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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018-2019

[Item 10(a) of the Provisional Agenda]

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 2(LIII), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2018 and 2019. The document contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 2(LIII), however the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'. For information on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' please see Annex 1. For the detailed terms of reference of each activity, please refer to the BWP 2018-2019 as approved in Council Decision 2(LIII).

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2018-2019 was adopted with Council Decision 2(LIII) and includes 41 activities divided into two parts. Part 1 includes 26 activities requiring financing through core budget, voluntary contributions or other sources. Part 2 includes 15 administrative and financial activities that do not require financing. With a view to provide a coherent structure, the activities under Part 1 have been categorized into the five groups according to their nature. The funding status of each activity is reflected in Table 1. Administrative and financial activities without financial requirements (Activities 27-41) are not included.

Table 1: Overview on the Financing Status of the BWP 2018-2019

		Financing Status	US\$ Pledged*
GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES			
1	Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	Full	50,000
2	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Full	2,713,505
3	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Partial	95,000
4	Enhancing teak management	Partial	1,236,250
5	Restoration, conservation and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems	Pending	NIL
6	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Partial	400,000
7	Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	Full	<i>EU Grant</i>
8	a) Criteria and indicators workshops	Partial	34,484
	b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context	Partial	106,735
9	Statistical capacity building workshops	Partial	76,821
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK			
10	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Partial	25,000
	b) Update ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration	Partial	176,890
11	Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	Partial	156,735
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES			
12	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Partial	20,000
13	International conference on halting deforestation and increasing forest area	Pending	NIL
14	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Partial	55,652
15	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Partial	22,989
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK			
16	ITTO communication strategy	Pending	NIL
17	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Full	<i>Core</i>
18	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Full	<i>Core</i>
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	Full	<i>Core</i>
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
19	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Partial	60,000
20	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Full	<i>Core</i>
21	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Full	<i>Core</i>
22	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	190,672
23	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Full	<i>Core</i>
24	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Full	<i>Core</i>
25	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Full	<i>Core</i>
26	Status of tropical forest management 2019 report	Pending	NIL

* As of 9 November 2019

The total funding sought under the BWP 2018-2019 is US\$9,870,000. Out of this amount, US\$1,840,000 has been approved under core operational costs through Decision 3(LIII). The remaining amount of US\$ 8,030,000 is divided into US\$7,830,000 sought from voluntary contributions and US\$200,000 from other sources. Activity 7 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by an EU Grant in the amount of Euro 4 million and is not included in the calculation of the contributions sought/pledged under this BWP.

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged to the BWP 2018-2019

Year	US\$ sought	US\$ pledged*
2018	US\$ 4,745,000	US\$ 821,799
2019	US\$ 3,285,000	US\$ 4,598,934
Total	US\$ 8,030,000	US\$ 5,420,733

*As of 9 November 2019

At the time of preparing this report, voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$5,420,733 have been pledged, i.e., US\$821,799 in 2018 and US\$4,598,934 in 2019 (see Table 2). The voluntary contributions pledged equal 67.5% of the voluntary contributions sought for the biennium 2018/2019. In 2019 more voluntary contributions were received than had been sought under this BWP, mainly due to two pledges from the Government of Germany, i.e. to Activity 2 (US\$2,390,000) and to Activity 5 (US\$1,236,390), in addition to pledges from China, EU, Japan, Korea, Netherlands and the USA. Contributions were also received from the International Union for Conservation of Nature, IUCN; the Program for the Promotion of Certified Forest Operations, PPECF and the Bali Partnership Fund. Contractual contributions were received from the World Bank and the CITES Secretariat. All contributions are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Contributions to the BWP 2018-2019

Members	US\$
China	200,000
EU	328,416
Germany	3,705,886
Japan	136,363
Korea	120,423
Netherlands	26,799
USA	786,000
<i>Bali Partnership Fund</i>	<i>16,510</i>
Non-members	
IUCN	56,467
PPECF	43,869
Subtotal	5,420,733
Contractual contributions	
EU Grant for IMM (Activity 7)	4,499,438*
CITES Secretariat	576,483
World Bank	40,000
Subtotal	5,115,921

*Grant Agreement (€4,000,000)

In summary, out of the 26 activities requiring financing, seven activities are fully funded through core budget and one activity (Activity 7, IMM) is fully financed through an EU Grant. Two activities are fully funded through voluntary contributions, twelve activities have received partial funding and four activities remain pending finance.

