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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2026-2027
[Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda]

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 3(LXI), which requests the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2026 and 2027. The documents contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 3(LXI) and provides the implementation status of each activity.

A Reference Table showing the relevance of each activity to objectives/goals of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, ITTA; the Strategic Action Plan, SAP; the Global Forest Goals, GFG and to the Programme Lines is included in Annex I.

For the detailed terms of reference of each activity, please refer to the BWP 2026-2027 as approved in Council Decision 3(LXI). The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2026-2027 as adopted under Council Decision 3(LXI), includes 37 activities divided into two parts. Part 1 includes 21 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget, or other sources. The activities under Part 1 have been categorized into five groups according to their nature. Part 2 includes 16 administrative and financial activities that do not require financing.

The financing status of each activity under Part 1 is reflected in Table 1. The voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2026-2027 are shown in Table 2. Table 3 shows the voluntary contributions by donor.

SUMMARY OF THE BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2026-2027

Part 1 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FINANCING

Table 1: Financing Status of the BWP 2026-2027 (as of 30 September 2026)

	Activity	Funding Status	US$ pledged
GROUP 1 – BWP FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES			
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Partial	3,005,346
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Pending	0
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Full	Fully funded BWP 24/25
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Pending	0
5	Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Pending	0
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Pending	0
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical forests	Partial	78,040
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK			
8	a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Pending	0
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Pending	0
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Africa	Partial	78,447
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES			
9	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical forests	Partial	20,000
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Pending	0
11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Pending	0
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK			
12	ITTO strategic communication and implementation	Pending	0
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Partial	Core
14	Public relations, outreach, and education		
	a) Communications and branding	Partial	Core
	b) Outreach and visibility	Partial	Core
	c) Awareness-raising in the host country Japan	Partial	37,078
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Pending	0
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Partial	Core
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Partial	Core
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	150,178
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Partial	Core
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Partial	Core
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Partial	Core

Part 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2026-2027 *(as of 8 October 2026)*

Year	US$ sought	US$ pledged
2026	2,940,000	1,928,743
2027	2,790,000	1,440,346
Total	5,730,000	3,369,089

Table 3: Voluntary Contributions to the BWP 2026-2027 by donor *(as of 8 October 2026)*

Members	US$
Japan	77,078
Netherlands	58,040
Unearmarked funds & BPF	137,888
Subtotal (a)	**273,006**
Non-members	
Macao Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)	3,005,346
Soka Gakkai	78,447
Dr. Hwan Ok Ma	10,000
Kisso-an	2,290
Subtotal (b)	**3,096,083**
Total (a + b)	**3,369,089**
Secondment Korea Forest Service	*772,537

** Cooperation Agreement with the Korea Forest Service*

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 1: Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains

Implementation Approach:
Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of legality and sustainability, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Under the BWP for 2021-2022 extended into 2023, two sub-activities under this Activity were approved and fully funded by the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR, China, namely "Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains" (GTI Phase I) and "Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains" (BTTS Phase I). Under the BWP for 2024-2025, two sub-activities of GTI, namely "Consolidating and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to provide Multi-dimensional Service for the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains" (GTI Phase II) and "Enhancing and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform for Promoting the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains" (GTI Phase III), and two sub-activities of BTTS, namely "Establishing and Testing a Simulation Platform for Cross-border Timber Traceability Based on the Blockchain Technology for Building Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains" (BTTS Phase II) and "Upgrading the Platform of Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System, and Conducting Application Tests in Practical Operation Scenarios of Legal and Sustainable Timber Traceability" (BTTS Phase III), were approved and fully funded by the IPIM respectively. Using remaining funds under the BWP for 2024-2025 and expected funding sources from voluntary contributions, the work will continue into 2026-2027, including building the LSSC-GGSC platform, upgrading and enhancing the functions of the GTI Platform and developing a trading platform based on the BTTS to facilitate and promote legal and sustainable timber trade, as well as other events and activities.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions *(Expected from IPIM, Macao SAR)*	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 3,130,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 1,565,000
	Year 2027:	USD 1,565,000

Activity Targets:
- Capacity Building for SMF and/or sustainable supply chains developed for up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives/entities
- Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/private sector entities

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1(d), (k), (n), (o)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 2, 4, CS 1, 4
- UNSPF: GFG 2, 5
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: CEM/CFI

ACTIVITY 1: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 3,005,346

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ NIL
Year 2027 US$ 124,654

1. Enhance the information exchange function of the Global Timber Index (GTI) platform to promote the development of legal and sustainable timber markets (the 4th phase of GTI)

- This sub-activity was approved and funded in July 2025 and the implementation commenced in September 2025.
- The implementation was on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time.
  - 10 pilot countries and more than 300 enterprises joined in the GTI platform.
  - Regular information sharing and dissemination mechanism with enterprises were enhanced.
  - 12 GTI monthly reports were timely issued.
  - 12 issues of 2 specialized indexes, GTI-Producers and GTI-Wood-based Panel, were released.
  - The profile of GTI Platform has been further developed and consolidated.
  - More precise timber market information services were provided for GTI sample enter-prises.
- The completion report and technical reports for this sub-activities have been submitted and it will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans.

2. Developing and Initiating a Trading Platform Based on the Blockchain-based Timber Tracea-bility System to Facilitate and Promote Legal and Sustainable Timber Trade (the 4th phase of BTTS)

- This sub-activity was approved and funded in July 2025 and the implementation commenced in September 2025.
- The implementation is on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time.
  - The timber trading platform module based on the existing BTTS (BTTS-TP) was developed.
  - The BTTS-TP application testing was carried out to promote platform functionality.
  - The transactions of legal and sustainable timber of BTTS-TP have been initiated.
  - The achievements of the BTTS-TP have been promoted and disseminated.
- The completion report and technical reports for this sub-activities have been submitted, and it will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans.

3. The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum in 2026 (GLSTF2026)

As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao IPIM in collaboration with the GGSC, co-organized two GLSTFs in 2023 and 2024 respectively to promote legal and sustainable timber supply chains. A variety of activities have been organized during GLSTF2023 and GLSTF2024, such as main forums, specialized sub-forums, achievements release, side events, B2B matchings, bilateral meetings, and industry displays. The GLSTF 2025, although had been fully prepared, was unfortunately cancelled due to a super typhoon in Macao on the scheduled dates.

The GLSTF2026 was held on 22-23 September 2026 at the Galaxy International Convention Center in Macao, bringing together more than 800 participants from 49 countries, including government ministers and high-level officials, industry leaders, researchers and international organizations under this year's theme, *Innovation and Transformation - Pursuing Avenues for Resilient and Sustainable Global Timber Industries*.

The main forum discussed topics related to timber industries in global disruption, transformation of industry & trade patterns for supply chain resilience and innovations for sustaining the timber sector. The specialized sub-forums were organized by ITTO and partner agencies to contribute to this theme. Selected sub-forum

topics were timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; market trends and industry innovations in furniture & home furnishings; green finance and innovative facilitation measures.

GLSTF2026 also released a set of concrete achievements reflecting progress over the past years. A major achievement was the Action Framework 2026 for Promoting Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains, sets out practical actions across eight areas: partnership networking, information sharing, supply-chain transformation, trade facilitation, technology innovation, traceability and markets, finance and investment, and capacity building. Other achievement releases included the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform-Price Index; application and operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System-Trading Platform (BTTS-TP), the Global Timber Association Network (GTAN), and others related to green finance and green supply chains.

