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REPORT OF THE ITTO FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL

(Item 10 (d)(2) of the Provisional Agenda)

1. Fellowship selection for 2018 was conducted electronically. However, the Panel met once during the Fifty-fourth Session of the ITTC to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2018 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson: Mr. John Leigh (Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)

Producers: Mr. Yapo Jean Baptiste Constant (Cote D'Ivoire)
Mr. Retno Maryani (Indonesia)
Dr. Jorge Malleux (Peru)

Consumers: Ms. Argyro Zerva (Japan)
Mr. Björn Merzell (Sweden)
Mr. Luke D. Thompson (USA)

And supported by:

Secretariat: Ms. Sheam Satkuru
Ms. Kumiko Tanaka

2. The ITTO Secretariat received a total of 116 applications and pre-selected 49 applications which were rigorously scanned and considered as complete applications. The Selection Panel considered these 49 applications, made up of 24 applications from Africa, 6 from Asia/Pacific, 19 from Latin America and Caribbean region. Ten percent of the applications were in the field of Economic Information and Market Intelligence (EIMI); 14% in the field of Forest Industry (FI) and 76% in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM). Twenty-two percent of the applications were submitted by female applicants.

While reviewing these 49 applications, the Panel used the following selection criteria:

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

The Panel took into account the balance among the three subject areas and regions as well as the opportunity to promote the participation of women. The Panel also took into account the Strategic Action Plan in its selection Process. The Panel recommends to the Council to award 22 fellowships, subject to the availability of funds at a total cost of US\$139,563.86. Women account for 28% of the recommended applicants. 46% of the recommended applicants are from Africa, 18% from Asia/Pacific, 28% from Latin America and Caribbean region. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report.

3. The panel member Dr. Jorge Malleux of Peru suggested the need that the fellowship panel limits the number of applications to only two applications from the same country when having more than three applications from the same country in case the panel encounters the budget constrain at the final selection and also to explore the possibility to equally reduce the budget from the applications claiming the maximum amount US\$10,000 instead of eliminating one or several application(s).
4. The delegate of the USA Mr. Luke Thompson highlighted the importance of the fellowship programme and the US government is keen to continue to support the fellowship programme.
5. The Fellowship Panel Chair and the Vice Chair of ITTC54 Mr. John Leigh thanked all members for their excellent work and Ms. Argyro Zerva of the European Union thanked the secretariat for the support.
6. The 2019 Fellowship Selection Panel is composed of :

Chairperson: Vice-Chairperson, 55th Session of ITTC

Producers:	Mr. Arsene Ewossaka	(The Republic of the Congo)
	Ms. Retno Maryani	(Indonesia)
	Dr. Josefina Takahashi	(Peru)

Consumers:	Ms. Argyro Zerva	(European Union)
	Mr. Rob Bussink	(The Netherland)
	Mr. Luke Thompson	(USA)

APPENDIX

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

Autumn 2018 Fellowship Cycle

App. No	Name	Nationality	Subject
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS, STATISTICS AND MARKETS			
020/17A	Akotchiffor Kévin Djotan	Benin	Post Graduate Degree study on Productivity loss and economic depreciation due to forest pest attacks on biomaterials of <i>Khaya senegalensis</i> Desr & Juss in the plantations of Benin at Laboratory of Forest Sciences, Abomey Calavi, Benin
055/18A	Oscar Giovani Martinez	Colombia	Ph.D. Study in Forestry: The Colombian Forest Sector Model - An analysis of forest plantation policy in Colombia at the University of Toronto, Canada
110/18A	Volana Rahaingondrahety	Madagascar	Technical Document Preparation of Forestry Monograph of the Boeny Region, Madagascar
025/18A	Talía Lostaunau García	Peru	Summer Minor In journalism 2019 program at the University of California, Barkeley in USA
COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY			
121/17A	Afuge Akame	Cameroon	Study Tour on Assessment of Timber Exploitation and Exploring Ways of Efficient use of Bi-products (Waste Products) for Community Development at the center for Community regeneration and development at the Univeristy of Buea, Cameroon
009/18A	Dillon Raynel Husbands	Guyana	Ph.D. Study on Botany and Plant pathology at Purdue University, Purdue, U.S.A.
COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT			
054/18A	Towanou Houetchegnon	Benin	Technical Document Preparation on Morphological and Genetic Variability of Populations of <i>Prosopis Africana</i> in Benin, West Africa
105/18A	Ibukoun Lawin	Benin	Ph.D. study on Ethnobotanical, ecological and morphological characterization of <i>Cola millenii</i> K. Schum in Benin at University of Parakou

018/18A	Kokou Amouzou Dety	Benin	Master research on the Evaluation of Carbon Stocks in Forest Ecosystems Protected Areas of Togo: Case of The Fazao Malfakassa Fauna Reserve in Togo
057/18A	Daisy Christiane Zambiasi	Brazil	Ph.D. Research "Production and yield of timber in Neotropical secondary forests: succession ecology and management" at Federal University of Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brasil
066/18A	Ana Luiza Violato Espada	Brazil	Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Resources and Conservation degree program at University of Florida, USA
023/18A	Jean Hude Ekindi Moudingo	Cameroon	Ph.D. programme on Bio-Geoscience and Environment Laboratory of Biology and Physiology of Vegetable Organisms Vegetable Organisms at University of Douala, Cameroon
102/18A	Bayron Ruiz Blandon	Colombia	Ph.D. in Sciences in n Biosystematics, Ecology and Natural and Agricultural Resource Management (BEMARENA) at University of Guadalajara
063/18A	Imam Budiman	Indonesia	Ph.D. research on "Institutional Changes of land Tenure and its Impact on Customary Forests in Outer Small Island of Indonesia: A case study of East Nusa Tenggara province"
080/18A	Lambok Sagala	Indonesia	Short training course "Planning and Managing Tourism in Protected Areas at Colorado State University in USA
019/18A	Win Aye	Myanmar	Ph.D. Research on Mangrove Ecological management of Sustainable Development and Resources Conservation: The Views from Mangroves of Taninthayi region, Myanmar
046/18A	Naing	Myanmar	Ph.D. Research on sustainable management of even-aged forest management of teak plantations in East Bago Mountain Region of Myanmar
069/18A	Efraín Payán Cázares	Mexico	IV International Course The Restoration of Landscapes principles and inclusive tools to lead the transformation at CATIE in Costa Rica
053/18A	Clerica Mucudos	Mozambique	Lecture/demonstration tour "Build and strengthen the capacity of students to enhance their skills and knowledge base" at Manica Higher Polytechnic Institute (ISPM) in Mozambique

014/18A	Raul Vasques Alegria	Peru	International Intensive Course on Diversified Management of Natural Tropical Forests: Management in the face of climate change and forest landscape restoration challenges at CATIE in Costa
002/18A	Pyoabalo Alaba	Togo	A short-term internship course as part of his Ph.D. for the purpose of carrying out a thesis entitled "Role of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi in The Silviculture of <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus Poir</i> " in Togo
006/18A	Madjouliba Kpabeba	Togo	Master in Forestry and Environment for a sustainable management of natural resources at the University of Thiès - National School of Agriculture (ENSA) in Senegal

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