Status, Progress, Achievements:

A brief summary of the status, progress made in the implementation and achievements of each activity is given below. A more detailed account is provided in the Progress Report below.

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

- Activity 1 – Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests**
 The Secretariat collaborated with the World Bank and co-hosted a workshop on Fiscal Mechanisms for a Sustainable Forest Sector in Washington D.C. in late October 2018. Additional funding has been provided for full implementation of this activity as part of the Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains, LSSC pilot programme (see Activity 2).
- Activity 2 – Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains**
 The Government of Germany through the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, BMEL has provided funding for implementation of five sub-activities in 2019/2020 as part of the Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain, LSSC pilot programme. The Council will receive an update on this activity under Item 10(a)(i) of the Provisional Agenda.

- **Activity 3 – Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: industry-led legality compliance/due care training**

The Secretariat has been collaborating with the World Resources Institute (WRI) as well as the Global Timber Forum and FAO to undertake two training workshops for the Peruvian forest industry on complying with relevant market legality requirements in 2019. ITTO's funds will be used to extend this private sector training work to Guatemala during 2020.

- **Activity 4 – Enhancing Teak Management**

Following the signature of the implementation agreement of this activity during the 54th ITTC in Yokohama, three workshops were held, 1) an inception workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand, 23-25 April 2019; 2) a training workshop on teak propagation techniques and silviculture practices was held in Lampang, Thailand, 5-9 August 2019; and 3) a Mekong regional workshop for sustaining teak forests was held in Yangon, Myanmar, 27-29 September 2019 in collaboration with the Asia Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) and with the support of Forest Department of Myanmar.

- **Activity 6 – Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES**

The Council will receive an update on the cooperation between ITTO and CITES under Item 10(a)(ii) of the Provisional Agenda.

- **Activity 7 – Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber**

One of the new items approved under the IMM 2018 Work Plan was the IMM Trade Consultation workshops in key EU countries. Six of these workshops have now been completed in important European tropical timber markets. The IMM website was improved throughout 2018-2019 and now includes a data dashboard that enables user-friendly download and visualization of trade data. Further additions and improvements are planned. Survey work undertaken by the IMM network of correspondents in seven key EU and two VPA partner has continued through 2018-19 and several special studies were completed during the biennium; details are on the IMM website.

- **Activity 9 – Statistical capacity building workshops**

FAO invited ITTO to participate to a national workshop on Forest products Statistics in Viet Nam which was co-organized by the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST) and supported by the Forest Resources and Environment Center.

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

- **Activity 10 – Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members**

(a) A discussion panel led by CSAG, focusing on the role of women in achieving ITTO's objectives, including constraints and opportunities was held during the 54th ITTC. The Secretariat sponsored a preparatory meeting on the participation of Togolese women in collaboration with REFACOF in a follow-up panel during the 55th ITTC. CSAG has also been supported to participate at TICAD 7 in Yokohama, Japan to advocate the interests of women in the forestry sector.

(b) The draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics [Document CRF(LIII)/4] will be presented to the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF) under its Provisional Agenda Item 5(iii) during the 55th ITTC.

Group 3 – Collaborative work/meetings with other organization/initiatives

- **Activity 12 - Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests**

ITTO participated in the 7th IWFC "Facing Fire in a Changing World: Reducing Vulnerability of People and Landscapes by Integrated Fire Management" in Campo Grande, Brazil, 28 October - 1 November 2019. Assistance has been provided for the participation of five forest fire experts from Ghana, Indonesia, Panama, Peru, and Vietnam.

- **Activity 14 – Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others**

ITTO collaboration with CPF members has been strengthened concerning forest landscape restoration and through the ‘Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World’ (SW4SW) initiative adopted in May 2018 as a Joint Initiative of CPF. ITTO participated in: the 13th UNFF, May 2018; the 24th FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 24), July 2018; the Workshop on Reporting on Global Forest Goals and targets of the UN Strategic Plan on Forests 2030, 14-16 November 2018; the Global Landscapes Forum, Bonn, 1-2 December 2018 and the UNFCCC COP24, 3-14 December 2018, Katowice, Poland with a side event entitled “Restoring Degraded Tropical Forests: Reconciling carbon, biodiversity and community resilience”. The Secretariat is planning to participate in COP25 and assist the participation of experts in CBD COP 15 in 2020 and related meetings to provide technical inputs to the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Group 4 – Communication and outreach-related work

The activities under Group 4 have resulted in a broad range of activities, publications or other products and accomplishments including the relaunch of the ITTO website with a fresh look and more intuitive navigation aimed at making it easier for users to find information.