Work under some of the above sub-activities included in the LSSC activity will continue into 2027 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be allocated to relevant LSSC components in accordance with donor instructions.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 2: Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/ due diligence training

Implementation Approach:
ITTO will continue working with the Trade Advisory Group and other partners such as FAO, ATIBT as well as other major and relevant international and regional organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector associations that are working in this area to pilot and eventually scale up capacity on legality compliance/due diligence. The training model will be based on one that has proven successful – delivered by industry actors, who understand the challenges, needs and vocabulary of businesses and industry in producer countries who are involved in international trade. Training modules were developed and delivered in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru under the 2018-20 and 2021-2023 BWPs; remaining funds pledged to those activities were used to organize two regional conferences covering Latin America and West Africa subregions involving private sector participation that discussed, trade, markets and other contemporary such as EUDR, CITES regulations among others that affect the industry in these two regions during the BWP 2024-2025 period. If additional funds are pledged under this BWP 2026-2027 another regional conference on private sector engagement will be carried out in the Asia-Pacific region. Aside these, legality compliance/due diligence training that took place in select country in Latin America during the previous BWP will be broadened in scope to include forest climate projects/finance and extended to other regions.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 100,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 50,000
	Year 2027:	USD 50,000

Activity Targets:
- Up to an additional five target countries assisted with pilot trainings held for private sector
- Technical Assistance provided to target countries by international experts / organizations
- Organize one Trade and Markets Private sector engagement conference in Asia-Pacific region

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: CEM/CFI (L)/4 Item 9(iv) & (v); Annex C
- ITTO SAP: SP 2, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: CEM/CFI

ACTIVITY 2: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	US$ NIL	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	US$ 50,000
	Year 2027	US$ 50,000

In March 2026, ITTO participated in the International Wood Products Association (IWPA) 70th World of Wood (WoW) convention that brought together importers, U.S. manufacturers, wholesalers, offshore suppliers, and service providers from more than twenty countries for the annual event. ITTO made a presentation about its broader core areas of operations and outlined ITTO support to the private sector through projects and programs in advancing sustainable tropical timber trade, with programmes aimed at strengthening legal and responsible supply chains.

In May 2026, a regional conference on private sector engagements was convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and brought together the private sector and leading regulators in the timber industry to discuss, trade and markets, the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), Certification, Traceability, CITES regulations on Appendix II species and other contemporary issues. Seven ITTO member countries from the Asia-Pacific region, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam made up of seventy-five participants participated in the day-long conference fully sponsored by ITTO.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 3: Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and local community-established plantations

Implementation Approach:
This Activity, continuing work started under the previous BWP which aims to significantly improve the production of quality timber from smallholder and local community established plantations of teak and other valuable species in Asia-Pacific and West Africa. It involves promoting policies and programs to ensure the availability of high-quality planting material, the adoption of better silvicultural practices, access to financing to promote longer rotations, value addition and improved timber legality. Key activities include promoting financial schemes that support high-quality teak production with longer rotations and facilitating access to voluntary carbon markets. Tapping into the carbon credit markets will provide additional incentives and contribute to the global effort for climate change mitigation. It will also encourage regional and international cooperation to support the sustainable development of smallholder plantations. The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Regional Identity (BMLEH) has already committed to funding this Activity over the period 2024-2026. Based on the outcomes of this activity, the next activity phase will be developed and additional funding will be sought.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions from BMLEH, Germany	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 1,413,449
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 776,351 *(pledged and received under BWP 2024/25)*
	Year 2027:	USD N/A

Activity Targets:
- Policies and programs to promote quality timber production from smallholder plantations established in target countries
- Financial schemes developed for high quality teak production and voluntary carbon markets accessed
- Regional and international cooperation enhanced for sustainable smallholder plantation development

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 2, 3, CS 1, 4
- UNSPF: GFG 2, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 3: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 776,351 *(pledged & received under BWP 2024/25)*

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ NIL
Year 2027 US$ NIL

This project originated from the concept note (CN-23026) and received financing of US$1,413,449 from the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH) in August 2023. ITTO established Minutes of Understandings (MOUs) with six participating countries (Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Togo, Indonesia and India) and the Johann Heinrich Thuenen Institute of Germany. The project has started to implement the activities since the beginning of November 2023.

The Project aims to significantly improve the production of high-quality timber from teak and other valuable species plantations established by smallholders and communities in the Asia-Pacific and West Africa. This will be achieved by promoting policies to secure high-quality planting stock, adoption of best silviculture practices, access to financing to promote longer rotations, value addition, and improved timber legality. Key activities include promoting financial schemes that invest in high-quality teak production with long rotations and provide access to voluntary carbon markets. Tapping into the carbon credit markets would provide additional incentives and support the global effort on climate change mitigation. Furthermore, it facilitates regional and international cooperation for sustainable smallholder plantations. Through the effective implementation of policies and the promotion of collaboration promotion, this Project will contribute to improving the economic outcomes of smallholder and community plantations in the tropics.

The ITTO-BMLEH teak project has provided six tropical countries in Asia-Pacific and West Africa with a unique opportunity to collaborate in their effort toward the sustainable management of teak and other valuable species and to promote quality timber production under the South- South Cooperation. Following the successful Launching and Inception Workshops in October 2023 and January 2024, respectively, the project team and institutional arrangement were established in the six participating countries (with some delays for Indonesia) to implement the project activities with support from consultants.

The project engages the Thuenen Institute of Germany to promote financing schemes for quality timber production in smallholders and community-based teak and other species plantations to increase economic outcomes. The activities include: i) Carry out a feasibility study for direct contracts/out-grower schemes with sourcing companies to ensure that smallholders' products will be purchased at remunerative prices; ii) Carry out a study to promote micro-lending schemes to address the credit constraints of smallholders to explore different options to overcome the problem with collaterals; iii) Carry out a study to promote the formation of effective forest grower associations to reduce transaction costs and help improve access to micro-credits; and iv) Carry out a study to access voluntary carbon markets for increasing revenues financial security of farmers, and support their access to micro-lending schemes.

The project puts emphasis on regional and international collaboration, information sharing and knowledge management, networking, policy development and outreach. Until the reporting date, 15 out of 18 bi-monthly project news letters have bee produced, 8 out of 12 webinars with different technical scientific topic have been successfully organized, and the 2nd Regional Workshop focusing on financial scheme for smallholders will be convened in Indonesia in October with the expectation to have a concrete ouput on solid information for smalholders to access financial supports.

After thirty-two months of implementation, the project has achieved an overall completion rate of 75%. The progress under Output1: Supply chains of smallholders and community-based teak and other valuable species plantation and management systems, is about 78%. Output 2: Financing schemes for quality timber production in smallholders and community-based teak and other species plantations and Output 3: Regional and international collaboration, information sharing and knowledge management, ranges from 65-100%.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 4: Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES

Implementation Approach:
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". ITTO successfully completed implementation of a second grant of approximately US$6,200,000 (EUR5,000,000) from the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2016. Matching contributions from other donors of over US$3,000,000 were received by ITTO during the four-year EU/EC grant period. The EU/EC in 2016 decided to provide further funding for work on CITES-listed tree species directly to the CITES Secretariat through its CITES Tree Species Program, which completed activities in 2022. ITTO on its own continued to carry on with the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) by using funds pledged under the previous BWP (2024-2025) to run two regional Non-Detriment Findings (NDF) workshops in Latin America and Africa respectively in 2025 with an additional NDF workshop planned for the Asia-Pacific region during the BWP 2026-2027. This activity will continue CITES-related work using funds pledged to similar activities under previous BWPs. Since the number of tropical tree species being listed in CITES Appendices continues to grow, ITTO donors are encouraged to provide additional funds for ITTO's CITES-related work through this activity to enable ITTO to continue collaborating with the CITES Secretariat and assisting member countries to implement CITES listings of timber species.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 200,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 100,000
	Year 2027:	USD 100,000

Activity Targets:
- Up to three countries with projects implemented to improve CITES implementation for listed tree species
- Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant CITES meetings/activities
- Reduced number of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 15; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)
- ITTO SAP: SP 2, 3, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 2, 5, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1, 2

Responsible Body: CEM/CFI

ACTIVITY 4: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	US$ NIL	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	US$ 100,000
	Year 2027	US$ 100,000

Under this BWP, ITTO is funding an activity with Adelaide University, Australia, and La Universidad Agraria La Molina, Peru to establish a scientific reference database for geographic origin determination of recently listed Ipê *(Handroanthus spp*) and Cumaru (*Dipteryx spp*) tree species. Sample collections for the two species are completed, and genetic studies have commenced in the laboratories of Adelaide University.

