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### **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015-2016**

#### **[Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda]**

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 2(L), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2015 and 2016. The document contains the Work Programme activities as approved in Council Decision 2(L). The columns on 'Expected SAP Outcomes' and 'SAP Indicators' have been replaced by the column reflecting the 'implementation status' of all activities carried out and being undertaken by the Council, the Committees and the Secretariat during the biennium. For information on the columns on 'Expected SAP Outcomes' and 'SAP Indicators' please consult the BWP 2015-2016 as approved in Council Decision 2(L).

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2015-2016 as approved in Council Decision 2(L) includes fifty-one activities grouped in accordance with the strategic priorities identified in the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 (SAP) plus routine, administrative and financial activities. The activities are under the responsibility of the Council and the Committees. Fifteen activities are 'regular session's work' with no cost implications, six activities are funded from core budget and 30 activities are seeking voluntary contributions.

The total funding sought under the BWP 2015-2016 is US\$9,471,488. This amount is divided into US\$ 1,773,329 from the core budget and US\$ 7,698,159 from voluntary contributions (see Table 1). US\$ 50,000 for Activity 4b has already been pledged under the BWP 2013-2014. Activity 25 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by a grant from the EU in the amount of Euro 4 million through 2018 and is not included in the calculation of the voluntary contributions sought under this BWP.

Table 1: BWP 2015-2016 Funding by Budget Source

Budget Source	BWP total US\$	US\$ received
Approved under Core Budget	\$1,773,329	\$873,654
Voluntary Contributions sought	*\$7,698,159	\$2,705,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,471,488</b>	<b>\$3,579,017</b>

\*includes US\$50,000 (Activity 4b) pledged under the BWP 2013-2014

Table 2 divides the voluntary contributions by strategic priority of the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018. It reflects the voluntary contributions sought by year and the contributions received so far. At the time of preparing this report voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$ 2,705,363 have been received, which is equivalent to 35.4% of the total voluntary contributions sought under this BWP. More than half of the funding received (US\$1,430,000) was for Activity 8, ITTO-CITES (Strategic Priority 2). Routine Activities included two activities (Act. 50 – Survey on the use of ITTO Guidelines; Act. 51 – Study on regional representation) seeking voluntary contributions. Both activities have received full funding, i.e. Activity 50 from voluntary contributions and Activity 51 from the Working Capital Account (pursuant to Council Decision 2(L)). Both activities have been completed and will be reported to the 51<sup>st</sup> ITTC.

Table 2: BWP 2015-2016 Voluntary Contributions sought/received by Strategic Priority

Strategic Priority/ Routine Activities	Voluntary Contributions sought			Voluntary Contributions received	
	2015	2016	Biennium Total	US\$	%
Strategic Priority 1	\$995,000	\$480,000	*\$1,475,000	\$120,000	8.1 %
Strategic Priority 2	\$936,830	\$886,829	\$1,823,659	\$1,430,000	78.4 %
Strategic Priority 3	\$520,000	\$420,000	\$940,000	\$50,000	5.3 %
Strategic Priority 4	\$370,000	\$140,000	\$510,000	\$127,555	25.0 %
Strategic Priority 5	\$390,000	\$340,000	\$730,000	\$180,000	24.7 %
Strategic Priority 6	\$1,255,000	\$839,500	\$2,094,500	\$722,808	34.5 %
Routine Activities	\$75,000	NIL	\$75,000	**\$75,000	100.0 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,541,830</b>	<b>\$3,106,329</b>	<b>*\$7,648,159</b>	<b>\$2,705,363</b>	<b>35.4 %</b>

\*US\$50,000 received for Activity 4b under BWP2013-2014 have been deducted

\*\*Includes US\$25,000 from the Working Capital Account for Activity 51

Table 3 shows the number of activities under each Strategic Priority and under Routine, Administrative and Financial Activities and includes the number and funding status of activities seeking voluntary contributions.

Out of the thirty activities seeking voluntary contributions, three activities (10.0 %) have received full funding, sixteen activities (53.3%) have received partial funding and eleven activities (36.7%) remain unfunded.

Table 3: Funding status of BWP activities seeking voluntary contributions by Strategic Priority

Strategic Priority	Activities		Funding Status		
	Total	Seeking Vol. Cont.	Full funding	Partial funding	No funding
1. Promote Good Governance and Enabling Policy Frameworks for Strengthening SFM and Related Trade, and Enhancing SFM Financing and Investment	6	6	0	3	3
2. Strategic Priority 2: Increase the Contribution of Tropical Forests to National and Local Economies, Including through International Trade	2	2	-	1	1
3. Strategic Priority 3: Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Producing Forests	3	3	-	1	2
4. Strategic Priority 4: Reduce Tropical Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhance the Provision of Environmental Services	3	3	-	2	1
5. Strategic Priority 5: Improve the Quality and Availability of Information on Tropical Forests, Forest Product Markets and Trade	11 <sup>1,2</sup>	6	1	3	2
6. Strategic Priority 6: Build and Develop Human Resource Capacity to Implement SFM and Increase Trade in Forest Goods and Services from Sustainably Managed Forests	8	8	-	6	2
7. Routine, administrative and financial activities	18 <sup>3</sup>	2	2 <sup>4</sup>	-	-
Totals	51	30 (100%)	3 (10%)	16 (53.3%)	11 (36.7%)

<sup>1</sup> Activity 19 has components funded from Core Budget and from Voluntary Contributions

<sup>2</sup> Six activities are funded from Core Budget

<sup>3</sup> Fifteen activities are regular sessions' work with no budget implications, one activity under Core Budget (Act. 34, Expert Panel)

<sup>4</sup> Activity 51 (US\$25,000) is funded from the Working Capital Account

The categorization of activities by responsible body is reflected in Table 4. Twenty six activities are under responsibility of the Council, one under Council/Committees, one under the Joint Committees and four under the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA). The remaining nineteen activities are responsibility of the technical Committees, i.e. eight under Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF), five under Forest Industry (CFI) and six under Economics, Statistics and Markets (CEM).

Out of thirteen activities seeking voluntary contributions under responsibility of the Council, eleven have received full or partial funding and two remain unfunded.

Out of seventeen activities seeking voluntary contributions and under responsibility of the ITTO technical Committees, eight have received full or partial funding and nine remain unfunded. While all four activities under CEM have received full or partial funding, none of the five activities under CFI has received any funding yet. Under CRF four activities have received full or partial funding, while four remain unfunded so far.

Table 4: Funding status of BWP activities by responsible body

Responsible Body	Activities		Funding Status		
	Total	Seeking Vol. Cont.	full	partial	no
1. Council	26	13	1	10	2
2. Council/Committees	1	-	-	-	-
3. Joint Committees	1	-	-	-	-
4. CFA	4	-	-	-	-
5. CEM	6	4	1	3	-
6. CFI	5	5	-	-	5
7. CRF	8	8	1	3	4
	51	30	3	16	11

### **Status, Progress, Achievements:**

Below a brief compilation of the progress made and achievements of the activities which have received full or partial funding. For more details please refer to the respective activity in the BWP Progress Report.

**Strategic Priority 1: Promote good governance and enabling policy frameworks for strengthening SFM and related trade and enhancing SFM financing and investment**

All six activities under this priority are seeking voluntary contributions. Three activities have received partial funding (Act.2; Act.4a; Act.6b).

