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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fifty-third Session of the Committee will be chaired by Dr. Jobst-Michael Schroeder (Germany) and Mr. Bruno Enrique Arias Rivas (Guatemala) as Vice-Chairperson.

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document CRF(LIII)/1]

The Committee may consider the Provisional Agenda and adopt the Agenda for the session. On the organization of work, it is to be noted that the schedule of meetings for the work of the Committee will be determined after usual consultations. The Committee may also constitute the usual informal open-ended working group(s) to assist in the consideration of specific matters related to the Agenda. Items 4, 6, 7 and 9 of the Agenda, will be considered at the joint session of the Committees.

Item 3 - Admission of Observers

The Committees may admit those observers as approved by the Council to attend the session as observers.

Item 4 - ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2019

This item will be taken up in the joint session of the Committees, possibly as part of a proposed new Trade and Markets Day during the session (an agenda for the proposed Trade and Markets Day will be circulated prior to the session). The theme of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2019 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (T-A-G) is "Added Value Processing in Africa - The Opportunities and Challenges". An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2019 will be circulated prior to the session.

Item 5 - Policy Work

ITTC policy work instructions to Committees, pursuant to ITTC Decision 4(XXV) include:

- Restructure the agendas of the Committees to include a separate agenda item for policy work;
- Use the current ITTO Action Plan, the policy-relevant aspects of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme, the findings of completed projects and Council Decisions as the primary basis for identifying items for policy development; and
- Decide during each session of each Committee those subjects which will be discussed under the agenda item "Policy Work" during its next session and agree upon the way to prepare for such a discussion in the Committee.

The Committee may consider the progress in the implementation of the following policy-related matters:

- (i) Promotion of Smallholders' Forest Landscape Restoration in West Africa
[ITTO Programme on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) Activity #3]
 - The Secretariat will update the outcome of a regional workshop on smallholders' FLR in West Africa which will be held prior to the session
- (ii) Development of training curricula for Central African countries on Legal and Sustainable supply Chains (LSSC)
[ITTO Programme on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) Activity #5]
 - The Secretariat will update the implementation of this Activity.
- (iii) Update the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration
[Activity 10 (b), ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019] [Document CRF(LIII)/4]
 - The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.
- (iv) Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests
[Activity 12, ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019]
 - The Secretariat will update the implementation of this Activity.

- (v) Amendment of “Guidelines for Environmental and Social Risks and Input Assessment (ESIA) in ITTO projects” [Document CRF(LIII)/5]
 - The Secretariat will update the implementation of this Activity.
- (vi) Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity [Decision 6(XLVI)]
 - The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.
- (vii) Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
 - The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.

Item 6 - Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

[Document ITTC/EP-54]

Pursuant to Annex B of ITTC Decision 4(XXV), the general observations of the report produced by the Expert Panel shall be considered under this item in a joint session of the Committees. The report of the Fifty-fourth Expert Panel, including the general observations, is contained in document ITTC/EP-54.

Item 7 - New Projects and Pre-projects

[Document ITTC/EP-54]

The Committee may note the following projects and pre-projects which have been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings and circulated to member countries pursuant to ITTC Decision 6(XLIII), following the recommendations of the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals at its Fifty-fourth Meeting held in Yokohama, Japan on 24-28 June 2019, as contained in document ITTC/EP-54.

All Category 1 projects were approved under the above procedure; the Category 4 projects are included to inform the Committee that no member objected to the categorization of these projects. Rating schedule for project proposals by the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals include:

Category 1: The Panel concluded that the proposal could be commended to the Committee with incorporation of amendments.

Category 4: The Panel concluded that it could not commend the proposal to the Committee, and submits it to the Committee with the recommendation not to approve the Project proposal. Justification should be given to the proponent and the Committee (e.g. complete reformulation is necessary; in case of Rev.2 Project proposals; Project not relevant; Project with insufficient information, etc.)

Fifty-fourth Expert Panel

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 808/16 Rev.3 (F)	Conservation of African Barwood (<i>Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir</i>) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities	Côte d'Ivoire
PD 818/16 Rev.3 (F)	“BOSS - CUSHABATAY” Project – Forest Management and Restoration in the Cushabatay Basin on the Eastern Slope of the Cordillera Azul National Park (PNCAZ), Peru	Peru
PD 852/17 Rev.3 (F)	Development of a Regional Strategy for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Areas on the South Coast of Peru	Peru
PD 877/18 Rev.2 (F)	Taper and Commercial Volume Systems for the Planning of the Sustainable Management of Ten Tropical Forest Species in Quintana Roo, Mexico	Mexico
PD 890/18 Rev.2 (F)	Rehabilitation of the Upper Bandama Gazetted Forest in the North of Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of the Local People	Côte d'Ivoire
PD 894/19 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening of Community Forest Management in Peru	Peru