Group 5 – Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

- **Activity 19 – Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement**

Assistance has been provided by the Secretariat for the participation of CSAG and TAG at the 54th and 55th ITTC.

- **Activity 20 – ITTO Annual Market Discussion**

In collaboration with TAG, the Annual Market Discussion 2018 was held during the 54th ITTC on the theme ‘Private Sector Tropical Timber Promotion Initiatives – An Opportunity for Collaboration’.

The 2019 Market Discussion on the theme “Added Value Processing in Africa - The Opportunities and Challenges” is being arranged in liaison with the TAG and will take place during the new “Trade and Markets Day” as part of the 55th ITTC.

- **Activity 21 – Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**

The 54th Expert Panel was convened in Yokohama, Japan on 24-28 June 2019. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under JC Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-54].

- **Activity 22 – ITTO Fellowship Programme**

The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme under Item 10(a)(iii)(1) of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LV)/5] and the Fellowship Selection Panel will meet during the 55th ITTC and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2019 to the Council.

- **Activity 23 - ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)**

Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) have been published in 2018 and another twenty-three issues are planned to be published in 2019.

- **Activity 24 - Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics**

The 2019 IWGFS was organized at ITTO headquarters in Yokohama. The main topic was presenting the results of the Forest products conversion factors study conducted by ITTO, UNECE and FAO. Final results will be displayed and published in 2020. ITTO’s online statistical database was optimized and expanded in 2019 to cover world primary and secondary processed wood products production and trade since 1990.

- **Activity 25 – Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation**

The draft elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2017-2018 were presented to and considered by the 54th ITTC. The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2017-2018 was published in September 2019 and complemented with an analysis of the Japanese timber market undertaken by the Japan Wood-products Information and Research Center (JAWIC).

Administrative and financial activities (no financial requirements)

Under this category, 15 activities have been approved. All activities are categorized as 'regular sessions work'.

PROGRESS REPORT
BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018-2019

GROUP 1 - FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
<p>1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests</p>	<p>ITTO will collaborate with the World Bank and FAO Forestry Department on an activity entitled “Designing a Mechanism to Incentivize Deforestation-Free Landscapes and Value Chains for Green Growth”. ITTO’s funding will primarily be used to co-fund a background study and to fund up to six tropical country case studies to analyze the impact of existing (and the potential impact of new) incentives for promoting investment in productive forest to achieve deforestation-free landscapes and value chains for green growth.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$200,000 Year 2019–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background studies produced on contribution of productive forests and their value chains to SFM • Case studies developed in up to six ITTO producer countries (3 in 2018 & 3 in 2019) • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant related meetings/initiatives 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 50,000 (<i>fully funded under Activity 2</i>) Funding pending: Year 2018 nil Year 2019 nil</p> <p>The government of USA provided \$50,000 to this activity in 2018 which allowed the Secretariat to collaborate with the World Bank and co-host a workshop on Fiscal Mechanisms for a Sustainable Forest Sector in Washington D.C. in late October 2018. The workshop assembled 12 international experts as well as ITTO and World Bank staff to finalize a compendium on fiscal mechanisms to promote SFM.</p> <p>In 2019, the government of Germany provided an additional \$400,000 for this work as part of a larger contract with BMEL to implement the Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains program (see Activity 2). These funds are being used to undertake case studies and/or pilot implementation of selected fiscal mechanisms in a range of ITTO producer countries and to undertake a global study of supply-demand gaps for tropical timber.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p>
<p>2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains</p>	<p>Increase assurance of sustainability and legality through the establishment of a green supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. The activity will also compile/disseminate information on timber from sustainable supply chains. The Secretariat will work with relevant consumer markets requiring verification of legality/sustainability of timber to identify tropical forest operators and other private sector entities that would benefit from capacity building on SFM and/or the establishment of sustainable supply chains. The activity will also contribute to related initiatives currently underway by CPF and others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical forest operators and other industrial sector entities with increased capacity for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from forest operators/private sector entities 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 2,713,505 Funding pending: Year 2018 NIL Year 2019 NIL</p> <p>The following progress has been made in 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert workshop on global forest products green supply, Beijing, China, 2 February 2018; • International Workshop of Global Green Supply Chain of Forest Products & Dialogue with Chinese Leading Timber Enterprises co-organized by ITTO and CINFT/NFGA, Beijing, China, 21-22 June 2018; • Launching of the Initiative on Jointly Building the Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC), 22 June 2018 with the