- Under Activity 2, the draft report of the consultant Activity 2 will be presented under provisional agenda Item 18 [Document ITTC(LI)/12].
- Under Activity 4a the 1<sup>st</sup> regional workshop on the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17-20 August 2015. The report will be presented to the 49<sup>th</sup> CRF under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/9].
- Under Activity 6b ITTO has provided partial funding for printing the Spanish version of FRA 2015 and using funding from the BWP 2013-2014 ITTO has assisted in the review of modules of the FAO SFM toolbox. ITTO has participated in the CFRQ data review meeting in June 2015

**Strategic Priority 2: Increase the contribution of tropical forests to national and local economies including through international trade**

Both activities under this priority are seeking voluntary contributions. Activity 8 has received partial funding, Activity 7 remains unfunded.

- Under Activity 8, the progress report of the ITTO-CITES program will be presented under Provisional Agenda Item 10 [Document ITTC(LI)/5]

**Strategic Priority 3: Enhance conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber producing countries**

All three activities under this priority are seeking voluntary contributions. One activity has received partial funding.

- Under Activity 10, the report on the review of actions taken by ITTO and others related to conserve, restore and sustainably manage mangrove forests and ecosystems will be presented to the 49<sup>th</sup> CRF under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/9]

**Strategic Priority 4: Reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation and enhance provision of environmental services**

All three activities under this priority are seeking voluntary contributions. Two activities have received partial funding.

- Under Activity 12b, the report on the study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products will be presented to the 49<sup>th</sup> CRF under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/12]
- Under Activity 14b, ITTO is supporting 14 participants to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference 2015. A side event has been scheduled and the special TFU edition on Forest Fires has been published

**Strategic Priority 5: Improve the quality and availability of information on tropical forests, forest product markets and trade**

Under this priority, eleven activities have been approved. Five activities are funded from the core budget, five activities are seeking voluntary contributions and one activity (Activity 19) has sub-activities funded from the

core budget and from voluntary contributions (partially funded). Activity 25 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by the EU through a grant of € 4,000,000 for the period 2014-2018. Out of the remaining four activities seeking voluntary contributions, two have received partial funding and two remain unfunded.

The activities supported by the core budget include:

- Activity 15 Publication of the ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)
- Activity 16 Preparation and conduct of the Annual Market Discussion in collaboration with the Trade Advisory Group (TAG)
- Activity 17 Publication of the ITTO Tropical Timber Market Report under the Market Information Service (MIS) Activity 18: Enhancement of ITTO statistical work and databases on statistics
- Activity 19 Enhance public relations, education and outreach activities
- Activity 22 Undertake the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation

All above activities have been fully implemented. Under Activity 19 several technical reports have been published, co-published and disseminated, including:

- PS 20 'Voluntary SFM Guidelines';
- TS 34 'Carbon Benefits of ITTO Projects' (with partial support from Activity 21);
- TS 44 'Timber Procurement Policies';
- ITTO Annual Report 2014
- Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation
- TS 45 'Europe's Changing Tropical Timber Trade' is in preparation
- Three issues of the ITTO e-Newsletter 'Tropical Timber News' have been published
- New posters have been developed on 'New Voluntary Guidelines for SFM', 'Mangroves', 'Thematic Programmes', 'ITTO Fellowship' and 'Integrated Fire Management'.

Under Activity 20 the Secretariat will conduct an analysis of projects and activities that have compelling results to develop cases for support, based on the projects that are declared as completed at this session.

As a continuation of Activity 22 (Knowledge Management) from the BWP 2013-2014 and using remaining funds of that activity, the re-development and improvement of the ITTO website and the synchronization & integration of the different ITTO web-based systems (e.g. OLMS, project database) into a new ITTO 'project solution' is ongoing under Activity 21 (in close collaboration with Activity 19). Also under Activity 21, the synthesis of the aggregated achievements of the ITTO Thematic Programmes on REDDES and TFLNET has been completed and will be presented by the consultant under Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda 'Progress Report of the Thematic Programmes'.

Under Activity 25 the IMM Lead Consultant will present a detailed progress report to the 49<sup>th</sup> CEM. The baseline report on EU imports of tropical timber was completed and will be published in ITTO's Technical Series (TS 45 'Europe's Changing Tropical Timber Trade') before the end of the year.

### **Strategic Priority 6: Build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM and increase trade in forest goods and services from sustainably managed forests**

All eight activities under this priority are seeking voluntary contributions. Six activities have received partial funding, while two remain unfunded.

Under Activity 26 support will be provided for the participation of TAG and CSAG at the Council Sessions in 2015 and 2016.

Under Activity 27 the Secretariat has attended the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) meeting to discuss CPF input to the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), 26-27 November 2014, the Ad Hoc Expert Group 2 (AHEG2), 12-16 January 2015 and associated CPF meetings, and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF 11).

Under Activity 28, the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme [Document ITTC(LI)/13] and the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel [Document ITTC(LI)/14] will be presented to the Council under Provisional Agenda Item 19.

Under Activity 29 discussions with FAO have been held and a proposal has been made for a regional workshop to strengthen statistics collection and enhance reporting in the Caribbean (possibly Trinidad and Tobago) in late 2015 or early 2016.

Under Activity 32 the Secretariat is in talks with representatives of several Latin American countries on the possibility to organize a five-day international seminar to discuss forestry extension services and schemes, possibly in late 2016.

Activity 33 will be implemented by TRAFFIC. The work plan and budget proposed by TRAFFIC have been approved. The activity will commence as soon as the funding pledged for this activity has been received by ITTO.

### **Routine, Administrative and Financial Activities**

Under this category, eighteen activities have been approved. Fifteen activities are 'regular sessions work' with no cost implications. Activity 34 (Expert Panel) is funded from Core Budget. Activity 50 has been fully funded from voluntary contributions and Activity 51 has been funded from the Working Capital Account.

Under Activity 34 the 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Expert Panels were convened in Yokohama, Japan on 2-6 February 2015 and 27–31 July 2015 respectively. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Item 1 [Documents ITTC/EP-49, ITTC/EP-50].

Under Activity 50 an on-line survey on the use of the ITTO SFM related guidelines has been conducted. The report will be presented to the 49<sup>th</sup> CRF under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX/10)].

Under Activity 51 the Council will receive the report on the study on regional ITTO presence and representation under Provisional Agenda Item 16 [Document ITTC(LI/10)]

### **Concluding remarks and difficulties encountered**

At this stage, out of the 30 activities seeking voluntary contributions under the approved BWP 2015-2016, three have received full funding, sixteen partial funding and eleven remain unfunded. Six (sub)activities have been completed and will be presented to the Council or the respective technical Committee for approval. Other activities with at least partial funding are ongoing. The following activities have been completed:

- Activity 2 Development of ITTO Guidelines to incorporate gender equity in the Organization's activities, programmes and projects in member countries
- Activity 4a Publish the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines as a policy document in the three languages (English, French and Spanish) and disseminate these guidelines to key stakeholders in ITTO member countries and the international community
- Activity 12b Study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products
- Activity 22a Publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2013-2014 in the first half of 2015
- Activity 50 Undertake a survey to assess the use of the various ITTO guidelines on the sustainable management of plantations, secondary forests, biodiversity and natural forests in the tropics
- Activity 51 Study on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation

For activities which have received full or partial funding, no major difficulties have been encountered. Under Activity 19, the development of a new ITTO website and the integration of the various ITTO web-based

systems have experienced some delays due to mainly technical issues, but the development and testing of the new system is ongoing. Also, the funding pledged for some activities (e.g. Activity 33) has been received late by the Secretariat with the effect that activity implementation was delayed accordingly. The major obstacle against full implementation of the BWP 2015-2016 is the substantial number of activities which have received only partial (16) or no (11) funding yet.

