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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fiftieth Session of the Committees will be conducted jointly and co-chaired by Ms. Alicia Grimes (U.S.A.), Chairperson of the Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets (CEM) and Ms. Akiko Nakano (Japan), Chairperson of the Committee on Forest Industry (CFI).

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document CEM-CFI(L)/1]

The Committees may consider the Provisional Agenda and adopt the Agenda for the session. On the organization of work, it is to be noted that the schedule of meetings for the work of the Committees will be determined after usual consultations. The Committees may also constitute the usual informal open-ended working group(s) to assist in the consideration of specific matters related to the Agenda. Items 4, 6 and 8(A) of the Agenda, will be considered at the joint session of the Committees.

Item 3 - Admission of Observers

The Committees may admit those observers as approved by the Council to attend the session as observers.

Item 4 - Reports of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

[Documents ITTC/EP-51]

Pursuant to Annex B of ITTC Decision 4(XXV), the general observations of the reports produced by the Expert Panel shall be considered under this item in a joint session of the Committees. The report of the Fifty-first Expert Panel, including the general observations, is contained in document ITTC/EP-51.

Item 5 - New Projects and Pre-Projects

[Document ITTC/EP-51]

The Committees may note the following projects and pre-project which have been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings and circulated to member countries pursuant to ITTC Decision 6(XLIII), following the recommendations of the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals at its Fifty-first Meeting held in Yokohama, Japan on 1-5 February 2016, as contained in document ITTC/EP-51.

Fifty-first Expert Panel

Category 1:

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets		
PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 796/15 Rev.2 (M)	Establishing a System for the Collection, Storage, Processing and Dissemination of Forest and Wildlife Statistics in Cameroon	Cameroon

Committee on Forest Industry		
PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 761/14 Rev.2 (I,M)	Promoting Partnership between Farmer Group and Forest Industry	Indonesia
PD 788/15 Rev.2 (I)	Achieving Sustainable Forest Management through Enhanced Competitiveness of Small & Medium Wood Industries (SMWIs) in Ciamis District of West Java Province, Indonesia	Indonesia

Category 4:

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets		
PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 800/15 Rev.1 (M)	Enhancing the Dissemination of Forest Information and Building Institutional Capacities	Cameroon
PD 809/16 (M)	Building the Capacity for Forest Law Enforcement and Local Governance in the Industrial and Commercial Use of Wood and Timber in the Segou Region, Mali	Mali
PD 813/16 (M)	Improving the Co-functioning of Voluntary Forest Certification and FLEGT-VPA Initiatives for Sustainable Forest Management in Ghana	Ghana
PD 821/16 (M)	Certification of Forest Plantations Managed by the Office National du Bois (ONAB)	Benin

Committee on Forest Industry		
PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 820/16 (I)	Strengthening of the Timber Production-Marketing System to Improve Business Competitiveness on a Sustainable Basis in Southern Peru	Peru

The Committees may note the following project which had been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings pursuant to ITTC Decision 6(XLIII), following the recommendations of the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals at its Fiftieth Meeting held in Yokohama, Japan on 27-31 July 2015 as contained in document ITTC/EP-50.

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets		
PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 751/14 Rev.2 (M)	Sustainable Forest Management in the Chimbo River Basin, Ecuador: Conserving Forest Resources and Agroforestry Systems as a Mechanism to Strengthen the Economic Inclusion of Community Families, Particularly Rural Women, Settled in the Area	Ecuador

The Committees may note that the Fifty-second Meeting of the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals scheduled to be held in Yokohama, Japan on 25-29 July 2016 was cancelled due to funding constraints.

Rating schedule for Project proposals

- Category 1: The Panel concluded that the proposal could be commended to the Committee with incorporation of amendments.
- Category 4: The Panel concluded that it could not commend the proposal to the Committee, and submits it to the Committee with the recommendation not to approve the Project proposal. Justification should be given to the proponent and the Committee (e.g. complete reformulation is necessary; in case of rev.2 Project proposals; Project not relevant; Project with insufficient information, etc.)

Item 6 - ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2016

This item will be taken up in the joint session of the Committees. The theme of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2016 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (T-A-G) and endorsed at the Forty-ninth Session of the Committees is "Free Trade Agreements - Challenges and Opportunities for the Tropical Timber Trade". An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2016 will be circulated during the session.

