifth Session in November 2003, approved the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration to expand the scope of work of the Panel on the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund to oversee the allocation of resources from the "Unearmarked Funds" in the Special Account as an interim measure.

8. The Secretariat further informed that the current estimated funds available in the "Unearmarked Funds" as of 7 November 2014 amount to US\$254,041.07 after taking into account the total allocations of US\$13.37 million, made at the previous Sessions held from November 2003 to November 2013.

9. The Secretariat distributed the list of Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities pending finance to the Panel members. The Panel, together with inputs from the Secretariat, examined the list and suggested that the following Activities from the Biennial Work Programme for the years 2015 – 2016 would be eligible for funding from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and/or the Unearmarked Fund of the Special Account:

Activity no. 4(a) (PP-A/49-292) Promote the publication, dissemination and application of the *ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable management of Natural Tropical Forests*

- Publish the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines as a policy document in three languages (English, French and Spanish) and disseminate these guidelines to key stakeholders in ITTO member countries and the international community.

Estimated Cost:	\$100,000.00
Funding pending:	\$100,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$100,000.00

Activity no. 20 (PP-A/50-302) Improve branding, positioning and marketing of ITTO.

- As a follow-up to the fundraising and knowledge management strategies developed for ITTO under the BWP 2013-2014, this activity aims at improving ITTO's visibility among international organizations, as well as other platforms (i.e. private sector, academy, donors, NGOs, etc.) by delivering compelling case studies and messages on the added value of the work of ITTO in promoting SFM and legal and sustainable timber trade.

Estimated Cost:	\$250,000.00
Funding pending:	\$250,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$50,000.00

Activity no. 26 (PP-A/50-304) Consider advice from and facilitate involvement of the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG).

- Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.

Estimated Cost for 2015-2016:	\$80,000.00
Funding pending:	\$80,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$20,000.00

Activity no. 28 [PD 99/99 (I)] Decide on eligible fellowship applications in 2015 and 2016 based on the recommendations of the Fellowship Selection Panel.

- Participation in short term training courses, training internships, study tours, lecture/demonstration tours and international/regional conferences;
- Technical document preparation, publication and dissemination, such as manuals and monographs; and
- Postgraduate studies.

Estimated Cost for one year:	\$400,000.00
Funding pending:	\$400,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$100,000.00

Activity no. 29 (PP-A/50-306) Enhance the technical capacity of member countries, particularly developing member countries, to meet the statistics and reporting requirements.

- Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting

Estimated Cost for 2015-2016:	\$100,000.00
Funding pending:	\$100,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$25,000.00

Activity no. 32 (PP-A/50-307) Improving forestry extension schemes to ensure the implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) and contribute to the conservation of tropical forest ecosystems.

- A five-day international seminar will be organized in a selected country in Latin America in October 2015 to discuss forestry extension services and schemes with the aim of contributing to the field practice of sustainable management of tropical forests and tropical forest ecosystems.

Estimated Cost:	\$300,000.00
Funding pending:	\$300,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$100,000.00

10. After allocating the funds to the Activities above, the remaining balances under the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund will become \$1,653.30 and \$nil, respectively.

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