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	<p>Estimated cost: US\$1,000,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$600,000 Year 2019–US\$400,000</p>		<p>participation of 12 Chinese leading timber enterprises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st meeting of GGSC Promotion Committee, Chongqing, China, 15 September 2018; • Advocacy of ITTO Secretariat for the GGSC in the following events: Sustainable commodities and value chains/Forests Products Value Chains in the BioEconomy/ Working Across Sectors to Halt Deforestation and Increase Forest Area Conference February 2018, the Global Bamboo and Rattan Congress in June 2018; 24th Session of FAO's Committee of Forestry in July 2018; 18th Malaysian Forest Conference in August 2018; 8th China Global Wood Trade Conference in September 2018. • A scoping mission to Gabon, Cameroon and Republic of Congo was conducted on 25 Feb to 8 Mar. 2019 to visit and discuss with government agencies, industry associations, forest and timber enterprises, EU and FSC representatives. The mission was financially supported by GIZ and included representatives from GIZ, GGSC Secretariat and ITTO. • The following five activities were implemented under the pilot programme on 'Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains for Tropical Wood and Forest Products, LSSC, with funding support from BMEL, Germany for the period from 1 June 2019 to 30 June 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests (BWP Activity 1) • Supporting the establishment and operation of the Global Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Platform • Promotion of smallholders' forest landscape restoration in West Africa • From rosewood stockpiles towards legal and sustainable management of supply chains in Madagascar • Development of training curricula for Central African countries on legal and sustainable supply chains <p>The implementation status of the above five activities is provided in Annex 2. The Council will receive an update on this activity under Item 10(a)(i) of the Provisional Agenda. This work will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond.</p>

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<p>3. Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/ due care training</p>	<p>ITTO will work with the Trade Advisory Group as well as organizations such as the Global Timber Forum and FAO (a CPF partner) through its FLEGT Program, 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 to comply with legality requirements in international markets. The training model will follow one that has been proven successful – delivered by industry actors, who understand the challenges, needs and vocabulary of businesses and industry in producer countries who are involved in the international trade.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$100,000 Year 2019–US\$100,000</p> <p>Others: FAO/FLEGT: US\$30,000 Other IOs: US\$70,000 NGOs: US\$90,000 Private: US\$10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 pilot trainings held for private sector • Technical Assistance by international experts / organizations 	<p>Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$ 95,000 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 15,000 (<i>ITTO only</i>) Year 2019 US\$ 90,000 (<i>ITTO only</i>)</p> <p>The Secretariat has been collaborating with the World Resources Institute (WRI) to implement this activity. ITTO worked with WRI as well as the Global Timber Forum and FAO to undertake two training workshops for the Peruvian forest industry on complying with relevant market legality requirements in 2019. ITTO's funds will be used to extend this private sector training work to Guatemala during 2020. Japan also pledged US\$10,000 to this activity in late 2019; these funds will be used for activities to be carried out in 2020. This work will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p>
<p>4. Enhancing teak management</p>	<p>This activity will promote sustainable teak development regionally and globally in plantation and natural teak forests that give a special attention to plantations which are of increasing importance in many countries. The activity will have a regional approach and is aimed at enhancing the contribution of sustainable teak management to the protection of tropical forests in participating countries, as well as promoting legal and sustainable teak industry and trade. This activity could also be expanded to other commercially important tropical timber species.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$2,000,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions</p>	<p>Improved teak management and utilization in up to 5 countries in each tropical region (Asia, Africa, Latin America)</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 1,236,250 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 700,000 Year 2019 US\$ 63,750</p> <p>In 2018, the proposal entitled 'Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region' was formulated. The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany (BMEL) financed an amount of US\$ 1,236,250 to support the implementation of this activity.</p> <p>The following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing agreement between ITTO and BMEL was finalized during ITTC 54 in Yokohama in 2018 and