Item 7 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects

[Document CEM-CFI(L)/2]

The Committees may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document CEM-CFI(L)/2 on the following projects that may be declared complete:

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

1. PD 124/01 Rev.4 (M) Phase III Stage 2 Promotion of Sustainable Management of African Forests (Africa)
2. PD 449/07 Rev.2 (M) Enhancing Forest Law Enforcement in Papua New Guinea (Papua New Guinea)
3. PD 620/11 Rev.1 (M) Development and Implementation of a Species Identification and Timber Tracking System in Africa with DNA Fingerprints and Stable Isotopes (Germany)
4. PD 678/12 Rev.1 (M) Establishment of a National Forest Statistics Information Management System in Benin (Benin)

Committee on Forest Industry

1. PD 433/06 Rev.3 (I) Sustainable Model for the Brazilian Wood Flooring Production Chain (Brazil)
2. PD 540/09 Rev.2 (I) Support to Improve the Productivity of the Peruvian Timber Industry for the Production of Higher Value-added Products (Peru)

Item 8 - Ex-post Evaluation

(A) Ex-post Evaluation Reports

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

The Committees may recall that no project was selected for ex-post evaluation during the Forty-ninth Session.

Committee on Forest Industry

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(B) Selection of Projects for Ex-post Evaluation

According to ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII) on "Ex-post Evaluation of Projects", the Committees are requested to consider for ex-post evaluation all completed individual projects or group(s) of projects based on the criteria contained in Annex 1 of the Decision. The consideration by the Committees is normally to be taken at the session at which the projects are declared complete. The Committees may also consider and select projects that would be declared complete at this session under item 7, which meet the criteria of ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII).

Item 9 - Policy Work

ITTC policy work instructions to Committees, pursuant to ITTC Decision 4(XXV) include:

- Restructure the agendas of the Committees to include a separate agenda item for policy work.
- Use the current ITTO Strategic Action Plan, the policy-relevant aspects of the ITTO Biennial Work Programmes, the findings of completed projects and Council Decisions as the primary basis for identifying items for policy development.

- Decide during each session of each Committee those subjects which will be discussed under the agenda item Policy Work during its next session and agree upon the way to prepare for such a discussion in the Committee.

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

The Committees at its Forty-ninth Session held discussions and agreed to continue to work in the Fiftieth Session on the following policy-related matters under the Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets:

- Market Access;
- Forest and Timber Certification;
- Selected Data and Analysis from Elements for the ITTO Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation; and
- Strengthening the participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO.

Committee on Forest Industry

The Committees at its Forty-ninth Session held discussions and agreed to continue to work in the Fiftieth Session on the following policy-related matters under the Committee on Forest Industry:

- Development of Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for three tropical wood products (cancelled); and
- Demonstration and adoption of credit schemes for small-medium forest enterprises.

Item 10 – Biennial Work Programme of the Committees for 2017-2018

Taking note of ITTO's financial impairments and in accordance with the recommendation by the IAG and the Council, the Committees may wish to discuss and consider the implications of extending the 2015-16 BWP for another year (including making proposals on which on-going BWP activities may be prioritized for possible support from Council) and make proposals for activities to be included in a draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2018-2019, to be considered and adopted by Council at its Fifty-third Session in 2017.

Item 11 - Review of Projects and Pre-projects in Progress

[Document CEM-CFI(L)/3]

In order to further streamline its work, the Committees, in accordance with ITTC Decision 4(XXV), Annex A, Section VI, requested that reporting and discussion during the Session be limited to projects and pre-projects that are:

- having implementation problems;
- requiring additional funding;
- requesting extension in time of more than six months beyond the original duration of the project; or
- requesting essential major modifications of the work plan and budget.

The Committees may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document CEM-CFI(L)/3 on the progress or status of projects, pre-projects and activities approved for financing and implementation by the Council. The status of some projects, pre-projects and activities may change from the time this agenda is distributed to the time document CEM-CFI(L)/3 is prepared and the time the Session is convened. Projects and pre-projects meeting the terms of ITTC Decision 4(XXV) are highlighted in bold in document CEM-CFI(L)/3. The report covers the following:

(A) Projects and Pre-project under implementation

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

1. PD 599/11 Rev.1 (M) Development and Testing of National Forest Stock Monitoring System (FSMS) with Improved Governance Capabilities at all Levels of the Forest Administration (Philippines)
2. PD 621/11 Rev.3 (M) Traceability of Timber Produced by Forest Concession and Native Communities in Madre de Dios and Ucayali (Peru)