## PROGRESS REPORT

### BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015-2016

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: PROMOTE GOOD FOREST GOVERNANCE AND FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>1. Undertake studies in collaboration with relevant partner organizations to review the achievement of sustainable management of tropical timber producing forests. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 28(4a)]</i></p>	<p>Make provisions for work on the preparation of ITTO's third report on the State of Tropical Forest Management (SFM Tropics 2016). Analysis will be conducted for SFM progress against the baseline set in the SFM Tropics 2005 and 2011 reports.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$600,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$400,000 Year 2016–US\$200,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFM Tropics 2016 report published by the end of 2016</li> <li>• Special TFU published summarizing findings of SFM Tropics 2016 report</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 400,000 Year 2016 US\$ 200,000</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>
<p>2. Development of ITTO Guidelines to incorporate gender equity in the Organization's activities, programmes and projects in member countries.</p>	<p>A consultant will be recruited to draft ITTO guidelines on gender equity. To this end, he/she should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the gender guidelines of other international organizations;</li> <li>• Analyze different ITTO instruments and tools particularly those that are most commonly used by ITTO member countries, and identify which of these instruments would require the incorporation of gender-related mechanisms for their implementation;</li> <li>• Prepare a draft of ITTO Gender Guidelines, including a training module;</li> <li>• Propose at least five gender-related indicators for future Strategic Action Plans and for future work.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated Cost: US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of ITTO Gender Guidelines.</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 10,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 25,000 Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>No programme support cost was deducted from this pledge. Additional funding to support this activity was provided through Admin 322 available to the Executive Director for consultancy services. The report of the consultant will be presented to the 51<sup>st</sup> ITTC Session under Provisional Agenda Item 18 [Document ITTC(LI)/12]</p>



	Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$35,000			
3. Demonstration and adoption of credit schemes for Small-Medium Forest Enterprises (SMFEs). [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(g)]	<p>Through a previous ITTO project, a credit scheme for SMFEs has been developed with the high potential of replication and scaling-up. The activity will assist three ITTO selected producer countries in replicating the credit scheme for SMFEs. This work commenced via a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2013-2014.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$125,000 Year 2016–US\$125,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The credit schemes for SMFEs replicated in three member countries</li> </ul>	CFI	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 125,000 Year 2016 US\$ 125,000</p> <p>This activity, which commenced in Indonesia with partial funding under the 2013-2014 BWP, continued in 2015 using limited remaining funds from the 2013-2014 BWP activity. Five (5) SFMEs located in West Java, Indonesia have been assessed as potential creditors. Three SFMEs have been granted credit loans in May 2015 (CV.Sumber Kayu) and June 2015 (CV NS Bintang Timur and CV. Kaindo), for an amount of US\$150,000 for two years payback period each.</p>
4. Promote the publication, dissemination and application of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (f), (l), (o), (p)] [ITTTC Decision 4(XLIX)]	<p>Pursuant to Decision 4(XLIX) <i>ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest</i>, the following activities are planned:</p> <p>(a) Publish the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines as a policy document in the three languages (English, French and Spanish) and disseminate these guidelines to key stakeholders in ITTO member countries and the international community.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$100,000</p> <p>(b) Organize three regional capacity building training workshops (one in each tropical region) to facilitate the effective and wider application of the Voluntary Guidelines in particular to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for SFM published in three ITTO working languages in 2015</li> <li>Three regional capacity building workshops conducted in three</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest were published in English, French and Spanish as Policy Development Series 20. <a href="http://www.itto.int/policypapers_guidelines/">http://www.itto.int/policypapers_guidelines/</a></p> <p>USB memory stick (1000 copies) containing all ITTO SFM related guidelines were produced. A new poster entitled “Guiding SFM in the Tropics” was also produced.</p> <p>PS20 “Voluntary SFM Guidelines” has been printed and distributed in EN, FR and SP.</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 110,000 Year 2016 US\$ 80,000</p>

	<p>revitalize and renew the basics of sustainable forest management especially among professional foresters of producer member countries.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$240,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$50,000 already pledged under Activity 34 of the 2013-2014 BWP)  Year 2015–US\$110,000  Year 2016–US\$80,000</p>	tropical regions in 2015 and 2016		<p>The 1st Regional Workshop on ITTO Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 17–20 August 2015. The Workshop was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, the Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia and Forest Research Institute Malaysia. It was attended by a total of 24 participants from forestry agencies of eight member countries in Asia-Pacific region. The report will be presented to the CRF at its 49th Session under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/9].</p>
<p>5. Facilitate the improvement of forest concession policies and practices for tropical timber production forests.  [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1 (i), (m), (n)]</p>	<p>This activity will facilitate the improvement of forest concession policies and practices for tropical timber production forests in collaboration with FAO, Brazilian Forest Service (BFS) and International Technical Tropical Timber Association (ATIBT) and other relevant organizations and institutions through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization of an International Workshop on Forest Concessions in Porto Velho - Rondonia, Brazil in August 2015 (tentative);</li> <li>• Development and dissemination of a policy brief and a practical guide to enhance development, implementation and assessment of forest concession policies and practices for policy makers and forest managers and practitioners; and</li> <li>• Promotion of collaboration among ITTO member countries, co-organizers of the International Workshop, and relevant organizations and institutions.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions  Year 2015–US\$150,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Workshop on Forest Concession convened in 2015</li> <li>• A policy brief and practical guidance developed in 2015</li> <li>• Promoted collaboration among ITTO member countries, co-organizers of the International Workshop, and relevant organizations and institutions</li> </ul>	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL  Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 150,000  Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p>

<p>6. Continue to monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. [ITTC Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work, which includes monitoring the implementation of Decision 4(XXXIV) under which 28 national workshops to promote application of C&amp;I have already been implemented. The two components below were also included in a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2013-2014.</p> <p>(a) Make provision for an additional 2-3 national workshops on C&amp;I (with focus on new member countries) incorporating related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshop curricula.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Participate in international C&amp;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 including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&amp;I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$25,000 Year 2016–US\$25,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two to three national C&amp;I training workshops convened</li>   <li>• Relevant meetings attended; collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>This sub-activity is pending financing.</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ 10,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 10,000 Year 2016 US\$ 40,000</p> <p>ITTO has agreed to provide partial funding for printing the Spanish version of FRA 2015 based on CFRQ inputs; ITTO will be recognized on the FRA for this contribution. Translation and design of the FRA are complete and printing is underway.</p> <p>ITTO is also assisting with reviewing modules of the FAO SFM Toolbox using limited funding remaining from a related 2013-2014 BWP activity.</p> <p>ITTO participated in the CFRQ data review meeting in June 2015 and will participate in a CFRQ partner booth and side event at WFC in September 2015.</p>
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	<b><i>From BWP 2013-2014:</i></b>	<b>US\$ 50,000</b>			
	<b>Sub-total 2015:</b>	<b>US\$ 995,000</b>			
	<b>Sub-total 2016:</b>	<b>US\$ 480,000</b>			
	<b>Biennium Sub-total:</b>	<b>US\$1,525,000</b>			