The CITES Secretariat received new funding from Germany in late 2023 to continue the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) now dubbed the "CITES Tree Species Project". ITTO has expressed interest in providing input to develop project activities for a joint collaborative work with the CITES Secretariat for project implementation in member countries. A call for proposal to submit concept notes and project proposal was announced by the CITES secretarial and attracted strong interest from ITTO members resulting in sixteen projects proposals been shortlisted for funding. ITTO was invited as an observer to the new CTSP Steering Committee and participated actively in the first Steering Committee convened in June 2026 by the CITES Secretariat.

ITTO organized regional Non-Detriment Findings (NDF) training workshops on CITES appendix II listed species for its members in the Asia-Pacific region and convened in Kuala Lumpur in May 2026 in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (KPK). This workshop constituted the third in the series following the two successfully organized regional training workshops in the Latin America and West Africa regions in 2025. The overall objective of the Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) workshop was to train CITES Scientific Authorities, CITES Management Authorities and forest department officials in the Asia-Pacific regions on methodologies for determining NDFs for CITES Appendix II timber species by applying the latest version of the 9-step NDF process, thereby providing hands on experience in determining NDF for our members. In total forty participants were trained covering the Asia-Pacific region.

ITTO also attended the CITES Plants Committee meeting held in Geneva in July 2026 and contributed to discussions on agenda items of interest to ITTO and its members.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 5: Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

Implementation Approach:
Criteria and indicators training workshops have been facilitated by activities under previous BWPs and this work will continue in 2026-27. Using remaining funds from previous BWP activities, this activity will continue and expand on previous work by convening a C&I workshop in producer member countries. If additional funds are made available, this work (which will promote the new ITTO criteria and indicators approved in 2016 and the revised African principles, criteria and indicators approved in 2022) will be extended to provide for 2 regional workshops on C&I. Capacity building will incorporate related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into these workshops. As reiterated at the Fifty-eighth Session of the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management, additional funds are needed for this BWP activity to hold two in-person regional Africa workshops (one for ITTO Francophone member countries and one for Anglophone member countries) for the dissemination of the set of ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) revised and adapted to the African context.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 100,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 50,000
	Year 2027:	USD 50,000

Activity Targets:
- Up to two regional C&I training workshops convened
- International collaboration on C&I for SFM enhanced

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 5, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 5: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	US$ NIL	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	US$ 50,000
	Year 2027	US$ 50,000

No voluntary contributions were received to carry out further C&I Activities in 2026. Funds are requested to organize two regional workshops in Africa (one for English and one for French speaking countries) for the promotion of the adapted set of ITTO C&I to the Africa context published in 2022. This training is important to ensure momentum continues in the proper use of C&I and auditing under the Pan-African Certification System (endorsed by PEFC), which is based on the ITTO C&I, to show compliance with many emerging trade requirements in different markets.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 6: Statistical capacity building workshops

Implementation Approach:
This activity which continues work funded under previous BWPs will provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.

During the previous BWP, two regional workshops were jointly funded with FAO and were held in Mexico City and in Lima respectively. These two workshops strengthened the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ)'s submission quality by highlighting specific data problems in the previous submissions and answering participants' various queries regarding products definitions. It also improved the chain of communication between the International Organizations and the participating countries so that the JFSQ can be submitted properly and on time.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 100,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 50,000
	Year 2027:	USD 50,000

Activity Targets:
- Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 28(5)
- ITTO SAP: SP 2, 4, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: CEM/CFI

ACTIVITY 6: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	US$ NIL	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	US$ 50,000
	Year 2027	US$ 50,000

After the two successful statistical regional workshops in Mexico (2024) and Peru (2025), all ITTO South American countries have been covered and benefited from ITTO's extensive assistance and guidance on the statistical reporting of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire. The next statistical regional workshop is planned to be jointly organized with FAO in Thailand in 2027, provided availability of funds.

Group 1: BWP Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

Activity 7: Prevention and Management of fire in tropical forests

Implementation Approach:
In addition to country-specific fire projects received and funded through ITTO's regular project cycle, this BWP Activity aims to promote the implementation of integrated fire management (IFM) in tropical forests through three key activities:

1) Provide crucial resources to stakeholders on tropical fire management through a *Tropical Forest Fire Management Toolkit*, a user-friendly online clearing house mechanism that will support the diverse needs of members.
2) Elevate global attention on integrated tropical forest fire management through an ITTO led CPF Joint Initiative involving FAO (Global Fire Hub), UNFF, Global Fire Monitoring Center, and RECOFTC.
3) Continue ITTO leadership, organization of side events, and sponsorship of tropical fire experts in major fire forum to ensure tropical forest fire issues remain visible in key global and regional forums.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 350,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 250,000
	Year 2027:	USD 100,000

Activity Targets:
- The development of a Web-based Tropical Forest Fire Management Toolkit;
- Support the aims and activities of the CPF Joint Initiative on IFM on Tropical Forests; and
- Side events focused on tropical IFM issues co-organized by ITTO at major forums, including for the International Wildland Fire Conference 2027, FAO Asia Pacific Forestry Commission 2025, the Global Fire Management Hub plenary and related meetings, including sponsorship of tropical fire expert panelists to elevate awareness and knowledge of different aspects of IFM in tropical forests.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 3
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 4, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 2, 4

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 7: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 78,040

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 171,960
Year 2027 US$ 100,000

The first full-scale IFM Toolkit website was successfully developed and launched to the public, featuring an initial collection of over 500 datasets.

In mid-September, we publicly unveiled the Toolkit through virtual regional launches with donors, consultants and the global fire community , and introduced the platform to other audiences through a Atrium Talk during FAO COFO28.

Moving forward into 2027, pending available voluntary contributions, we will continue to enhance the Toolkit's system performance and resources, and enrich the database on user feedback and ideas. We will also further the aims of the CPF Joint Initiative on promoting IFM in Tropical Forests, including starting preparations for the organization of a tropical stream during the upcoming International Wildland Fire Conference in 2028.

Group 2: Normative work on policy guidelines or other strategic work

Activity 8(a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women

Implementation Approach:
This activity will facilitate the uptake of the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality (GEEW) and Empowering Women Guidelines across relevant ITTO activities and initiatives. Funding will contribute to awareness raising; capacity building; training; an exploratory study on the role of women in forestry/industry and building a network of gender experts with ITTO's collaborative partners.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 40,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 20,000
	Year 2027:	USD 20,000

Activity Targets:
- Raised awareness of the GEEW across ITTO members
- Information on the women's role in forestry, forest industries and international tropical timber trade

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decision 2(L)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, CS 1, 2, 4
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 3, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 8(a): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 20,000
Year 2027 US$ 20,000

ITTO's Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering of Women have been incorporated since 2019 into the project formulation process by members submitting project proposals and concept notes through the project cycle, where these guidelines need to be considered. Project proposals evaluated by the ITTO Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Projects and Pre-project Proposals ensures that the gudelines are duly considered.