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	<p>Year 2018–US\$700,000 Year 2019–US\$1,300,000</p>		<p>subsequently MoUs between ITTO and five implementing agencies in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam were signed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception workshop was held in Bangkok on 23-25 April 2019 with the participation of representatives from the donor country, the five implementing agencies and ITTO; • A training workshop on teak propagation techniques and silviculture practices was convened in Lampang, Thailand on 5-9 August 2019; • A Mekong regional workshop for sustaining teak forests was held in Yangon, Myanmar on 27-29 September 2019 in collaboration with the Asia Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) and with the support of Forest Department of Myanmar. Key outcomes of the regional workshop are posted on ITTO website at https://www.itto.int/news/workshop_explores_contributions_of_mekong_t_eak_forests_to_sdgs/ <p>This work will continue into 2020 and beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p>
<p>5. Restoration, conservation and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems</p>	<p>This activity will conduct a global mangrove thematic study to review the future potential of sustainably managing mangroves in securing ecosystems and improving the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities as a follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Sustainable Mangrove Ecosystems held on 18-21 April 2017 in Bali, Indonesia.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018-US\$60,000 Year 2019-US\$80,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a global mangrove thematic study • Joint organization of three regional expert group meetings with ISME and IUCN • A study synthesis report 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 60,000 Year 2019 US\$ 80,000</p> <p>This activity is pending financing.</p>

<p>6. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES</p>	<p>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. While the EU/EC in 2016 decided to provide further funding for work on CITES-listed tree species directly to the CITES Secretariat, other ITTO donors are encouraged to continue to support ITTO’s CITES-related work through this activity.</p> <p>ITTO contributions: US\$600,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$300,000 Year 2019–US\$300,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three countries with improved inventory designs • Up to three tracking/monitoring systems established • Up to three regional training/ experience workshops conducted • Reduced number of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 400,000 Funding pending: US\$ 200,000</p> <p>ITTO signed contracts with the CITES Secretariat to receive funds totaling US\$ 576,483 under the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) through 2020. These contracts define ITTO’s assistance to CITES in implementing the CTSP, including: reviewing proposals submitted by ITTO members; convening 3 regional meetings (two of which –for Asia and Latin America – were convened in 2018 with the Africa meeting in March 2019); participating in the CTSP advisory committee; and supporting implementation of projects in ITTO member countries once they commence towards the end of 2019.</p> <p>ITTO also continues to assist member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species outside of the CTSP. In this regard ITTO co-hosted a workshop with the government of Madagascar in June 2018 to discuss and finalize a business plan for dealing with stockpiles of rosewood that exist in the country. ITTO received funds totaling US\$ 40,000 from the World Bank as a partial contribution to the costs of this workshop, the results of which were reported to the CITES Standing Committee in October 2018. ITTO has also signed an agreement with the government of Madagascar in 2019 to fund a pilot activity to inventory and mark rosewood stockpiles, supporting the implementation of one important element of an action plan submitted by Madagascar to CITES.</p> <p>In addition, the ITTO Secretariat continued to actively participate in relevant CITES fora in 2019, including the 18th Conference of Parties and Standing Committee in August. ITTO will organize the fifth meeting of the CTSP Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Fifty-fifth Session of the ITTC in December 2019.</p> <p>The additional funding received from CITES as reported above, together with the final payment of US\$ 68,942 received from the EU in 2018 under the contract to implement the ITTO-CITES Program from 2012-16, and additional voluntary contributions from the USA, have been pro-rated as appropriate and reflected in the totals at the top of this column.</p>
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			ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors in 2020 to continue its support for CITES implementation in member countries.
7. Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	<p>ITTO finalized a 4.4 million euro contract (including EUR 375,000 to be provided as an in-kind contribution by ITTO) with the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2014 to establish an Independent Market Monitoring system for FLEGT-licensed timber entering the EU market. The IMM undertook baseline studies of the EU market in 2014-15 prior to being suspended because of the impairment of ITTO funds in mid-2016. IMM activities have recommenced in 2017, with the full amount of funds provided to ITTO by the EU safeguarded as per the terms of Decision 6(LII). The contract with the EU/EC will likely be extended until at least 2020 and progress will be reported to the CEM under this BWP activity during 2018-2019.</p> <p>Activity No.: PP-A/49-291 EU Contract Number: DCI-ENV/2013/316-244</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded by EU grant of EUR 4 million</p>	IMM system developed and implemented	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 4,499,438 Funding pending: NIL (Funding pledged is equivalent to EU contribution of 4 million euros at prevailing exchange rate)</p> <p>In January 2018 the IMM Project Steering Committee (PSC) approved the 2018 Work Plan, which featured several new activities. One of the new items was the IMM Trade Consultation workshops in key EU countries. Six of these workshops have now been completed in important European tropical timber markets. The IMM Annual Report 2017 was presented to the European Commission in July 2018 and is available on the IMM website (www.flegtimm.eu). The 2018 Annual Report is expected to be published on the IMM website soon. The stand-alone IMM website, which had gone live in the fourth quarter of 2017, was improved throughout 2018-19 with the inclusion of a data dashboard that enables user-friendly download and visualisation of trade data. Further additions and improvements are planned. IMM newsletters have been published twice a year. Survey work undertaken by the IMM network of correspondents in seven key EU and two VPA partner countries (Indonesia and Ghana; new country correspondents were appointed for Congo Rep. and Vietnam in late 2019) has continued through 2018-19 and several special studies were completed during the biennium; details are on the IMM website. The next IMM PSC meeting is scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2020.</p>
8. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.	(a) Criteria and indicators workshops. This work was facilitated by a similar activity under the 2015-2017 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2015-2017. This work will promote the new ITTO criteria and indicators approved in 2016 by providing for an additional 4 national workshops (2 per year) on C&I (with focus on new member countries) incorporating related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to four national C&I training workshops convened 	<p>(a) Funding pledged: US\$ 34,484 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 75,000 Year 2019 US\$ 40,516</p> <p>The EU through the European Commission provided partial funding for this activity in late 2019. Initial consultations have been undertaken with the ACTO Secretariat to possibly convene a joint C&I training workshop for Amazon countries in 2020.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the</p>