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL FORESTS TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>7. World Teak Conference 2015: Strengthening the Global Teak Market for Sustainable Development. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (p)]</p>	<p>In close cooperation with relevant international, regional and national organizations (TEAKNET, FAO, ASOTECA and IUFRO), the 3rd World Teak Conference 2015 will be organized in May 2015 in Ecuador. The Conference focuses on past achievements, the current state of knowledge and future challenges for the sustainable development of the global teak market. Conference presentations and discussions will include social, economic, technical and environmental issues that have an impact on the production, marketing and trade of teakwood.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring in policy makers, researchers and academicians, practitioners, civil society, the private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in the sustainable development of Teakwood to discuss on past achievements, the current state of knowledge and future challenges for the sustainable development of the global teak market.</li> </ul>	<p>CFI</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>Supported the Conference with a Silver sponsorship (US\$3,000) using unspent budget (US\$6,074.75) of the related BWP 2008-2009 activity (PP-A/43-230). Also paid ITTO lifetime membership fee to Teaknet using remaining unspent budget of related BWP 2008-2009 activity (PP-A/43-230).</p>
<p>8. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES. [ITTA, 2006, Article 15] [ITTC Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)]</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”, a second grant of approximately US\$6,200,000 (EUR 5,000,000) from the European Commission was approved in early 2012. This grant extends over a period of four years and allows continued implementation of the ITTO-CITES capacity building program which commenced in 2006. Matching ITTO contributions from other donors in the amount of approximately US\$3,063,725 during the four-year period are required under the contract with the EC, with US\$ 1,290,066 already pledged during 2011-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three countries with improved inventory designs</li> <li>• Three tracking/monitoring systems established</li> <li>• Three regional training/experience workshops conducted</li> <li>• Reduced number of trade suspensions of</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 1,430,000</p> <p>Funding pending Year 2015: US\$ NIL Funding pending Year 2016: US\$ 343,659</p> <p>The funding received includes US\$1,130,000 received in late 2014 and US\$300,000 received in 2015.</p> <p>See document ITTC(LI)/5 for a complete progress report on this activity.</p>

	<p>2013, leaving a balance of US\$1,773,659 to be sought until the end of the EC grant period in 2016. The amount sought from donors during this biennium is therefore US\$886,830 per year.</p> <p>ITTO contributions: US\$ 1,773,659          Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions          Year 2015–US\$ 886,830          Year 2016–US\$ 886,829</p>	CITES listed timber species		
	<p><b>Sub-total 2015: US\$ 936,830</b>  <b>Sub-total 2016: US\$ 886,829</b>  <b>Biennium Sub-total: US\$1,823,659</b></p>			

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: ENHANCE THE CONTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL TIMBER PRODUCING FORESTS TO THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>9. Consider impacts of conservation and protection in transboundary areas in relation to achieving SFM.  <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(m), (q), (n), (q), (r)]</i>  <i>[ITTC Decision 2(XLV)]</i></p>	<p>Organize an international conference on biodiversity conservation in transboundary tropical forests with aim of promoting the development and implementation of forest policy, governance and institutional arrangements towards effective conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in transboundary forests, taking into account ITTO and partners' experiences in transboundary conservation areas. This conference will be held in a selected country in the Congo Basin as a follow-up to the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests held in Quito, Ecuador on 21-24 July 2010 in collaboration with CBD Secretariat, IUCN and the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador. The conference in the Congo Basin will also cover the enhancement of forest law enforcement, and governance (FLEG) in tropical transboundary conservation areas.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000          Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions          Year 2015–US\$300,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests convened in 2015</li> </ul>	CRF	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL          Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 300,000          Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>This activity is pending funding.</p>

<p>10.Promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (j), (m), (q), (r), (s)]</i></p>	<p>Strengthen practical actions and partnerships to facilitate the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove forests and ecosystems, specifically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing actions having been taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders to conserve, restore and sustainably manage mangrove forests and ecosystems, including best practices and innovative approaches such as PES; and</li> <li>• Organizing an international conference in June/July 2016 in close collaboration with ISME and other partners to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share lessons learned and challenges and opportunities recognized for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove forests and ecosystems; and</li> <li>• Discuss and identify strategies and practical actions which ITTO and its member countries can take, such as the development of a comprehensive action plan, the improvement of database and information system and the enhancement of partnerships for knowledge sharing and capacity development.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-US\$50,000 Year 2016-US\$250,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A synthesis report produced to review the actions having been taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders; and</li> <li>• An international conference on mangrove forests convened in 2016</li> </ul>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 0 Year 2016 US\$ 250,000</p> <p>Review of actions taken by ITTO and other organizations and stakeholders to conserve, restore and sustainably manage mangrove forests and ecosystems has been conducted. The report will be presented to the CRF at its 49<sup>th</sup> Session under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/9]</p>
<p>11.Facilitate the application of the <i>ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests.</i> <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(m), (r)]</i></p>	<p>Pursuant to Decision 6(XLVI), application of the ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines will be promoted through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization of three regional capacity building training workshops (one in each tropical region), as part of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity (ITTO/CBD Initiative), to facilitate the wider and effective application of the ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three regional training workshops convened</li> <li>• Participation of ITTO at the relevant international meetings increased in 2015 and 2016, including the</li> </ul>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 170,000 Year 2016 US\$ 170,000</p>

<p><i>[ITTC Decision 6(XLVI)]</i></p>	<p>Guidelines;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness raising and promotion of partnerships and fundraising at the international meetings for the wider application of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines and the implementation of ITTO/CBD Initiative, and dissemination and promotion of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines at other relevant fora;</li> <li>• Organization of side events at the relevant major international meetings, such as CBD COPs, on the achievements of ITTO/CBD Initiative and their contribution to the attainment of forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets; and</li> <li>• Enhancement of the organized participation of ITTO member countries in the global debate related to the biodiversity conservation and landscape restoration to facilitate them in taking integrated approaches toward the conservation of biodiversity in tropical forests, including the effective and wider application of ITTO/IUCN Biodiversity Guidelines.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$340,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions  Year 2015–US\$170,000  Year 2016–US\$170,000</p>	<p>organization of side events</p>		
	<p><b>Sub-total 2015: US\$520,000</b>  <b>Sub-total 2016: US\$420,000</b>  <b>Biennium Sub-total: US\$940,000</b></p>			

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: REDUCE TROPICAL DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION AND ENHANCE PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>12. In cooperation with relevant organizations, continue to study the implications of climate change for</p>	<p>(a) 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 global debates related to the role of tropical forests in climate change mitigation and</p>	<p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in two UNFCCC COPs in 2015 and 2016 and the organization of</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>(a)</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ NIL  Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000  Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>Using limited resources available, the following</p>