PD 895/19 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening the Participation of Women in Rural Communities for the Development of Ecotourism Service Enterprises and Sustainable Business Models on the Coast of Veracruz, Mexico	Mexico
PD 905/19 Rev.1 (F)	Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo	Togo
PPD 196/19 Rev.1 (F)	Support for Operational and Planning Capacity-building for Stakeholders in the Private and Community Forestry Sector in Togo	Togo

Category 4:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 859/17 Rev.2 (F)	Establishment of a Collaborative Framework through the Creation of a Local Joint Management Body for the Haho-Baloé Reserved Forest in Togo	Togo
PD 864/17 Rev.2 (F)	Forest Restoration to Reduce the Vulnerability of Rural Communities to Climate Change in Five Municipalities of Las Verapaces	Guatemala
PD 880/18 Rev.1 (F)	Demonstrate the Development of Relationships Between Tree Growth and Climate Variability and Topographical Factors in Thailand's Natural Forests to Support Sustainable Forest Management in Thailand: Phase I	Thailand
PD 899/19 (F)	Accelerating effective integrated management of newly constructed Peat Hydrology Unit (PHU) in Kalimantan	Indonesia
PPD 194/19 (F)	Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management in ACTO Member Countries (ACTO-MC) through the Application and Use of Harmonized ACTO/ITTO C&I and the Generation of Reliable and Useful Information for Technical Decision-Makers and Forest Policy-Makers	Peru

Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects

[Document CRF(LIII)/2]

The Committee may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat, as contained in document CRF(LIII)/2, on the following project that may be declared complete:

8.1 Completed Project(s)

- 1) PD 456/07 Rev.4 (F) Building the Capacities of Forestry Training Institutions Members of the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC) for Providing SFM Training for Forest Concessions
"Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Tropical Rainforests and Biodiversity Conservation in the ITTO Congo Basin Countries" (Regional)
- 2) PD 470/07 Rev.1 (F) Development and Implementation of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Planted Forests and Community Forests (Thailand)
- 3) PD 477/07 Rev.4 (F) Improving Forest Functions in Bengkulu Province through Community Participation in Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest by Using Local Prospective Commodities (Indonesia)
- 4) PD 563/09 Rev.5 (F) Community Based Forest Management of Sungai Medihit Watershed (Malaysia)
- 5) PD 601/11 Rev.3 (F) Strengthening Mangrove Ecosystem Conservation in the Biosphere Reserve of Northwestern Peru (Peru)
- 6) PD 602/11 Rev.3 (F) Tropical Forest Governance in the Region of Darien, Panama (Panama)

- 7) PD 710/13 Rev.1 (F) Promoting Conservation of Selected High-value Indigenous Species of Sumatra (Indonesia)

8.2 Completed Pre-projects

None.

Item 9 - Ex-post Evaluations

The Committee may recall that the list of ex-post evaluations 2015-2016 was extended for a period of 2018-2019 at its Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions and that the ex-post evaluations of the following completed projects by two thematic groups were recommended:

- 1) Thematic Group on Forest Rehabilitation, Landscape Restoration, and Secondary Forest Management

PD 372/05 Rev.1 (F) Contribution to Forest Rehabilitation in Thailand's Areas Affected by Tsunami Disaster (Thailand)

PD 501/08 Rev.1 (F) Promoting Household Reforestation in Tropical Zone of Southwestern China through Development and Extension of Household-Oriented Techniques (China)

- 2) Thematic Group dealing with Biodiversity Conservation and Conservation Areas

PD 165/02 Rev.3 (F) Conservation of Biological Diversity through Sustainable Forest Management Practices (Malaysia)

PD 288/04 Rev. 2 (F) Development of Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary as a Totally Protected Area, Phase IV (Final Phase) (Malaysia)

PD 451/07 Rev.1 (F) Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation Area: The Pulong Tau National Park, Sarawak State, Malaysia - Phase II (Malaysia)

However, the delay in completing projects which have funds budgeted for ex-post evaluation did not allow to conduct the ex-post evaluation for the two abovementioned Thematic Groups. After securing funds for the ex-post evaluation, the ex-post evaluations for these two Thematic Groups will be conducted in cooperation with relevant international partners (e.g. CBD, IUFRO, IUCN, etc.) in 2020.