It is expected that in 2027, ITTO will take stock of gender sensitive statistics in its field and policy work, which would be used as a reference for future decision making in the application of the guidelines.

Group 2: Normative work on policy guidelines or other strategic work

Activity 8(b): Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics

Implementation Approach:
The ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics were developed in 2020 with the invaluable support of many members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), including CIFOR, FAO, IUCN and IUFRO. After organizing the virtual dissemination workshops for ITTO member countries in Asia-Pacific and Latin America, there were not enough funds to hold in-person dissemination workshops for ITTO member countries in Africa (one for French-speaking countries and one for English-speaking countries) in 2024. The remaining two in-person regional workshops will be scheduled sometime in 2026 with funds received at the 60th session, and any new funds pledged under BWP 2026-27.

Under Activity 8b, the ITTO Secretariat will also explore with the UNCCD Secretariat potential collaboration on Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) principles that govern the LDN implementation process in member countries. As stated in the objective of the memorandum of understanding signed between ITTO and the UNCCD Secretariat(s) in February 2024, this collaboration will contribute to providing appropriate guidance for the implementation of activities contributing to the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030. ITTO will also explore potential collaborations/partnerships with other CPF members on restoration activities, including with IUCN and CBD.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 200,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 100,000
	Year 2027:	USD 100,000

Activity Targets:
- Dissemination of the newly adopted guidelines in ITTO producing member countries;
- Collaboration with UNCCD and others on restoration related activities to contribute to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decision 7(LV)
- ITTO SAP: SP 3, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 2, 3

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 8(b): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 100,000
Year 2027 US$ 100,000

ITTO published in 2020 *Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics*. The new guidelines aim at helping stakeholders from policymakers to foresters, community-based organization, and farmers in restoring degraded forest and tree landscapes, thereby providing vital goods and services, creating sustainable rural livelihoods and employment, and supplying locally and globally important tropical forest ecosystem benefits.

To further disseminate and promote the application of the guidelines on the ground, ITTO is organizing a regional Forest Landscape Restoration Workshop in two phases for the African sub-region.

The workshop aims to enhance the capacities in ITTO member countries in Africa to undertake successful FLR interventions; and contribute-to the achievement of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030.

The first phase of the workshop took place from 23-26 June 2026 in Lome, Togo with 13 practitioners from 11 African countries. The first phase of this FLR Workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Office for Forest Development and Exploitation (ODEF) of Togo. The second phase of the workshop will be held (location to be determined) within one year of the first phase. The first phase of the dissemination workshop provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the six FLR principles and associated guiding elements that form the foundation of the ITTO Guidelines on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics. Every participant was requested to come up with a FLR project in their country under implementation or about to start. Each project was reviewed and revised during the training workshop using the FLR guidelines. The participants are currently undertaking implementation of their individual projects in their countries during the intersessional period with remote assistance of the team of trainers. The participants who will successfully conduct their project activities and have lessons to share will be invited to report on them at the second workshop to be held in 2027.

Group 2: Normative work on policy guidelines or other strategic work

Activity 8(c): Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Africa.

Implementation Approach:
This Activity is funded to contribute to and operationalize the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women (GEEW) and the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (FLR). This activity reflects conformity with some elements under Decision 8(LV) and fits well under the pilot phase of the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture Third Programme Line (PL3) titled "Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods".

After implementing three phases of PP-A/56-341 in Togo with women's groups supervised by REFACOF-Togo, there is a need to replication and adaptation of main achievements in other ITTO member countries in Africa. Benin is selected for the support for women's groups dealing with the restoration of forest landscapes in the Departments of Oueme and Zou, located in central part of Benin.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions from SOKA GAKKAI	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 180,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 90,000
	Year 2027:	USD 90,000

Activity Targets:
- Putting into practice two ITTO Guidelines (GEEW and FLR)

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decision 2(L)
- ITTO SAP: SP 3, CS 4
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 2
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 3

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 8(c): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 78,447

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 11,553
Year 2027 US$ 90,000

During 2025, project PP-A/56-341C Benin was implemented by the NGO World Ecology Women on behalf of REFACOF Benin. The project addresses the gradual degradation of forest landscapes in the Ouémé and Zou departments, a process characterized by deforestation, human pressure on natural resources, and the heightened vulnerability of rural communities—particularly women.

The project's implementation addresses the need to strengthen the technical and organizational capacities of women's groups—key players in local natural resource management—while promoting sustainable reforestation and agroforestry practices.

The project's overall objective is to contribute to the sustainable restoration of forest landscapes in the Ouémé and Zou departments, while enhancing the socio-economic empowerment of the women beneficiaries.

During the implementation period, several key activities were carried out, including:

- Assessing the needs and expectations of women's groups in the two municipalities;
- Organizing training workshops for women's groups on nursery, reforestation, and agroforestry techniques;
- Providing the equipment and materials needed to produce forest and agroforestry seedlings;
- Establishing and maintaining two community nurseries;
- Carrying out reforestation and establishing agroforestry plots at sites identified in collaboration with local authorities and beneficiary communities;
- Providing technical monitoring and guidance to beneficiaries throughout the implementation process.

The project achieved significant results, notably:

- Effective capacity building for 211 women from 12 women's groups;
- Production of 76,624 forest and agroforestry seedlings in nurseries;
- Restoration of 20 hectares of degraded forest landscapes through community plantations and agroforestry systems;
- Improved local knowledge and practices regarding sustainable natural resource management.

The project's direct beneficiaries were primarily the 211 women belonging to the supported women's groups, as well as their households.

Group 3: Collaborative work/meetings with other organizations/initiatives

Activity 9: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical forests

Implementation Approach:
In line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), adopted during CBD COP 15 in December 2022, this activity will promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forest landscapes through the following actions:

- Facilitate the engagement of ITTO to support the achievements of forest-related goals and targets of the KMGBF, and its implementation in member states.
- ITTO participation at CBD COP 17 in 2026 with the organization of a joint side-event with CBD and other relevant partners showcasing ITTO experiences, insights and lessons learnt on biodiversity conservation in sustainable managed tropical forest landscapes.
- Renew the memorandum of understanding between ITTO and the CBD for another four year period and support the implementation of the ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative Programme.
- Finalize the update (started in 2025) of the *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forest Landscape*s, in collaboration with IUCN.
- Translate guidelines and conduct training workshops/pilot activities to ground test and promote the guidelines' implementation and uptake.
- Explore synergies and collaboration with other entities to promote buffer zone management around protected/conservation areas, and better integration of biodiversity conservation in plantation and production forests.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 400,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 200,000
	Year 2027:	USD 200,000

Activity Targets:
- Finalization of update of *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forest Landscapes*, including a second expert meeting in early 2026 to inform the update and translation into French and Spanish;
- Updated and disseminated guidelines, with training workshops or pilot activities to ground test and promote the guidelines' implementation and uptake; and
- Participation of the ITTO Secretariat/tropical forest experts in relevant CBD CoPs and related meetings, including co-organization of side events.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)
- ITTO SAP: SP 3, CS 1, 2
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 3, 4, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 2, 3

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 9: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 20,000

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 180,000
Year 2027 US$ 200,000

The Secretariat engaged a consultant in 2025 to assist in the revision and drafting of the updated guidelines. As of August 2026, two expert validation meetings on the draft updated guidelines have been held (one in Merida, Mexico in June 2025, and the other in Bangkok, Thailand in March 2026). Following these two expert validation meetings, a fourth draft of the updated guidelines has been produced, which is undergoing technical editing before it is put for consideration by ITTO and IUCN's governing bodies in late September 2026.