<p>tropical forests and the contribution of tropical forests to the mitigation of the effects of climate change. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (p)] [ITTC Decision 1(XXXVIII)]</p>	<p>adaptation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at UNFCCC meetings where tropical forests will be brought to debate;</li> <li>• Facilitate the participation of ITTO member countries in events where the theme of forests and climate change will be high in the agenda; and</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Study on carbon removals and emissions associated with production and use of harvested tropical wood products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the relevant documents and research findings for the estimation of carbon removals and emissions, including the related work of ITTO;</li> <li>• Implementation of a case study to estimate carbon content, emissions from production and duration in the end-use markets for some selected tropical wood products; and</li> </ul>	<p>side events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in four selected forest and climate change related meetings</li> </ul> <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A case study conducted to estimate carbon content, emissions from processing and duration in the end-use markets</li> <li>• A synthesis</li> </ul>	<p>activities were supported: Dr Jürgen Blaser updated the 49th ITTC on developments in UNFCCC/IPCC regarding forests and their potential implications for tropical forests under Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda. Co-organization of two side events at the UNFCCC COP 20 (Lima, Peru, 1-12 December 2014): 'Forest conservation in Peru' jointly with JICA and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency; and 'ITTO's contribution to SFM and climate-change mitigation and adaptation in Peru' jointly with JICA, CBD, CITES, Asociación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Integral (AIDER) and other Peruvian partners.</p> <p>Co-sponsoring the International Seminar for Climate Change and Forests: REDD+ Finance Mechanism and Its Optimum Use (February 3-4, 2015, University of Tokyo, Japan) jointly with the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), CIFOR, JICA and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES),</p> <p>Joint publication of the 3rd edition of the ITTO-JICA REDD+ booklet and of UNU-IAS/ITTO Policy Report on Strengthening Development in International-Local Institutional Linkages in REDD+: Lessons from Existing Forest-Carbon Initiatives.</p> <p>(b) Funding received: US\$ 67,554.91 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 2,445.09</p> <p>This activity has been completed. The report will be presented to the CRF at its 49<sup>th</sup> Session under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/12]</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of methodologies available for the estimation of long-term carbon removals and emissions associated with the production and use of tropical wood products.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions  Year 2015–US\$70,000</p>	report on the methodologies available for the estimation of carbon removals and emissions associated with the production and use of tropical wood products		
13.Continue to promote the understanding of the contribution of environmental services to the sustainable management of tropical forests. <i>[Decision 2(XLVII)]</i>	As a follow-up to the recommendations of the International Forum on Payments for Environmental Services of Tropical Forests (San José, Costa Rica on 7-10 April 2014) jointly organized by ITTO, FAO, and Costa Rica's National Fund for Forest Finance (FONAFIFO), this activity will continue the promotion of PES schemes to support innovative and sustainable financing for SFM. <p>(a) Make provision for the conduct of PES case studies from selected successful initiatives by assessing development policies, laws, governance and institutional implementation arrangements to enable the effective design and implementation of PES schemes in the tropics.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions  Year 2015–US\$50,000  Year 2016–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Participate in important international PES related meetings/networks, including financing for SFM</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000  Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions  Year 2015–US\$20,000  Year 2016–US\$20,000</p>	(a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine case studies from successful examples of PES schemes conducted</li> </ul> (b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant PES meetings/networks attended; collaboration with other organizations to promote PES schemes</li> </ul>	CRF	Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 70,000 Year 2016 US\$ 70,000  This activity is pending funding.

<p>14. Contribute to national and international efforts in the prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests. [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(m)] [ITTC Decision 6(XXXIII)]</p>	<p>(a) Together with FAO review and update the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests and the FAO Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines to take into account scientific insights into the state of forests and forest protection in the tropics in the last 15 years and the progress made in fire management and climate change research and development globally</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-US\$80,000 Year 2016-US\$20,000</p> <p>FAO: TBD (approx. US\$10,000)</p> <p>(b) Make provisions for ITTO's contributions to the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Global Wildland Advisory Group, and the related Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN) / 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 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in 2015 in South Korea, and further organize a side-event and support the attendance of up to 18 participants from producer member countries implementing ITTO fire-related projects to present and interchange experiences at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in 2015 in South Korea.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-US\$100,000</p>	<p>enhanced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised ITTO Guidelines published in 2016</li> <li>Assistance to three preparatory fora in three ITTO producing regions provided</li> <li>Assistance to the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference provided to 6 participants from each of the three ITTO producing regions and the organization of a side event</li> </ul>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 80,000 Year 2016 US\$ 20,000</p> <p>Funding received: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 40,000 Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>ITTO is currently providing support for the Africa, Asia, and Latin America Regional Wildland Fire Networks and other inter-institutional cooperation efforts in their preparatory meetings for the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in October 2015 in South Korea, and further organize a side-event and support the attendance of up to 18 participants from producer member countries implementing ITTO fire-related projects to present and interchange experiences at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference to be held in 2015 in South Korea.</p> <p>To date 14 participants have been selected jointly with GFMC to attend WildFire 2015.</p> <p>The special TFU edition on Forest Fires has been published in both paper and e-version. Printing of other outreach materials on fire is on the way.</p>
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	<b>Sub-total 2015:</b>	<b>US\$370,000</b>		
	<b>Sub-total 2016:</b>	<b>US\$140,000</b>		
	<b>Biennium Sub-total:</b>	<b>US\$510,000</b>		

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON TROPICAL FORESTS, TIMBER MARKETS AND TRADE**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>15. Continue to publish the ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU). [ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$520,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$260,000 Year 2016–US\$260,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to four issues of TFU published and distributed in three ITTO working languages both in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 260,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 260,000</p> <p>For the year 2015 up to four issues of TFU have been planned. The following issues have been published at the time of preparation of this report (September 2015):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue 24-1, entitled "Moving beyond the conflict of procurement"</li> <li>Issue 24-3, entitled "Putting a break on wildfire"</li> </ul> <p>Issue 24-3 is under production and will focus on the work carried on Environmental Product Declaration for tropical timber products. Issue 24-4, will be ready towards the end of 2015 and it may focus on the new Voluntary SFM Guidelines.</p> <p>Four issues will be planned for the year 2016.</p>
<p>16. 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 2015 and 2016. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(e), (h)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$35,000 Year 2016–US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 35,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 35,000</p> <p>With the approved financing of US\$35,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2015, the Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2015 on the theme 'Raising the Profile of Tropical Timber in the Market Place' in conjunction with the Fifty-first Session of ITTC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16 to 21 November 2015.</p>

<p>17. Continue to publish the ITTO Market Information Service (MIS). <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p> <p>Estimated cost : US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$200,000 Year 2016–US\$200,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to forty-six TTMRs published in 2015 and 2016 (23 issues per year)</li> </ul>	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 200,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 200,000</p> <p>With the approved financing of US\$200,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2015, twenty-three issues of the TTMR are scheduled to be published in 2015.</p>
<p>18. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 27]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. 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 Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$20,000 Year 2016–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in two meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group in 2015 and 2016</li> <li>• Updating and refinement of JFSQ</li> </ul>	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 20,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 20,000</p> <p>With the approved financing of US\$20,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2015, ITTO participated in the meeting of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGS) held at ITTO Headquarters from 27-29 January 2015 to consider revisions to be proposed to the harmonized system of customs classification and preparations for the distribution of JFSQ. A subscription to the Global Trade Atlas was purchased to facilitate ITTO's statistical analyses of timber trade. Further integration of price series into a database as well as further development of the primary and SPWP products database will be achieved during 2015-2016.</p>
<p>19. Further enhance public relations, education and outreach activities to best convey the achievement of the objectives of the Organization. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1] [ITTC Decision]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p> <p>Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches as wide an audience as possible by:</p> <p>(a) Undertaking regular communications and outreach activities including, inter alia, improvements and updates to the ITTO website in the three official languages; publishing and disseminating relevant ITTO reports, including</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to three new technical series documents published and disseminated</li> </ul>	Council	<p>(a) Funding received: US\$ 84,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$34,021 Year 2016 US\$90,000</p> <p><u>Updates and improvements and to the current ITTO website:</u></p> <p>During the year 2015, the ITTO website (www.itto.int), which is available in English, French, Spanish and Japanese, was updated</p>