3. PD 692/13 Rev.1 (M) Implementation and Operationalization of a National Information System for the Sustainable Management of Forest Resources (Côte d'Ivoire)
4. PD 756/14 Rev.1 (M) Development of a Business Management Services Program of Forest MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) in Guatemala
5. PPD 167/13 Rev.1 (M) Feasibility Study on the Certification of ONAB's National Plantation Estates (Benin)

Committee on Forest Industry

1. PD 73/89 (M,F,I) Assistance for Project Identification and Formulation (Global)
2. PD 506/08 Rev.1 (I) Reviving Forestry Education in Liberia
3. PD 600/11 Rev.1 (I) Model Capacity Building for Efficient and Sustainable Utilization of Bamboo Resources in Indonesia
4. PD 687/13 Rev.1 (I) Strengthening the Performance of the Wood Processing Sector in Guyana, through Building Local Capacity and the Enhancing National Systems that Promote Forest Products Trade and Sustainable Utilization of Forest Resources
5. PD 700/13 Rev.2 (I) Phase I Stage 1 Development of Intra-African Trade and Further Processing in Tropical Timber and Timber Products - Phase I Stage 1 (ITTO)
6. PD 722/13 Rev.1 (I) Capacity Building and Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) in Dry Inland Forest in the Permanent Forest on Peninsular Malaysia

(B) Projects pending agreement

While funds were pledged to these projects after the Fifty-first Council Session, subsequent events led to the decision to suspend implementation of these projects and any disbursement of funds until after the Fifty-second Council Session considers the impairment of ITTO funds. The status of these projects will be updated once relevant decisions are taken at the Fifty-second Council Session:

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

1. PD 732/14 Rev.2 (M) Improve Forest Governance in Mozambique

Committee on Forest Industry

1. PD 737/14 Rev.2 (I) Developing Supply Capacity of Wood-based Biomass Energy through Improved Enabling Conditions and Efficient Utilization of Degraded Forest Lands Involving Local Communities in North Sumatra Province of Indonesia
2. PD 770/15 Rev.1 (I) Promotion and Sustainable Management of Lesser-Used Timber Species (LUTS) in the Moist Forests of the Departments of Atlantida, Colon and Northern Olancho in Honduras

(C) Projects pending financing

Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets

1. PD 124/01 Rev.5 (M) Phase III Stage 3 Promotion of Sustainable Management of African Forests (Africa)
2. PD 751/14 Rev.2 (M) Sustainable Forest Management in the Chimbo River Basin, Ecuador: Conserving Forest Resources and Agroforestry Systems as a Mechanism to Strengthen the Economic Inclusion of Community Families, Particularly Rural Women, Settled in the Area (Ecuador)

3. PD 796/15 Rev.2 (M) Establishing a System for the Collection, Storage, Processing and Dissemination of Forest and Wildlife Statistics in Cameroon (Cameroon)

Committee on Forest Industry

1. PD 700/13 Rev.2 (I) Phase I Stage 2 Development of Intra-African Trade and Further Processing of Tropical Timber and Timber Products – Phase I Stage 2 (ITTO)
2. PD 709/13 Rev.2 (I) Enhancing Bali Wooden Handicraft Industry by Improving the Quality of Planted-wood Raw Materials and Complying to Legality Standard (Indonesia)
3. PD 761/14 Rev.2 (I,M) Promoting Partnership between Farmer Group and Forest Industry (Indonesia)
4. PD 771/15 Rev.2 (I) Genetic Conservation, Utilization and Management of Gall Rust Resistant Strains of *Falcataria Moluccana* Growing in the Philippines
5. PD 788/15 Rev.2 (I) Achieving Sustainable Forest Management through Enhanced Competitiveness of Small & Medium Wood Industries (SMWIs) in Ciamis District of West Java Province, Indonesia

Item 12 - Election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons for 2017

The election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons for 2017 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

Item 13 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Committees

The dates and venues of the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions of the Committees are determined in relation to the dates and venues fixed by the Council for its Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Sessions.

Item 14 - Other Business

The Committees may consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

Item 15 - Recommendations to the International Tropical Timber Council

The Committees may consider recommendations to the Council on projects, pre-projects, policy work and any other matters concerning economics, statistics and markets and forest industry.

Item 16 - Report of the Session

The Committees may consider and adopt a report containing recommendations to the Council. The Committees may request the Co-chairpersons to present the report during the Fifty-second Session of the Council for consideration and adoption.