The updated guidelines incorporates new scientific insights and emerging challenges, particularly those related to climate change; aligns the recommendations with global policy frameworks, including the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity; and illustrate with field cases how these can be implemented.

ITTO and IUCN are expected to sign before ITTC-62 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate on several matters relevant to both organizations. This MoU includes a work plan for the publication, dissemination, and implementation of the updated guidelines.

ITTO and IUCN have jointly applied for a side event at CBD COP17 to showcase the major updates to the guidelines. At the time of preparation of this report, both organizations await the result by CBD on the joint side event application.

In May 2026, in support of CBD Decision 16/35 (OP23d), ITTO and CBD renewed their longstanding collaboration up to 2029 with the signature of a MoU, which aims at strengthening joint efforts in support of the implementation of global commitments, including the KMGBF, the CBD expanded program of work on forest biodiversity, the upcoming United Nations Decade on Afforestation and Reforestation (2027–2036) and the Global Forest Goals (GFGs).

In June 2026, ITTO, CBD, FSC, and SFI co-organized a webinar entitled "The business of biodiversity" in support of the implementation of the KMGBF. The webinar illustrated how to integrate biodiversity considerations into everyday decisions across the forestry sector as an opportunity to cultivate healthy, productive ecosystems that support both communities and industry over the long term. ITTO showcased a case study from a field project in Yucatan, Mexico, where Mayan traditional knowledge is being used for beekeeping and honey production.

In March 2026, ITTO also presented on ITTO's work on biodiversity at a virtual Biodiversity Credit Alliance (BCA) Forum on the Forestry Sector.

Group 3: Collaborative work/meetings with other organizations/initiatives

Activity 10: Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others

Implementation Approach:
The objective of this activity is to promote and integrate the contributions of tropical forest landscapes and international tropical timber trade, as well as articulate ITTO's role and contribution in major global processes for the achievement of SDGs and GFGs, and other internationally agreed goals.

For ITTO to effectively promote understanding of its contribution and the important role tropical forests – in particular productive forest landscapes and trade of tropical timber and timber products play in achieving the Global Forest Goals (GFGs), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other international goals, it is important for the organization to actively participate in major forest related global and regional forums. These include CoPs of the trio conventions, regional forest bodies, forest working groups under global and regional trade bodies, relevant UNFF country led initiatives, etc.

The number of organizations and programmes engaged in tropical forests issues continues to grow increasingly complex. ITTO's coordination and collaboration with CPF partners and other entities ensures ITTO's role is articulated, and its work and outputs are disseminated thereby contributing overall to improved efficient use of resources, coherent policy and programming, and coordinated impact in the field.

This activity covers ITTO's secretariat engagement and organization of side events in different forums not covered in by other parts of the BWP, as well as seed resources to support specific CPF joint initiatives and development of newly emerging specific initiatives such as the ITTO-AFoCo Joint Programme.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 200,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 100,000
	Year 2027:	USD 100,000

Activity Targets:
- Participation of ITTO, including organization of side events, in key global and regional events;
- Contributions to select CPF joint initiatives on which ITTO leads or is a major partner; and
- Development of partnerships with other entities to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of the ITTO's work, and impact on the ground.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 3, CS 2
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 10: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 100,000
Year 2027 US$ 100,000

ITTO is a co-leader in the CPF Joint Initiative on Integrated Fire Management.

ITTO also is part of the CPF COPs Taskforce with the aim of proposing common structure and messaging of the CPF across the Conference of the Parties for the Rio Conventions. At the time of preparation of this report the Taskforce have drafted a joint statement for UNCCD COP17, as well as material for disseminating CPF knowledge for mass distribution prior to the COPs.

ITTO also co-led in the proposed CPF Joint Initiative entitled “Towards Sustainable, Diverse, Resilient and Inclusive Planted Forests, Afforestation and Reforestation efforts”, along with CIFOR-ICRAF, FAO, and IUFRO. The proposed initiative was presented at UNFF 21.

ITTO and AFoCO continue to work through the governance and financial arrangements necessary to establish the working modalities of thetheir new joint initiative on “Advancing Nature Based Climate Solutions through Sustainable Community Based Timber and Forestry Based Enterprises.” Pending the outcome of joint fundraising efforts, the hope is to launch the first pilot project underneath the joint intiative by the end of the year.

Group 3: Collaborative work/meetings with other organizations/initiatives

Activity 11: Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM

Implementation Approach:
This work has been facilitated by similar activities under previous BWPs and will continue in 2026-27. Remaining funds from previous activities together with any new pledges will continue and expand on the work undertaken to date.

Funds will be used to allow the Secretariat to participate in international C&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 (FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 50,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 25,000
	Year 2027:	USD 25,000

Activity Targets:
- Relevant meetings attended
- Collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)
- ITTO SAP: SP 3, 4, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 5, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: CRF

ACTIVITY 11: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 25,000
Year 2027 US$ 25,000

ITTO continued its active virtual participation in the FRA FAO Task Force on Forest Degradation to help develop a definition on forest degradation. The Task Force, which started in early 2025, met virtually throughout 2026. Based on the deliberations of the task force which looked at the topic from various angles, FAO is planning on releasing a proposed conceptual definition later this year for further public consultation via an online platform.

ITTO also is an engaged member of the FRA Advisory Group and attended their annual meeting virtually in July 2026. The Advisory Group discussed several aspects of the FRA 2030 Framework, including on permanent forest estate, non-wood forest products, forest restoration and soil carbon, forest fire, and protected areas. The Advisory Group also considered the outcomes of the special work conducted on improved reporting on primary forests, the Task Force on Forest Degradation, updated methodology to quantify forest sector employment, and the Global Fire Hub's work on Fire Data.

At the request of the Montreal Process Sydney Initiative, ITTO presented at the virtual Global Forum on Forest Forest Degradation and Assessment in Aug 2025. ITTO presentation focused on how ITTO C&I and the ITTO's FLR guidelines request reporting/guide understanding on forest degradation.

ITTO expects to continue active engagement in the FRA FAO Degradation process, FRA Advisory Group andg other C&I related iniatives. Funding would allow more active engagement in person attendance at these meetings.

Group 4: Communication and outreach-related work

Activity 12: ITTO strategic communication and implementation

Implementation Approach:
Develop and execute an operational plan to implement the ITTO communication strategy, as presented to the Council at its 57th session. The plan will be tailored to the specific needs of ITTO and its members, ensuring effective delivery and measurable results.

In the coming biennium, ITTO will focus on strengthening its branding and outreach to raise the Organization's visibility and influence, while also enhancing its role in global forest dialogue and positioning it as a recognized source of thought leadership on sustainable forest management (SFM) policies and practices.

This will be achieved by stocktaking the achievements and milestones of ITTO's forty-year legacy and presenting them in compelling ways that demonstrate the Organization's impact. By highlighting and developing success and impact stories from projects and initiatives, ITTO will be able to showcase its unique contributions, communicate results more effectively to diverse audiences, and reinforce its leadership role in shaping global forest policy discussions.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 120,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 60,000
	Year 2027:	USD 60,000

Activity Targets:
- Preparation of an operational plan to implement the ITTO communication strategy.
- Development of communication materials to highlight ITTO's forty-year legacy and raise the Organization's visibility, influence, and thought leadership.
- Stock take the impacts achieved by the Organization and elevate the success stories from ITTO's projects and initiatives.
- Conduct activities to convey these stories and promote ITTO's impact and legacy.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 3, CS 1, 2
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 12: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 60,000
Year 2027 US$ 60,000

Guided by the ITTO communication strategy, ITTO has initiated several activities to strengthen its branding, outreach and visibility in commemoration of its 40th anniversary. These include:

1. **40th anniversary publication:** Drafting has commenced on a short publication that takes stock of ITTO's achievements and milestones over its 40-year history and highlights the Organization's contributions to sustainable forest management and the global forest sector.