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				<p>reports and other materials: ITTO has published the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS20 “Voluntary SFM Guidelines” has been printed and distributed in EN, FR and SP.</li> <li>• TS43 “Carbon benefits of ITTO projects”, has been printed and distributed.</li> <li>• TS44 “Timber procurement policies” has been printed and distributed.</li> <li>• ITTO annual report 2014 has been printed and distributed</li> <li>• Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation has been published and distributed.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>At the time of preparation of this report (September 2015) a new technical report is under production, TS 45 “Europe’s changing tropical timber trade”. Budget for PS and TS publications comes from the budget allocated to the various relevant activities in the BWP.</p> <p>In addition three issues of the electronic newsletter, Tropical Forest News have been published at the time of preparation of this report (September 2015)..</p> <p>New posters have been completed in EN, FR and SP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New voluntary guidelines for SFM (regular poster + roll up banners)</li> <li>• Mangroves</li> <li>• Thematic programmes</li> <li>• Fellowships</li> <li>• Integrated fire management</li> </ul> <p>The fundraising brochure was translated and printed into Japanese for the International symposium to combat illegal logging and tis associated trade.</p>
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	<p>(b) Outreach materials and booths to exhibit the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium (e.g. UNFCCC CoP21 in Paris 2015, XIV World Forestry Congress, CBD CoP in 2016, UNFF-11, 23-COFO, and other fora not covered under other BWP activities)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$169,308 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$84,654 Year 2016–US\$84,654</p> <p>(c) Coverage of ITTC session by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international for a</li> <li>• Daily digital coverage of ITTC sessions</li> </ul>		<p>(b) Funding received: US\$ 84,654 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$84,654</p> <p><u>Exhibit the work of ITTO at international events:</u></p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report (September 2014) arrangements have been made to secure ITTO’s participation at the XIV World Forestry Congress, including 5 side events and a booth to display and distribute relevant reports, publications and outreach material.</p> <p>ITTO has secured a side event and a booth at the 6th Wildland Fire Conference. TFU issue 24-2 “Putting a break on wildfire” has been produced as contribution to the Conference.</p> <p>ITTO will also participate and have a booth at AFoCo Forest Week 12-15 October 2015.</p> <p>(c) Funding received: US\$ 30,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 20,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p><u>Coverage of ITCC session by ENB:</u></p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report (September 2015), ITTO is in negotiations with ENB for coverage of ITTC-51. Nonetheless donors are encouraged to provide funding so that the activity may be fully funded.</p>
<p>20. Improve branding, positioning and marketing of ITTO. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (b), (f), (h), (o)]</p>	<p>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,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two high quality videos of the work of the organization;</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 100,000 Year 2016 US\$ 100,000</p> <p>Based on the projects that are declared as</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000          Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions          Year 2015–US\$150,000          Year 2016–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimedia developed and disseminated;</li> <li>• Printed material (pamphlets, brochures, and posters)</li> </ul>		<p>completed at this session, the Secretariat will conduct an analysis of projects and activities that have compelling results to develop cases for support. The analysis will be follow by a plan for the production of appropriate material, including filmmaking in the field including testimonials from stakeholders in a particular area/region in order to maximize the resources and minimize costs.</p> <p>Since the activity is not fully funded, donors are encouraged to provide resources so that the activity may be fully funded.</p>
<p>21. Implementation of the ITTO Knowledge Management Strategy and Action Plan – [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(c), (r)]</p>	<p>The activity is the continuation of Activity 22 under the BWP 2013-2014 to ‘Develop an ITTO knowledge management strategy and knowledge management guidelines’ and comprises the implementation of the ‘ITTO Knowledge Management Strategy and Action Plan’ approved at the 49th ITTC, Libreville, Gabon. It includes the following components:</p> <p>a) ITTO staff capacity building/training</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$30,000          Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$30,000 from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>b) Enhanced learning and networking including at the regional level (through ITTO regional officers)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$30,000          Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$30,000 from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>c) Re-examination of the ITTO KM Strategy overall goals and objectives</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITTO Staff training on communication tools including social networks;</li> <li>• Improved ITTO networking in particular at the regional level</li> <li>• Targeted publications on specific projects</li> <li>• Re-examination report of the KM Strategy &amp; Action Plan objectives</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL          Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 50,000          Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>Using remaining funding from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014, the main emphasis in 2015 has been on the development of a new ITTO website and in particular on the development of a new ITTO ‘Project Solution’, which will integrate the current Online Monitoring System (OLMS) and the ITTO Project Database into one system. The work is ongoing and is carried out in close collaboration with Activity 20.</p> <p>In terms of activities to improve project learning and knowledge use and sharing, the synthesis of the aggregated achievements of the ITTO Thematic Programmes on REDDES and TFLET towards the programmatic objectives has been completed and will be presented by the consultant under Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda ‘Progress Report of the Thematic Programmes’.</p> <p>Networking activities include ITTO’s involvement in the ongoing discussions on the coordination of Phase 2 of the Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN). The network has been developed during Phase 1 (2011-2014) by</p>

	<p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions (US\$20,000 from Activity 22 of the BWP 2013-2014)</p> <p>d) Targeted publications and other materials synthesizing key results of ITTO projects</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>			Bioversity International with financial support from the German Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL).
<p>22. Undertake the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation. [ITTA, 2006, Article 28]</p>	<p>(a) Publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2013-2014 in the first half of 2015.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$50,000</p> <p>(b) Consideration of the draft elements for the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2016–US\$40,000</p>	<p>(a) Biennial review and assessment published in 2015</p> <p>(b) Draft elements considered at the Fifty-second Session of the Council in 2016</p>	Council	<p>(a) Funding received: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation 2013-2014 was published in July 2015. <i>An additional amount of US\$ 10,000 required for design and layout was made available from the administrative budget.</i></p> <p>(b) Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 40,000</p> <p>The draft elements for the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2015-2016 will be considered by the ITTC at its Fifty-second Session in 2016.</p>
<p>23. Creation of web-based 'One-Stop' interactive profiles of the wood based industry, trade and forestry sectors in producer member countries to support</p>	<p>The activity will present in one easily accessible website on the ITTO home page the vast intelligence ITTO has on the industry and trade in producer member countries. This will be complemented by information provided directly by government agencies, trade/industry associations and private enterprises in producer member countries. The website will also include information on steps taken in each country to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development and promotion of the web based producer country trade/industry profiles</li> <li>• An increase in inquiries to tropical</li> </ul>	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>This activity is being implemented by the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) under a MOU between ITTO and the ETTF. A progress report will be provided by ETTF to the</p>

