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REPORT OF THE ITTO FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL

(Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda)

1. Fellowship selection for 2017 was conducted electronically. However, the Panel met once during the Fifty-third Session of the ITTC to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2017 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson: Mr. Zhang Zhongtian (Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)

Producers: Mr. A. Orpheé Lokossou (Benin)
Mr. Felix Magallon (Panama)
Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr (Philippines)

Consumers: Ms. Kazuko Takabatake (Japan)
Mr. Björn Merzell (Sweden)
Mr. Luke D. Thompson (USA)

And supported by:

Secretariat: Ms. Sheam Satkuru
Mr. Ramon Carrillo
Ms. Kanako Ishii

2. The ITTO Secretariat received a total of 137 applications and pre-selected 46 applications which were rigorously scanned and considered as complete applications. The Selection Panel considered these 46 applications, made up of 22 applications from Africa, 11 from Asia/Pacific, 12 from Latin America and Caribbean region and 1 from Europe. Eleven percent of the applications were in the field of Economic Information and Market Intelligence (EIMI); 13% in the field of Forest Industry (FI) and 76% in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM). Thirteen percent of the applications were submitted by female applicants.

While reviewing these 46 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 18 fellowships, subject to the availability of funds at a total cost of US\$110,810.72. Women account for 33% of the recommended applicants. 39% of the recommended applicants are from Africa, 33% from Asia/Pacific, 28% from Latin America and Caribbean region. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report.

3. The chair of ITTO Fellowship Selection Panel Mr. Zhang Zhongtian appreciated the great work of all panel members and donors for their great support to the fellowship programme and thanked particularly USA's additional contribution of US\$50,000.

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APPENDIX

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

Autumn 2017 Fellowship Cycle

App. No	Name	Nationality	Subject
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND MARKET INTELLIGENCE			
059/17A	Noraida Abd Wahob	Malaysia	Ph.D. in economics research on the impacts of sustainable forest management (SFM) practices on forest certification, plantation and forest products at the Univeristy of Putra in Malaysia
COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY			
088/17A	Natália Girão Rodrigues de Mello	Brazil	Doctoral programme in science in the Faculty of Science at Katholiek Universiteit Leuven, in Leuven, Belgium
020/17A	Roy Oswaldo González Martínez	Colombia	Research internship on the assessment of mortality of some tropical dry forest species due to the intensification of the drought in the Department of Chemistry and Biology at the Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia
127/17A	Tahiana Ramananantoandro	Madagascar	Participation to 2018 Joint Convention Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST) and the Japan Wood Research Society (JWRS)
COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT			
094/17A	Valère Kolawolé Salako	Benin	Preparation and publication of a technical guideline for estimating above-ground wood productivity, carbon and carbon dioxide stock of mangrove forests in Benin
110/17A	Charlene Jordane Piam Djomo	Cameroon	Ph.D. research on participatory management and test of domestication of non-timber forest product of plant origin: <i>Scorodophloeus zenkeri</i> Harms, Fabaceae in Cameroon
084/17A	Guénolé Géraud Sidoine Mankou	Republic of the Congo	Short training course on link between allometry and the function traits of tree species in Central Africa at the Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech of the University of Liège in Liège, Belgium

074/17A	Bi Tra Aimé Vroh	Côte d'Ivoire	Ph.D. research on sustainability of timber resource production in the Téné forest of Côte d'Ivoire at the University of Félix Houphouët-Boigny in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
102/17A	Juan Salazar Cevallos	Ecuador	Participation to the World Bamboo Congress 2018 in Xalapa, Mexico
091/17A	Kofi Adu Gyamfi	Ghana	MSc tropical forestry (field assessment for preparation of dissertation) at the Technical University of Dresden in Dresden, Germany
111/17A	Samuel Ayesu	Ghana	Ph.D. in agroforestry at Kwame Nkrumah University in Kumasi, Ghana
054/17A	Manjunatha Venkatappa	India	Ph.D. reseach on assessment of land availability for forest restoration in Siem Reap Province in Cambodia
093/17A	Shubham Sharma	India	Short training course on climate change adaptation in agriculture and natural resource management at CDI Wageningen University, in the Netherlands
092/17A	Pono Wahyudi	Indonesia	Preparation of manuscript and publication of the textbook "Mangrove Resources Utilization and Management" at Bintuni bay Papua Barat in Indonesia
108/17A	Abdul Rahim Abdul Samad	Malaysia	Online short training course on forest certification modeling in Malaysia and conjoint analysis under the supervision of the Institute for Statistics Education in Virginia, U.S.A.
047/17A	Dora Torres Ávila	Mexico	International diploma in biostatistics at CATIE in Turrialba, Costa Rica
016/17A	Sandra Natividad Ancyasi Lazo	Peru	XXIX International Intensive Course on International Diversified Management of Tropical Natural Forests, at CATIE in Costa Rica
008/17A	Quy Nam Nguyen	Viet Nam	DNA barcoding techniques and methodologies at the Centre for Biodiversity Genomics, University of Guelph in Toronto, Ontario, Canada