2. **40th anniversary video series:** ITTO is producing a series of five videos showcasing the Organization's multifaceted work and achievements over the past 40 years. The videos are being developed following the Organization's programmatic lines to highlight its diverse areas of work and impact.

Group 4: Communication and outreach-related work

Activity 13: ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)

Implementation Approach:
Regular work.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 390,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 195,000
	Year 2027:	USD 195,000

Activity Targets:
- Up to four TFU issues per year published in three ITTO working languages, distributed to approximately 15,000 subscribers.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28
- ITTO SAP: SP 1-3, CS 1-3
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 13: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

At the time of preparation of this report, two issues of the Tropical Forest Update (TFU) had been published in 2026, with a third issue planned for December.

The first issue, TFU 35-1: "Advocacy. Action. Impact: Supporting sustainable tropical forestry on all fronts", was published in the second quarter of 2026. The issue provided a broad overview of ITTO's global engagement in 2025 and highlighted the Organization's work to advance sustainable tropical forest management through international policy engagement, technical cooperation and field-level action. Key topics included ITTO's participation in COP30 and its advocacy for greater investment in sustainably managed tropical forests; official missions to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana and Mexico; innovative forest financing mechanisms for small and medium-sized timber producers in Costa Rica; and efforts to strengthen the production of quality teak through smallholder and community-based plantations. The issue also featured an article on the ITTO Fellowship Programme, illustrating how knowledge gained through international timber technology events can be transferred to students, researchers and tropical forestry institutions.

The second issue, TFU 35-2: "Building resilience", was released in the third quarter of 2026. It focused particularly on the changing tropical timber trade and the ways in which producers, forest managers and other stakeholders can adapt to evolving markets, regulations and technologies. A major feature was the expansion of ITTO's Trade and Markets Day format to regional events in Latin America, Africa and the Asia-Pacific. The issue examined common challenges across the regions, including legality and traceability, certification, compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), CITES requirements, market diversification and the use of digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, DNA analysis and geolocation tools.

Other articles in the second issue highlighted the sustainable use of tropical forests by Mayan communities in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, including the documentation of traditional knowledge and support for community enterprises in beekeeping and ecotourism. The issue also examined the changing structure of international timber trade, including South-South trade, the growing role of Asia as an industrial and processing hub, and opportunities for more sustainable and equitable value chains.

The second issue also featured Tropix Online, an ITTO-supported database providing freely accessible technical information on more than 300 tropical and temperate timber species. The platform provides information on wood properties, durability, processing characteristics, commercial classifications and potential uses, helping professionals make informed choices and supporting the promotion of lesser-used species. In addition, an analysis of 2025 market trends examined the effects of changing US trade policy, production costs, raw-material availability and developments in major consumer markets. The issue concluded with an article on ITTO Fellow Víctor Peña-Lara's research on taxonomic, functional and phylogenetic biodiversity in the Yucatán Peninsula.

TFU continues to be published up to three/four times a year in English, French and Spanish. It is distributed free of charge to more than 13,000 individuals and organizations in over 149 countries, and is also available online and through mobile app platforms.

ITTO is currently updating its TFU distribution system to make dissemination more resource-efficient. Subscribers have been invited to update their contact details through a dedicated online form, supporting efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of future distribution.

The third issue, TFU 35-3, is planned for publication in December 2026.

Group 4: Communication and outreach-related work

Activity 14(a): Public relations, outreach, and education (Communications and branding)

Implementation Approach:
This activity represents ITTO's regular public relations and outreach work and will ensure that the Organization continues to reach a wide global audience. The approach will combine ongoing communication efforts with targeted initiatives designed to strengthen ITTO's visibility, influence, and impact.

Communication activities: Regular management of the ITTO website (including postings, content updates, and improvements to functionality and design); publication and dissemination of ITTO reports and publications (e.g. annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, Tropical Forest Update articles, news stories, and event coverage); and production of public relations materials (e.g. brochures, calendars, infographics, pamphlets, posters, videos, and photos to highlight ITTO's work. Other initiatives will also be undertaken, including in collaboration with partners.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 530,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 265,000
	Year 2027:	USD 265,000

Relevance:

- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1
- ITTO SAP: SP 1-3, CS 1-3
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 14(a): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

The ITTO website is regularly updated throughout the reporting period, providing information on the Organization's activities, engagements, project developments, participation in international events and commemorative international celebrations. In addition to routine website updates, ITTO continued to produce news articles and multimedia content to highlight its work and impact. As of the preparation of this report, more than 50 articles have been published under the News section of the website.

ITTO's monthly newsletter, Tropical Forests News, was regularly published to highlight recent Secretariat activities, feature partners and field-level work, and provide updates on ITTO's market intelligence services, timber reports and other activities. The newsletter is distributed through Mailchimp (1 676 subscribers) and LinkedIn (2 804 subscribers). In mid-2026, a new campaign was introduced highlighting ITTO Fellows and their testimonials on how the Fellowship Programme has supported their professional careers.

ITTO also maintained a consistent presence across major social media platforms, with regular posts showcasing the Organization's work, activities and achievements. The Organization continued to grow its following across these channels. As of the preparation of this report, ITTO had more than 10 000 followers on Facebook, 1 323 on Instagram, 5 338 on LinkedIn, 1 235 on X and 1 510 on YouTube. The ITTO YouTube channel featured 199 videos covering various aspects of the Organization's work.

Promotional materials, including branded wood products from ITTO-supported projects in Thailand and Indonesia, were produced and distributed at events in Japan and abroad. Production of the ITTO 2027 calendar is underway at the time of reporting.

In July 2026, ITTO released its Annual Report 2025. Other publications produced during the reporting period included GTI Milestones and Achievements, the ITTO Publications Catalogue, and a brochure on the Tropical Integrated Fire Management (TIFM) Toolkit. One major publication (Technical Series) is in the pipeline.

Activity 14(b): Public relations, outreach, and education (Outreach and visibility)

Implementation Approach:
As part of its regular work, ITTO will actively organize and participate in booths, side events, and other outreach initiatives at key international events during the biennium. These include the IUFRO World Congress; the CBD, CITES, and UNFCCC COPs; sessions of the UNFF and COFO; and other relevant fora not covered under other BWP activities, to showcase ITTO's work and enhance its visibility in global forest and sustainable development dialogues.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 200,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 100,000
	Year 2027:	USD 100,000

Activity Targets:
- Organize and manage up to five ITTO booths annually
- Produce and disseminate up to two ITTO informational materials each year

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1
- ITTO SAP: SP 1-3, CS 1-3
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 14(b): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

ITTO actively participated in key international events through exhibition booths to showcase the Organization's work, programmes and enhance its visibility among partners and stakeholders.

In 2026, ITTO organized and managed two exhibition booths:

1. **Global Nature Positive Summit 2026**, Kumamoto, Japan, 14-15 July 2026
2. **Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2026**, Macao SAR, China, 22-23 September 2026

In addition, ITTO has developed a series of prospectuses to showcase its role and contributions to advancing sustainable forest management. At the time of writing, one prospectus covering the Organization's Programmatic Lines has been released, with five additional materials in the pipeline. These materials will further communicate ITTO's value proposition and highlight the Organization's achievements and contributions through the years.