<p>tropical timber market transparency and diversification. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 1]</i></p>	<p>ensure legality of timber production, thereby assisting importers with due diligence requirements.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$100,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<p>timber exporters from traditional and emerging markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase in the number of markets supplied</li> <li>• An increase in the number of products exported to traditional and emerging markets</li> </ul>		<p>CEM during the Fifty-first ITTC Session.</p>
<p>24. Development of Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for selected tropical wood products. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(a), (f), (s)]</i></p>	<p>This activity will compile Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) through the development of a Life Cycle Inventory database and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) reports for three products, complementing the work already done to develop EPDs for meranti plywood, ipe decking and khaya lumber under the 2013-2014 BWP. This activity was submitted and endorsed by ITTO's Trade Advisory Group.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$90,000 Year 2016–US\$90,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCA reports, carbon footprint and EPD developed for three products</li> </ul>	<p>CFI</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 90,000 Year 2016 US\$ 90,000</p> <p>Work continued in 2015 using limited funds remaining from the 2013-2014 BWP activity. All three of the originally proposed EPDs have now been completed.</p>
<p>25. 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></p>	<p>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>ITTO finalized a 4.4 million euro contract (including EUR 375,000 to be provided as an in-kind contribution by ITTO) with the European Union in 2014 to establish an Independent Market Monitoring system for FLEGT-licensed timber entering the EU market. This activity was included under Activity 25 of the 2013-2014 BWP whose implementation approach (above) and objectives were closely related. The IMM will be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMM system developed and implemented</li> </ul>	<p>CEM</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 4,499,438 Funding pending: NIL (Funding received is equivalent to EU contribution of 4 million euros at prevailing exchange rate)</p> <p>During 2015, the baseline report on EU imports of tropical timber was completed and will be published in ITTO's Technical Series before the end of the year. The first four members of the IMM Information Network (from Germany, Ghana, Spain and UK) were being recruited at the time of preparation of this report; more members are expected to be recruited in 2016 when FLEGT-licensed timber is expected to</p>

	<p>implemented from 2014-2018 and progress will be reported to the CEM under this BWP activity during 2015-2016.</p> <p>Activity No.: PP-A/49-291 EU Contract Number: DCI-ENV/2013/316-244</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded by EU grant of EUR 4 million through 2018.</p>			begin flowing. The IMM Lead Consultant (Rupert Oliver) will attend the 51st ITTC Session where an IMM side event has been proposed. A detailed progress report will be provided to the CEM by the Lead Consultant during the Session.
	<p><b>From BWP 2013-2014: US\$ 80,000</b> <b>Sub-total 2015: US\$1,203,675</b> <b>Sub-total 2016: US\$1,069,654</b> <b>Biennium Sub-total: US\$2,353,329</b> <i>(not including Activity 25)</i></p>			

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: BUILD AND DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT SFM AND INCREASE TRADE IN FOREST GOODS AND SERVICES FROM SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FORESTS**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>26. Consider advice from and facilitate involvement of the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG). <i>[ITTC Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. 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 Year 2015–US\$40,000 Year 2016–US\$40,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 30,000</p> <p>Representatives of TAG and CSAG will participate in the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the ITTC.</p>
<p>27. Continue to provide for ITTO's cooperation and consultation with the Collaborative Partnership on</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation of ITTO in UNFF11 in 2015 and up to four CPF meetings in 2015 and 2016</li> <li>Contributions to up</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$ 25,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 25,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p> <p>The Secretariat has carried out the following activities:</p>

<p>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)]</p>	<p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<p>to three CPF joint initiatives in 2015 and 2016</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended CPF meeting to discuss CPF input to the IAF held on 26-27 November 2014;</li> <li>• Attended AHEG2 held on 12-16 January 2015 and associated CPF meetings; and</li> <li>• Attended UNFF11, associated CPF meetings and CPF side event</li> </ul>
<p>28. Decide on eligible fellowship applications in 2015 and 2016 based on the recommendations of the Fellowship Selection Panel. [ITTC Decision 4(XXVII)]</p>	<p>The objective of the fellowship programme is to develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines, with a view to promoting sustainable management of tropical forests, efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber. Eligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in short term training courses, training internships, study tours, lecture/demonstration tours and international/regional conferences;</li> <li>• Technical document preparation, publication and dissemination, such as manuals and monographs; and</li> <li>• Postgraduate studies.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated cost: US\$800,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$400,000 Year 2016–US\$400,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100-120 fellowships awarded in 2015 and 2016</li> <li>• Fellowship alumni network maintained</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 300,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 100,000 Year 2016 US\$ 400,000</p> <p>The Progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme [Document ITTC(LI)/13] and the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel [Document ITTC(LI)/14] will be presented to the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the ITTC under Provisional Agenda Item 19</p>
<p>29. Enhance the technical capacity of member countries, particularly</p>	<p>Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted in 2015</li> </ul>	<p>CEM</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 25,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 25,000 Year 2016 US\$ 50,000</p>

<p>developing member countries, to meet the statistics and reporting requirements. [ITTA, 2006, Article 28(5)]</p>	<p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$50,000 Year 2016–US\$50,000</p>	<p>and 2016</p>		<p>Discussions have already started with FAO during the Intersecretariat Working Group for choosing the location and duration of the next workshop. A proposal has been made for a regional workshop in the Caribbean (possibly Trinidad and Tobago) in late 2015 or early 2016. FAO is still considering the budget and staff they have available for this workshop.</p>
<p>30. Strengthening the capacity to promote efficient wood processing technologies in tropical timber producing countries. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i)]</p>	<p>This activity will be undertaken in producer member countries in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean regions where forest industry production chains encounter problems of inefficiency and lack of human resource capacity. Forest industries, forest industry associations, forestry training and research institutions, as well as representatives from relevant government agencies will take part in the in-house training.</p> <p>Related work commenced via a similar activity under the 2013-2014 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work already provided for in 2013-2014.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$125,000 Year 2016–US\$125,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scope of the in-house training 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</li> </ul>	<p>CFI</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 125,000 Year 2016 US\$ 125,000</p> <p>This activity is pending financing.</p>
<p>31. Matching the needs of forest industry with the innovations, technologies and know-how developed through ITTO projects. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 1(f), (i), (p)]</p>	<p>This activity will build on the results of a similar activity carried out under the 2013-2014 BWP, which aimed at strengthening ITTO's outreach by making better use of information developed by ITTO's past projects. Opinions expressed in a stakeholder survey resulted in focusing this activity on making existing knowledge about lesser used species generated by ITTO projects more readily available.</p> <p>A dedicated and scalable web platform was developed in 2013-14 in order to disseminate silvicultural, technical and market information about lesser used</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 60 profiles of LUS per ITTO producer region</li> </ul>	<p>CFI</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 140,000 Year 2016 US\$ 100,000</p> <p>This activity is pending financing.</p> <p>Work continued on the LUS website in 2015 using limited remaining funds from the 2013-2014 BWP. The website is currently in its testing phase. The domain of the site has been registered as: <a href="http://www.tropicaltimber.info">www.tropicaltimber.info</a></p>



	<p>tropical timber species (LUS) to different audiences, containing information on 60 species from tropical America.</p> <p>Under the 2015-2016 BWP, the intention is to expand the website to species from tropical Africa and Asia, and to strengthen regional support structures for updating the platform.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$240,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$140,000 Year 2016–US\$100,000</p>			
<p>32. Improving forestry extension schemes to ensure the implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) and contribute to the conservation of tropical forest ecosystems. [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(a), (c), (d), (i), (j), (m), (r)]</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The seminar will be targeted to the institutions and professionals related to forest extension. Guest speakers will include public officers, technical advisors, academicians and researchers from major forestry and timber producing countries.</p> <p>The topics to be discussed include: Global overview of forestry extension schemes and services; Challenges and opportunities for forestry extension service; Role of forest professionals in the development of forest management skills; Consideration of biodiversity conservation in forestry operations; Share of responsibility between forest professionals and clients; Certification schemes for forestry extension service; Governance and assistance schemes to improve the quality of forestry extension service; Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of forestry extension service; and Financial incentives for high-quality forestry extension service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A five-day international seminar organized to discuss forestry extension schemes and services</li> <li>• Partnerships and networks established to share information and knowledge among institutions and experts.</li> </ul>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 100,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ 200,000 Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The ITTO Secretariat is currently holding informal talks with the Government of Mexico and other Latin American countries so as to organize a five-day international seminar in late 2016 to discuss forestry extension services and schemes, pending the full funding of this activity.</p>