Item 10 - Review of Projects and Pre-projects in Progress

[Document CRF(LIII)/3]

In order to further streamline its work, the Committee, in accordance with ITTC Decision 4(XXV), Annex A, Section VI, requested that reporting and discussion during the Session be limited to projects and pre-projects that are:

- having implementation problems;
- requiring additional funds;
- requesting extension in time of more than six months beyond the original duration of the project; or
- requesting essential major modifications of the work plan and budget.

The Committee may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document CRF(LIII)/3 on the progress or status of projects, pre-projects and activities approved for financing and implementation by the Council. The status of some projects, pre-projects and activities may change from the time this agenda is distributed to the time document CRF(LIII)/3 is prepared and the time the Session is convened. The report covers the following:

10.1 Projects

(A) Projects under implementation

- 1) PD 452/07 Rev.5 (F) Sustainable Management of Production Forests at the Commercial Scale in the Brazilian Amazon – Phase II (Brazil)
- 2) PD 507/08 Rev.1 (F) Development of the National Reforestation Policy and Afforestation Strategy Consistent with Liberia 3C-Approach (Liberia)
- 3) PD 552/09 Rev.1 (F) Encouraging Customary Landowners in the Lowlands of Papua New Guinea's Central Province to Reforest their Grasslands with High Value Trees (PNG)
- 4) PD 646/12 Rev.3 (F) Initiating the Conservation of Cempaka Tree Species (*Elmerrillia* spp) Through Plantation Development with Local Community Participation in North Sulawesi, Indonesia (Indonesia)
- 5) PD 696/13 Rev.2 (F) Community Based Restoration and Sustainable Management of Vulnerable Forest of the Rewa Delta, Viti Levu, Fiji (Fiji)
- 6) PD 721/13 Rev.3 (F) Building a Participatory and Inclusive Sustainable Forest Management Process for the Reduction of Deforestation and Forest Degradation in the Ixil Forest Areas of the Municipality of Nebaj, Quiché, Guatemala (Guatemala)
- 7) PD 723/13 Rev.2 (F) Capacity Building for Strengthening Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation of the Taninthayi Range in Myanmar – Phase I Stage 1 (Myanmar)
- 8) PD 740/14 Rev.2 (F) Sustainable Forest Management Through REDD+ Mechanisms in Kampong Thom Province (Cambodia)
- 9) PD 741/14 Rev.3 (F) Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Tropical Dry Forests on the North Coast of Peru (Peru)
- 10) PD 754/14 Rev.3 (F) Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Sacred Forests on Ramsar Sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin (Benin)
- 11) PD 764/14 Rev.3 (F) Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)
- 12) PD 765/14 Rev.3 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase I (Guatemala)
- 13) PD 777/15 Rev.3 (F) Accelerating the Restoration of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve (CBR) Functions through Proper Management of Landscapes Involving Local Stakeholders (Indonesia)

(B) Projects awaiting implementation agreement

None.

(C) Projects awaiting financing

In accordance with ITTC Decision 2(X), Council approved projects which have not been funded within a validity period of 20 months may be revised and resubmitted to the (Committee) Council. Failing resubmission, the Project will lose its status as an approved Project and fall under the sunset provision.

Projects with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 53rd and 54th CRF Sessions.

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.2 (F)* Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra (Indonesia)
- 2) PD 723/13 Rev.2 (F) Capacity Building for Strengthening Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation of the Taninthayi Range in Myanmar – Phase I Stage 2 (Myanmar)
- 3) PD 765/14 Rev.3 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase II (Guatemala)
- 4) PD 781/15 Rev.3 (F)* Master Plan for the Repositioning of Forest Management as A Competitive Land Use in the Agroforestry Landscape of the Northern Region of Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 5) PD 808/16 Rev.3 (F) Conservation of African Barwood (*Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir*) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 6) PD 818/16 Rev.3 (F) “BOSS - CUSHABATAY” Project – Forest Management and Restoration in the Cushabatay Basin on the Eastern Slope of the Cordillera Azul National Park (PNCAZ), Peru (Peru)
- 7) PD 836/17 Rev.1 (F)* Enhancing Capacity of Local Communities and Forest Administration to Effectively Implement Community Forestry Programme (CFP) in Kratie and Mondulkiri Provinces of Cambodia (Cambodia)
- 8) PD 842/17 Rev.2 (F)* Exploring Innovative and Appropriate Tenure Conflicts Resolution Model on State Forest for Strengthening Forest Management Unit (Kesatuan Pengelolaan Hutan/KPH) in Implementing Sustainable Forest Management (Indonesia)
- 9) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F)* Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 10) PD 852/17 Rev.3 (F) Development of a Regional Strategy for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Areas on the South Coast of Peru (Peru)
- 11) PD 853/17 Rev.2 (F) Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru (Peru)
- 12) PD 868/18 Rev.1 (F)* Improving Local Governance for Landscape Restoration in the San Alejandro River Subwatershed, Padre Abad Province, Department of Ucayali, Peru (Peru)
- 13) PD 873/18 Rev.1 (F)* Integrated Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity in the Tacaná Volcano and its Area of Influence in Mexico and Guatemala – Phase II (Guatemala)
- 14) PD 877/18 Rev.2 (F) Taper and Commercial Volume Systems for the Planning of the Sustainable Management of Ten Tropical Forest Species in Quintana Roo, Mexico (Mexico)
- 15) PD 881/18 Rev.1 (F)* Gender Mainstreaming in the Development of Actions to Control Deforestation and Forest Degradation in the Congo Basin (Cameroon)
- 16) PD 884/18 Rev.1 (F)* Pilot Sustainable Management Systems for Secondary Natural Forests in the Collective Afro-descendant Community Territory of the Bajo Calima Community Council, Municipality of Buenaventura, Colombia (Colombia)
- 17) PD 887/18 Rev.1 (F)* Production and Availability of Teak Clone Varieties: Development of Improved Plant Material for Reforestation in Togo (Togo)