Group 4: Communication and outreach-related work

Activity 14(c): Public relations, outreach, and education (Awareness-raising in the host country)

Implementation Approach:
Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches a wide audience by translating the ITTO website, developing targeted public relations materials, and implementing outreach activities aimed at raising ITTO's profile in Japan.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 80,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 40,000
	Year 2027:	USD 40,000

Activity Targets:
Communication materials and organization of activities to raise awareness on ITTO's mission with stakeholders in Japan.

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 3, CS 1-2
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 14(c): Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 37,078

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 2,922
Year 2027 US$ 40,000

ITTO continued to strengthen its visibility and engagement in Japan through regular translation of its website and Japanese-language X account.

ITTO has conducted six high-level outreach meetings and courtesy calls with government agencies, diplomatic missions and other Japan-based stakeholders. Outreach and educational activities also continued through four engagements with students, interns and young people, including two lecture sessions at Yokohama Science Frontier High School and visits to the ITTO Secretariat.

In March 2026, ITTO signed the official participation contract for GREEN x EXPO 2027, providing an additional platform to promote awareness of tropical forests and sustainable forest management among Japanese audiences.

In July 2026, ITTO organized an origami workshop and students meet-and-greet at the Global Nature Positive Summit 2026 in Kumamoto, Japan introducing ITTO and raising awareness of the importance and value of tropical forests.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 15: Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 80,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 40,000
	Year 2027:	USD 40,000

Activity Targets:
- At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1-4; CS 1-4,
- UNSPF: GFG 2, 3, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1, 3

Responsible Body: Joint Committees

ACTIVITY 15: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ NIL

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 40,000
Year 2027 US$ 40,000

Though no new funding has been received under this activity, travel assistance has been provided to TAG and CSAG to participate at ITTC62.

TAG and CSAG events will be held during ITTC62 under the Joint Committees on Wednesday, 11 November 2026.

The 2026 CSAG Panel will be on 'Resilient Forest Governance: Sustaining Civil Society's Role in an Era of Declining Public Funding'. The panel will examine how civil society can continue contributing to transparency, accountability, community engagement, and sustainable tropical timber trade as traditional donor funding declines, while identifying new partnerships, approaches, and financing models to sustain these important functions.

The theme of the 2026 Market Discussion under Activity 16 of this BWP will be 'Turbulent Environment in the Tropical Timber Market' and speakers at the Annual Market Discussion from the private and public sectors in Latin America, SE Asia, the EU and Africa will offer their perspectives on the theme.

Members of the TAG and CSAG also attended a number of ITTO (side)events. CSAG attended and presented at COP30 held in Belem, Brazil in November 2025. Representatives of both, TAG and CSAG participated at the ITTO organized regional Non-Detriment Findings (NDF) training workshop on CITES appendix II listed species convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2026 in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (KPK). TAG members also participated at the 5th Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum, GLSTF held in Macao, SAR, China from 22-23 Sep 2026.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 16: ITTO Annual Market Discussion

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 100,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 50,000
	Year 2027:	USD 50,000

Activity Targets:
- ITTO Annual Market Discussions to be convened in 2026 and 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 1(e), (h)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 2, CS 4
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: NA

Responsible Body: Joint Committees

ACTIVITY 16: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

The Secretariat is collaborating with the Trade Advisory Group, TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2026. The Market Discussion will be held during the 'Trade and Markets Day' on Wednesday, 11 November 2026, in conjunction with the Sixty-second Session of the ITTC.

The theme of the 2026 Market Discussion will be 'Turbulent Environment in the Tropical Timber Market'. The global tropical timber market is currently operating in a highly turbulent and volatile environment. Driven by shifting regulatory policies, economic headwinds, and geopolitical friction, the industry is witnessing historic shifts in supply chains and consumption patterns. Speakers at the ITTC Annual Market Discussion from the private and public sectors in Latin America, SE Asia, the EU and Africa will offer their perspectives on the theme.

The detailed programme of the Market Discussion will be posted on the ITTO website once it has been finalized.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 17: Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. Convene the meeting(s) of the Expert Panel.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 120,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 60,000
	Year 2027:	USD 60,000

Activity Targets:
- Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2026 and 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII), 3(LX)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1-4, CS 1-4
- UNSPF: GFG 1-6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Joint Committees

ACTIVITY 17: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	Funded from Core Operational Costs	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	Funded from Core Operational Costs
	Year 2027	Funded from Core Operational Costs

Due to the low number of proposals, the Sixty-first Expert Panel was conducted as a virtual review. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under JC Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-61].

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 18: ITTO Fellowship Programme

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. 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.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Voluntary Contributions	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 400,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 200,000
	Year 2027:	USD 200,000

Activity Targets:
- 30-40 fellowships awarded in 2026 and 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Decision 4(XXVII)
- ITTO SAP: SP 1, 2, 3; CS 1, 4
- UNSPF: GFG 1, 2, 5, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: Crosscutting

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 18: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: US$ 150,178

Funding pending: Year 2026 US$ 49,822
Year 2027 US$ 200,000

The application call for the 2026 cycle of ITTO Fellowship Programme was launched on 1 June 2026 and closed on 20 July 2026**.** All eligible fellowship applications will be assessed by the Fellowship Selection Panel in line with the ITTO selection procedures. The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet electronically prior to the 62nd Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC(LXII)/7) including the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, will be presented to the Council as part of the presentation of the BWP progress report. This activity is expected to continue into 2027 and beyond.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 19: ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)

Implementation Approach:
Regular work.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 500,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 250,000
	Year 2027:	USD 250,000

Activity Targets:
- Twenty-three (23) Tropical Timber Market Reports published annually in 2026 and 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Articles 27, 28
- ITTO SAP: SP 2, 4, CS 4
- UNSPF: GFG 2, 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1, 4

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 19: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) are scheduled to be published in 2026 and twenty-three issues are planned for 2027. The report is distributed to over 22,000 registered readers.

As of 1 October 2026, 18 of the 23 Tropical Timber Market Reports have been published representing completion of approximately 80% of the planned activity for 2026.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 20: Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. The Secretariat will undertake activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) process. In 2024, the IWG was held in Geneva at the UN headquarters and in 2025, the IWG was held at FAO in Rome. In 2026, it will be held in Eurostat in Luxembourg. The IWG is critical to add products definitions and update the JFSQ.

Some funds of this core activity are also used to finance some market and technical reports. In 2024, some funds of this activity were used to finance the Technical Series 52 (tropical timber Trends https://www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=7995&no=1&disp=inline) and the Tropical Veneer and Plywood: Description, Properties and Conversion Factors study (https://www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=8261&no=3&disp=inline).

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 40,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 20,000
	Year 2027:	USD 20,000

Activity Targets:
- Participation in two meetings of the Intersecretariat Working Group
- Updating and refinement of JFSQ
- Funding of market and technical studies

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Articles 27, 28
- ITTO SAP: SP 4, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: CEM/CFI

ACTIVITY 20: Implementation Status

Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

Funding pending: Year 2026 Funded from Core Operational Costs
Year 2027 Funded from Core Operational Costs

This activity funded the participation of the Secretariat to the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG) held in Eurostat in Luxembourg in February 2026. The next IWG is set to be organized in the ITTO headquarters in February 2027.

The IWG held in Luxembourg reviewed the countries which submitted the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) in 2025 and assessed current problems with completing the JFSQ. This assessment is crucial in order to coordinate the efforts of the IWG for increasing the response rate which remains at a stable 50% at the global level. It was also an occasion to discuss the data dissemination and transmission among partners in order to synchronize the updating of each partner's online database. These databases are publicly available and the IWG endeavors to reduce discrepancies among them. ITTO presented a number of long time series which are in need of adjustment, particularly for the production of industrial roundwood in several countries, in the ITTO and FAO databases. The adjustments are expected to be carried out in the 2026-2027 data releases and presented during the next IWG.

