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DECISION 1(LIII)

PROJECTS, PRE-PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Having considered at its Fifty-third Session the recommendations of the three Committees on Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities, as contained in documents CEM-CFI(LI)/4 and CRF(LI)/5; and the report of the Twenty-third Meeting of the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund as contained in document ITTC(LIII)/11;

Noting that the time-bound electronic no objection procedures to accept Expert Panel Ratings for Projects and Pre-Projects and requests for their funding were conducted during the project cycle for 2017;

1. Decides to:

- (i) Endorse the approval obtained through the time-bound electronic no objection procedure for the following Projects and Pre-Projects for project cycle of 2017:

PPD 186/16 Rev.2 (F)	Establishment of Enabling Conditions for the Restoration and Sustainable Development of Forests in the Southern Area of the Sierra De Lacandon National Park, Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala (Guatemala) ITTO Budget \$48,261.00
PPD 189/17 Rev.1 (F)	Development of a Full Project Proposal to Generate Tools to Ensure the Establishment of Timber Forest Species through Natural Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru (Peru) ITTO Budget \$87,490.00
PD 791/15 Rev.3 (M)	Community Forest Landscapes and Small Enterprises Contributing to Legal Timber Trade in Ghana (Ghana) ITTO Budget \$309,299.00
PD 812/16 Rev.2 (F)	Promoting Community-level Forest Landscape Planning, Diversification, Restoration and Protection to Reduce Forest Degradation and Improve Biodiversity and Local Livelihoods (Ghana) ITTO Budget \$ 445,715.00
PD 815/16 Rev.2 (I)	Increasing Efficiency of Acacia Plantation and Timber Processing Industry in Vietnam (Vietnam) ITTO Budget \$ 116,480.00
PD 819/16 Rev.2 (M)	Market Survey for Forest Products in Peru (Peru) ITTO Budget \$ 406,459.00
PD 832/16 Rev.2 (M)	Implementing Mechanisms to Improve Traceability in the Forest Production Chain in Guatemala (Guatemala) ITTO Budget \$ 416,080.00

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| PD 836/17 Rev.1 (F) | Enhancing Capacity of Local Communities and Forest Administration to Effectively Implement Community Forestry Programme (CFP) in Kratie and Monduliri Provinces of Cambodia (Cambodia)
ITTO Budget \$ 514,651.00 |
| PD 839/17 Rev.1 (M) | Strengthening and Consolidating the National Process for Controlling Illegal Logging and Associated Trade in Cameroon – Phase 2 (Cameroon)
ITTO Budget \$ 459,813.00 |
| PD 845/17 Rev.1 (M) | Enhancing Capacity of Forest Communities in Forest Governance, Monitoring and Community Development Projects in Mankraso Forest District Ghana (Ghana)
ITTO Budget \$ 146,944.00 |
| PD 853/17 Rev.1 (F) | Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru (Peru)
ITTO Budget \$ 441,045.00 |
| PD 858/17 Rev.1 (M) | The Trends of Chinese Wood Product Markets and their Dependence on International Trade of Tropical Timber Towards 2030 (China)
ITTO Budget \$ 328,608.00 |
| PD 861/17 Rev.1 (F) | Carbon Storage in Timber Producing Forests as a Value Criterion in Rural Communities in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico (Mexico)
ITTO Budget \$ 649,386.00 |
| PD 863/17 Rev.1 (M) | Development and Strengthening of the Domestic Market for Non-Timber Forest Products and Environmental Services in Guatemala (Guatemala)
ITTO Budget \$ 149,632.00 |
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- (ii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of the Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities as listed in the Annex to this Decision; and
 - (iii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of all the other approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities as soon as earmarked funds are available in the Special Account or in the Bali Partnership Fund Account.
2. Urges Members to consider financing those approved Projects, Pre-projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available,
 3. Appeals to Members to make unearmarked contributions to the Thematic Programmes Account and the Special Account,
 4. Further appeals to Members to also make voluntary contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund, particularly to the Sub-Account B of this Fund to finance Projects, Pre-projects and Activities to assist Members in achieving the Year 2000 Objective of ITTO, and
 5. Requests the Executive Director to continue consultations with potential donors in order to secure financing for those Projects, Pre-projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available.

ANNEX

Financing during 2017 for Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities

(i) Approved during the 2017 project cycle:	
PPD 189/17 Rev.1 (F) Development of a Full Project Proposal to Generate Tools to Ensure the Establishment of Timber Forest Species through Natural Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru (Peru) – Partial funding (Note 4)	\$50,000.00
PD 815/16 Rev.2 (I) Increasing Efficiency of Acacia Plantation and Timber Processing Industry in Vietnam (Vietnam) (Note 4) – Partial funding (<i>consultations with proponents are to be held on reformulation of budget in accordance with provisions under Decision 5(XLIX))</i>	\$90,000.00
(ii) Approved at earlier Sessions:	
PD 796/15 Rev.2 (M) Establishing a System for the Collection, Storage, Processing and Dissemination of Forest and Wildlife Statistics in Cameroon (Cameroon) – Partial funding (Note 4)	\$80,000.00
(iii) Activities approved through Decision 2(LIII) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2018-2019:	
PP-A/53-322 Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests – Partial funding (Note 4) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 1)	\$50,000.00
PP-A/53-323 Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains – Partial funding (Note 4) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 2)	\$100,000.00
PP-A/53-324 Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO – Partial funding (Note 4) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 3)	\$75,000.00
PP-A/52-320 Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES – Additional funding (Notes 1, 2 and 3) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 6)	\$397,486.00
PP-A/53-325 Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women – Partial funding (Note 4) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 10(a))	\$25,000.00
PP-A/50-305 Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others – Additional funding (Note 4) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 14)	\$25,000.00

PP-A/50-304	\$40,000.00
Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	
– Additional funding (Note 4)	
(ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 Activity: 19)	

PP-A/52-319	\$78,605.60
ITTO Fellowship Programme	
– Additional funding (Notes 2, 3 and 4)	
(ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2015-2016 Activity: 22)	

(iv) Other Activity:

PP-A/53-321 Secondment of Programme Officer from the Korea Forest Service (Note 5)	\$297,669.56
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Note 1: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-second Session of the Council, including reallocation of previous pledges.

Note 2: Inter-sessional pledge received after the Fifty-second Session of the Council, by allocation from donor's funds.

Note 3: Pledges received during the Fifty-third Session of the Council, including allocation from donor's funds.

Note 4: Pledges received during the Fifty-third Session of the Council.

Note 5: Inter-sessional pledge received through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Note 6: Total pledges confirmed after the Fifty-Second Session of the Council to-date: \$1,308,761.16, less reallocation of prior year's pledge:\$97,486, amount to net increase in voluntary contribution received in the year 2017: \$ 1,211,275.16.

Note 7: In addition to the above, the Government of Germany indicated that they are in the process of completing administrative procedures for the pledge of \$1,000,000 to finance Activity no.4 of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019: Enhancing Teak Management.

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