



FIFTY-SECOND SESSION  
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## **REPORT OF THE ITTO FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL**

(Item 18 of the Provisional Agenda)

1. Fellowship selection for 2016 was conducted electronically. However, the Panel met once during the Fifty-second Session of the ITTC to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2016 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson:	Mr. Agyarko Tabi	(Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)
Producers:	Mr. A. Orpheé Lokossou	(Benin)
	Ms. Clarissa Nina	(Brazil)
	Mr. James Singh	(Guyana)
Consumers:	Ms. Yealim Chae	(Republic of Korea)
	Ms. Anna Tyler	(New Zealand)
	Mr. Luke D. Thompson	(USA)

And supported by:

Secretariat:	Mr. Ramon Carrillo
	Ms. Kumiko Tanaka

2. Due to the impairment of ITTO funds, no awards have been made under the spring cycle 2016 and the shortlisted applications of the spring cycle were considered during the selection panel meeting at ITTC 52<sup>nd</sup> in Yokohama, Japan. The Selection Panel considered a total of 53 applications made up of 19 applications from Africa, 9 from Asia/Pacific, 23 from Latin America and Caribbean region and 2 from consumer countries. 15% of the applications were in the field of Economic Information and Market Intelligence (EIMI); 4% in the field of Forest Industry (FI) and 81% in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM). 43% of the applications were submitted by female applicants.

While reviewing these 53 applications, the Panel used the following selection criteria:

- (i) Consistency of the proposed activities with the ITTO fellowship programme's objective and priority areas;
- (ii) Qualifications of the applicants to undertake the proposed fellowship activities;
- (iii) Applications and benefits of the skills and knowledge to be acquired or advanced under the fellowship activities; and
- (iv) Reasonableness of costs in relation to the proposed activities.

The Panel took into account the balance among the three subject areas and regions as well as the opportunity to promote the participation of women. The Panel also took into account the Strategic Action Plan in its selection Process. The Panel recommends to the Council to award 11 fellowships, subject to the availability of funds at a total cost of US\$58,724.71. Women account for 45% of the recommended applicants. 55% of the recommended applicants are from Africa, 9% from Asia/Pacific, 36% from Latin America and Caribbean region for a project in Latin America. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report.

3. The delegate of the USA Mr. Luke D. Thompson mentioned that the Fellowship Programme is one of the top priorities for his government, as it provides training in tropical forestry for future generations and, his governments expects that the programme will come back to its regular cycle and thanked all panel members for their work in appraising the applications.
4. The chair of ITTO Fellowship Selection Panel Mr. Agyarko Tabi appreciated the great work of all panel members and donors for their great support to the fellowship programme and thanked particularly USA's generous contribution in the amount of US\$60,000.

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**APPENDIX**

**LIST OF APPROVED FELLOWSHIPS  
(Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel)**

**Autumn 2016 Fellowship Cycle**

<b>App. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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**COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY**

044/16A	Kim Tu Nguyen	Vietnam	Short Training Course on Wood Anatomy and Identification at Forest Products Laboratory - United States Department of Agriculture in Madison, U.S.A.
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**COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT**

126/16A	Ingride Sènan Legba	Benin	Ph.D. research on Traditional knowledge and conservation of some woody species in the sacred forests of Benin at Center for Studies, Research and Training of Forest in Cotonou, Benin
017/16A	Thais Almeida Lima	Brazil	Ph.D. Research in Manicoré and Novo Aripuana, state of Amazonas, Brazil with the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada
019/16A	Collins Ojuh Ndowah	Cameroon	Master of Science Degree Course in GIS for Natural Resource Management with Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana
106/16A	Lordson Ndikum	Cameroon	Short Training Course on Landscape Governance at Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation in Wageningen, in the Netherlands
034/16A	Maria Constanza Meza Elizalde	Colombia	International Diploma in Biostatistics at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
124/16A	Angel Oswaldo Jadán Maza	Ecuador	International Diploma in Biostatistics at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica

012/16A	Abigail Addo Danso	Ghana	Master of Science in Forestry in Kumasi, Ghana with the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
108/16A	David Amaning Kwarteng	Ghana	Preparation of technical document on "Pericopsis elata for Sustainable Forest Management" with the support of Herp Conservation Ghana
120/16A	Koffi Ketekou	Togo	Master in Forestry and Environment for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources at University of Thiès in Senegal
151/16A	Xochitl Tapia Sánchez	Mexico	"XXIX International Intensive Course on diversified management of tropical natural forest. The management challenges of climate change" at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica

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