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Activity 21: Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation

Implementation Approach:
Regular work. Preparation of the *Draft Elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2025-2026* to be presented to the Council in 2026 and for the publication of the *Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2025-2026* in 2027.

Costs:

Expected Funding Source:	Core Operational Costs	
Estimated Total Cost:		USD 120,000
Estimated Cost/Year:	Year 2026:	USD 60,000
	Year 2027:	USD 60,000

Activity Targets:
- Draft elements of the 2025-26 Review considered at the 62nd Session of the Council in 2026
- Biennial review and assessment 2025-26 published in 2027

Relevance:
- ITTA/ITTC: Articles 27, 28
- ITTO SAP: SP 4, CS 1
- UNSPF: GFG 6
- ITTO Programme Line: PL 1

Responsible Body: Council

ACTIVITY 21: Implementation Status

Funding pledged:	Funded from Core Operational Costs	
Funding pending:	Year 2026	Funded from Core Operational Costs
	Year 2027	Funded from Core Operational Costs

In 2026, the *Draft Elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2025-2026* will be presented to the 62nd session of the International Tropical Timber Council under Item 17 of the agenda, Document ITTC(LXII)/11.

The *Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2025-2026* will be published and printed in English, French and Spanish in 2027.

Part 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
22. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027. [ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work	The Council will consider the progress of Progress reviewed at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2026–2027 under Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda.
23. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2028-2029. [Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work	Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2028-2029 considered at the Sixty-third Session of the Council in 2027	The draft BWP 2028-2029 will be presented to the Council at the Sixty-third Session in 2027
24. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. [ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work	The Panel established under Decision 4(XXX) met at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027 to advise Council on eligibility of activities or projects for funding under Sub-Account B.	The IAG will make a recommendation on whether there is a need for the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund will meet during the Sixty-Second Session.
25. 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] [Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work	Decisions taken on allocations of unearmarked funds at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The IAG will make a recommendation on whether the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund will meet during the Sixty-Second Session to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.
26. 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]	Regular Sessions' work	Decisions taken at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council at its Sixty-second Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.
27. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmatic approach and the four programme lines. [Decision 8(LV)]	Update by the Secretariat	Progress Report considered at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	Progress on the implementation of the Programmatic Approach under both Decisions and the four Programme Lines will be reported to Council under Item 16 of the Provisional Agenda.

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
28. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. [ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)] [Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]	Regular Sessions' work	Progress (if any) considered at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	As informed to the 56th ITTC, in the absence of any new pledges to the Thematic Programmes and given that all funded projects have been reported completed, there is nothing to report under this Activity.
29. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). [Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]	Regular Sessions' work	Report of the Fortieth and Forty-first Meetings of the IAG considered at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council will receive the Report of the 40th IAG under Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LXII)/2].
30. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work	Reports of the Committees presented at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 18 of the Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
31. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). [Decision 3(XXVIII)]	Regular Sessions' work	Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 18 of its Provisional Agenda, including recommendations for ex-post evaluation.
32. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. [ITTA, 2006, Article 26]	Regular Sessions' work	Dissemination considered at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, including through the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.
33. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. [ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work	Reports considered at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027	The Council will consider ex-post evaluation reports (if any) at the Sixtieth Session of the Joint Committees under Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC-JC(LX)/1].

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
34. Review the independent audited statements for the 2025 and 2026 financial years and make recommendations to the Council for their approval. [ITTA, 2006, Article 23]	Regular Sessions' work	Reports of independent auditors disseminated to members and summaries published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2026 and 2027	The report of the independent auditors on the 2025 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Forty-first Session, [Document CFA(XLI)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.
35. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposal for the 2028-2029 biennium. [ITTA, 2006, Article 19(4)]	Regular Sessions' work	Budget proposal for the 2028-2029 biennium will be included in the Forty-second CFA Report to be presented at the Sixty-third Session of the Council in 2027	The Council approved the Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2026 and 2027 at the 61st ITTC in Panama City, Panama. The Budget for the financial years 2028 and 2029 will be presented to the 63rd ITTC for consideration and approval.
36. 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 19(5)]	Regular Sessions' work	Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2025 and 2026 presented at the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions of the Council in 2026 and 2027. Meetings of the investment oversight panel held as needed	The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Forty-first Session as part of the regular work.
37. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work program, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it. [ITTA, 2006, Article 24(3)]	Regular Sessions' work	Review conducted and recommendations made as needed	The CFA will conduct a review at its Forty-first Session as part of the regular work.

Annex I

Activity relevance and responsible body

	Activity	ITTA/ITTC	ITTO SAP	UNSPF	Programme Line	Responsible Body
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES						
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2, SP4, CS1, CS4	GFG2, GFG5	PL 1	CEM, CFI
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	CEM/CFI (L)/4; Report item 9 (iv) and (v); Annex C	SP2, CS1	GFG-6	PL 1	CEM, CFI
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)	SP1, SP2, SP3, CS1, CS4	GFG2, GFG6	Crosscutting	CRF
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Article 15; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)	SP2, SP3, CS1	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	PL 1, PL 2	CEM, CFI
5	Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1, CS1	GFG5, GFG6	PL 1	CRF
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Article 28(5)	SP2, SP4, C1	GFG6	PL 1	CEM, CFI
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical forests	Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)	SP1, SP3	GFG1, GFG4, GFG6	PL 2, PL 4	CRF
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK						
8	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Decision 2(L)	SP1, CS1, CS2, CS4	GFG1, GFG3, GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Decisions 7(LV)	SP3, CS1	GFG1, GFG6	PL 2, PL 3	CRF
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Africa	Decision 2(L)	SP3, CS4	GFG1, GFG2	PL 3	CRF

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES						
9	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical forests	Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)	SP3, CS1, CS2	GFG1, GFG3, GFG4, GFG6	PL 2, PL 3	CRF
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP1, SP3, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP3, SP4, CS1	GFG5, GFG6	Crosscutting	CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK						
12	ITTO strategic communication and implementation	Article 1	SP1, SP3, CS1, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Articles 27, 28	SP1-SP3, CS1-CS3	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
14	Public relations, outreach, and education	Article 1		GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	a) Communications and branding		SP1-SP3, CS1-CS3			
	b) Outreach and visibility		SP1-SP3, CS1-CS2			
	c) Awareness-raising in the host country		SP1, SP3, CS1-CS2			
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK						
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	Crosscutting	GFG2, GFG3, GFG6	PL 1, PL 3	Joint Committees
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP1, SP2, CS4	GFG6	NA	Joint Committees
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	SP1-SP4, CS1-CS4	GFG1 - GFG6	Crosscutting	Joint Committees
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	SP1, SP2, SP3, CS1, CS4	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP4, CS4	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1, PL 4	Council
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Articles 27, 28	SP4, CS1	GFG6	PL 1	CEM, CFI
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Articles 27, 28	SP4, CS1	GFG6	PL 1	Council

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP) and Crosscutting Strategies (CS)

Strategic Priorities	
SP 1	Governance and investment
SP 2	Economies and tropical timber trade
SP 3	Resilience, restoration and conservation
SP 4	Statistics and information
Crosscutting Strategy	
1	Help build capacity in member countries to advance the SAP 2022-2026
2	Enhance ITTO's operational effectiveness
3	Promote integration of the tropical forest sector in COVID-19 recovery plans, measures and investments
4	Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

GFG 1	Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and enhance the contribution of forests to climate change
GFG 2	Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people
GFG 3	Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests
GFG 4	Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific, technical and technological cooperation and partnerships
GFG 5	Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
GFG 6	Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

ITTO Programme Lines (PL)

PL 1	Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
PL 2	Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
PL 3	Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
PL 4	Emerging Issues and Innovation

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