	<p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2015–US\$300,000</p>			
<p>33. Enhance the Cooperation between ITTO and World Customs Organization (WCO), through the Preparation of Guidelines for Frontline Customs Officials in Combatting Illegal Timber Trade <i>[ITTA, 2006 Articles 1 (d), (k), (n)]</i></p>	<p>This activity will enable Customs and other border agencies in ITTO and other WCO members to have access to frontline reference materials and training tools for monitoring timber trade, including development of Timber Guidelines for use by Customs officials. This activity has been submitted and endorsed by ITTO's Civil Society Advisory Group.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$259,600 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$150,000 Year 2016–US\$74,500 WCO (in kind)–US\$30,000 TRAFFIC–US\$5,100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Timber Guidelines for use by Customs officials</li> <li>• Pilot implementation of Timber Guidelines in Malaysia</li> </ul>	CEM	<p>Funding received: US\$ 222,208 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 2,292</p> <p>This activity will be implemented by TRAFFIC under a MOU between ITTO and TRAFFIC. The work plan and budget submitted by TRAFFIC were reviewed and approved based on the funds actually available. TRAFFIC also had an informal meeting with Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) as the main partner in implementing the project.</p> <p>However, the official inception of the implementation of this activity is delayed due to the late release of the funds by one of the donors. This activity will officially commence once the funds are received by ITTO and the MOU is finalized between ITTO and TRAFFIC.</p>
	<p><b>From other sources (WCO, TI): US\$ 35,100</b> <b>Sub-total 2015: US\$1,255,000</b> <b>Sub-total 2016: US\$ 839,500</b> <b>Biennium Sub-total: US\$2,129,600</b></p>			

**ROUTINE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Responsible Body	Implementation Status
<p>34. 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. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)]</i></p>	<p>Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$280,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2015–US\$140,000 Year 2016–US\$140,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council and Committees</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$ 140,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ 140,000</p> <p>Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Expert Panels were convened in Yokohama, Japan on 2-6 February 2015 and 27 – 31 July 2015 respectively. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Item 1 [Documents ITTC/EP-49, ITTC/EP-50].</p>
<p>35. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2015-2016. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 24]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress reviewed at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2015 – 2016 under Provisional Agenda item 12 [Document ITTC(LI/6)]</p>
<p>36. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2017-2018. <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2017-2018 will be considered at the Fifty-second Session of the Council in 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	
<p>37. Decide on eligibility</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions taken at</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali</p>

<p>of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. [ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</p>	<p>ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.</p>	<p>the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</p>		<p>Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-first Session of the Council to be convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>
<p>38. 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. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decisions taken at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council at its Fifty-first Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.</p>
<p>39. Make allocations from unearmarked funds available in the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Special Account to fund implementation of eligible approved actions, projects and pre-projects. [ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocations made at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-first Session of the Council to decide on the allocations from the available unearmarked funds.</p>
<p>40. Consider progress in</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The progress report on the implementation of</p>

<p>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>considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</p>		<p>the Thematic Programmes will be presented to the Council at its Fifty-first Session under Provisional Agenda item 13.</p>
<p>41. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the ITTC will receive the Report of the IAG under its Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document ITTC(LI)/2]</p>
<p>42. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of the Committees presented at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under item 22 of its Provisional Agenda, including relevant project and policy work of the Committees.</p>
<p>43. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). <i>[ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under item 22 of its Provisional Agenda, including recommendations of selected projects for ex-post evaluation.</p>
<p>44. Consider and, if</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Information on project findings and results are</p>

appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i>		considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016		available on the ITTO website (in particular the <i>project search function</i> , the TFU, the electronic newsletter <i>Tropical Forest News</i> , the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Report.
45. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports considered at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	Joint Committees	The Joint Session of the Committees will consider the ex-post evaluation reports of one (1) project in the field of Forest Industry and seven (7) projects in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Forty-ninth Session of the Committees.
46. Review the independent audited statements for the 2014 and 2015 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i>	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of independent auditors published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2014 and 2015</li> </ul>	CFA	The report of the Independent audited statements of the 2014 Financial Year will be presented to the Committee on Finance and Administration at its 30 <sup>th</sup> Session to be convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 16 -21 November 2015.
47. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposals for the financial years 2016 and 2017. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i>	Routine. Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thirtieth CFA Report presented at the Fifty-first Session of the Council in 2015</li> </ul>	CFA	The Committee on Finance and Administration will receive the draft Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2016 and 2017 during its 30 <sup>th</sup> Session to be convened in Kuala Lumpur on 16 -21 November 2015.

<p>48. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. [ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2014 and 2015 presented at the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Council in 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee on Finance and Administration will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Thirtieth Session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as part of the regular work.</p>
<p>49. 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. [ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</p>	<p>Routine. Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2015-2016 presented at the Fiftieth Session of the Council in 2014</li> </ul>	<p>CFA</p>	<p>The Committee on Finance and Administration will conduct a review at its Thirtieth Session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as part of the regular work.</p>
<p>50. Undertake a survey to assess the use of the various ITTO guidelines on the sustainable management of plantations, secondary forests, biodiversity and natural forests in the tropics [ITTA, 2006, Article 1(a), (d), (m), (r)]</p>	<p>Make provisions to conduct a survey to assess the use of ITTO guidelines which have been developed to address the social, economic and environmental issues of sustainable forest management in the tropics.</p> <p>A survey will be conducted to gather responses from a full range of tropical forest stakeholders, through a professional online survey services provider, with the aim of analyzing the awareness, use and impacts of ITTO guidelines. Information can be used to make guidelines more useful and accessible to a greater number of practitioners while enhancing public appreciation of these resources.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report on the use of ITTO guidelines available before the Fifty-second Council Session</li> </ul>	<p>CRF</p>	<p>Funding received: US\$50,000 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>On-line survey on the use of ITTO SFM related-policy guidelines has been conducted. The survey asked for views on SFM in the tropics and on the usefulness of the ITTO SFM policy guidelines in developing and implementing SFM in the tropics. The on-line survey was participated by a total of 286. The report will be presented to the CRF at its 49th Session under Provisional Agenda Item 9 [Document CRF(XLIX)/10].</p>

	Estimated funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015-2016–US\$50,000			
51. Study on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation	<p>Make provision for a study on the pros and cons of Regional Offices versus Regional Officers including a cost benefit analysis to inform Council's deliberation at its Fifty-first Session on ITTO presence and representation in the regions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$25,000 Estimated funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2015–US\$25,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report on Regional ITTO Presence and Representation</li> </ul>	Council	<p>Funding received: US\$25,000.00 Funding pending: Year 2015 US\$ NIL Year 2016 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The Council will receive and consider the report of the consultant under its Provisional Agenda item 16 [Document ITTC(LI/10)]. Pursuant to Council Decision 2(L) the funding for this activity has been made available from the Working Capital Account</p>
	<p><b>Sub-total 2015: US\$215,000</b> <b>Sub-total 2016: US\$140,000</b> <b>Biennium Sub-total: US\$355,000</b></p>			

**TOTAL 2015: US\$ 5,495,505**  
**TOTAL 2016: US\$ 3,975,983**  
**BIENNIUM GRAND TOTAL: US\$ 9,471,488**