- 18) PD 888/18 Rev.1 (F)* Enhancement of the Participatory Bushfire Prevention and Management System in Togo (Togo)
- 19) PD 890/18 Rev.2 (F) Rehabilitation of the Upper Bandama Gazetted Forest in the North of Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of the Local People (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 20) PD 891/18 Rev.1 (F)* Bamboo for Life: An Alternative for the Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Lands and Sustainable Rural Development in the San Martin Region, Peru (Peru)
- 21) PD 894/19 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening of Community Forest Management in Peru (Peru)
- 22) PD 895/19 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening the Participation of Women in Rural Communities for the Development of Ecotourism Service Enterprises and Sustainable Business Models on the Coast of Veracruz, Mexico (Mexico)
- 23) PD 905/19 Rev.1 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo (Togo)

(D) Projects to be subject to possible termination process

In accordance with the rules and procedures applying to ITTO projects, the Committee may consider recommending the termination of the following projects because of the non-submission of the final financial audit report which is considered as due since 2016.

- 1) PD 383/05 Rev.2 (F) Community Forest Development in Gabon (Gabon)
- 2) PD 653/12 Rev.1 (F) Sustainable, Mixed and Pure Forest Plantation Development in the Transitional Zone of Ghana's Biakoye District Assembly, Employing Poverty Reduction Strategies (Ghana)

10.2 Pre-projects

(A) Pre-projects under implementation

- 1) PPD 191/18 Rev.1 (F) Support to the Local Communities of the Mono Plain for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in Togo (Togo)

(B) Pre-projects awaiting implementation agreement

- 1) PPD 189/17 Rev.3 (F) Development of A Full Project Proposal to Generate Tools to Ensure the Establishment of Timber Forest Species through Natural Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru (Peru)

(C) Pre-projects awaiting financing

In accordance with ITTC Decision 2(X), Council approved pre-projects which have not been funded within a validity period of 20 months may be revised and resubmitted to the (Committee) Council. Failing resubmission, the Pre-project will lose its status as an approved Pre-project and fall under the sunset provision.

Pre-project with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 53rd and 54th CRF Sessions.

- 1) PPD 192/18 Rev.1 (F)* Formulation of A Project Proposal on "Strengthening Forest Research to Improve the Efficient Use of Timber and The Conservation and Sustainable Development of Forests in Guatemala" (Guatemala)
- 2) PPD 196/19 Rev.1 (F) Support for Operational and Planning Capacity-building for Stakeholders in the Private and Community Forestry Sector in Togo (Togo)

Item 11 - Biennial Work Programme of the Committee for 2020-2021

[Document ITTC(LV)/7]

In accordance with the recommendation by the Council, the Committee may wish to discuss and consider the draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2020-2021, as contained in document ITTC(LV)/7, particularly the section pertaining to the strategic policy activities of the Committee.

Item 12 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2020

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2020 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

Item 13 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Committee

The dates and venues of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Committee are determined in relation to the dates and venues fixed by the Council for its Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Sessions.

Item 14 - Other Business

The Committee may discuss any other matters raised under this item.

Item 15 - Recommendations to the International Tropical Timber Council

The Committee may consider recommendations to the Council on projects, pre-projects, policy work and any other matters concerning reforestation and forest management.

Item 16 - Report of the Session

The Committee may consider and adopt a report containing its recommendations to the Council. The Committee may request the Chairperson to present the report during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council for consideration and adoption.

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