	<p>the workshops.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$75,000 Year 2019–US\$75,000</p> <p>(b) Adapt the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context.</p> <p>This Activity aims at adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context, in view of strengthening cooperation and collaboration between ITTO and African member countries on C&I, for the promotion of SFM contributing to make progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Global Forest Goals (GFG)</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$110,000 Year 2019–US\$30,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised and updated C&I for African tropical forests to be published in 2019 and disseminated for policy planning tasks and for use by all relevant stakeholders involved in SFM issues in ITTO member countries in Africa 	<p>scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p> <p>(b) Funding pledged: US\$ 106,735 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 33,265 Year 2019 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The EU through the European Commission provided partial funding for this activity in late 2019. Initial consultations have been undertaken with the COMIFAC Secretariat to possibly convene a joint workshop in 2020.</p>
<p>9. Statistical capacity building workshops</p>	<p>Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p> <p>This activity was approved and received funding under the 2015-16 BWP. It was impacted by the impairment of ITTO funds and a remaining budget of \$7,101.10 has been proposed to be written off in accordance with Decision 6(LII). It is being included in the 2018-19 BWP to provide donors with an opportunity to continue to support the work originally approved.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$ 50,000 Year 2019–US\$ 50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted in 2018 and 2019 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ US\$76,821 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 23,179 Year 2019 US\$ NIL</p> <p>FAO invited ITTO to participate to a national workshop on Forest products Statistics in Viet Nam which was co-organized by the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST) and supported by the Forest Resources and Environment Center. Attended by about 30 Vietnamese forest specialists, technicians, statisticians and academics and representatives of the public and private sectors, the workshop focused on improving the collection, validation, reporting and dissemination of forest product statistics via the submission of the ITTO Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire. Participants also reviewed the status of the Vietnamese forest product processing sector, the legal framework for forest statistics, interagency coordination, statistical indicators, foreign trade statistics (exports and imports), and timber supply.</p> <p>In addition to the pledge of the USA (US\$25,000) at the 54th</p>

			<p>ITTC, Japan and the EU pledged US\$25,000 and US\$ 26,821, respectively, to this activity in late 2019; these funds will be used for activities to be carried out in 2020, including co-organizing a regional statistical workshop with FAO covering West African countries in 2020.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p>
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GROUP 2 - NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
10. Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members	<p>(a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women</p> <p>Under the 2015-16 BWP, draft policy guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women were developed for approval at ITTC53. This activity will facilitate operationalization of the guidelines across all ITTO activities and initiatives.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$185,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$90,000 Year 2019–US\$95,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender guidelines fully implemented in all of ITTO's operations 	<p>(a) Funding pledged: US\$ 25,000 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 65,000 Year 2019 US\$ 95,000</p> <p>In accordance with Decision 6(LIII), the GEEW was posted on the ITTO website following its adoption at ITTC 53 in Lima, Peru. The process of Implementation of the GEEW commenced with the 53rd Expert Panel taking it into consideration and applying it during the evaluation of project proposals. Pending availability of funding, it is proposed that the GEEW be fully incorporated into the Revised ITTO Manual for Project Formulation.</p> <p>The Secretariat has continued to raise awareness of the GEEW when attending other events/executing other activities. A discussion panel, led by CSAG in collaboration with TAG and with assistance from the Secretariat was part of the 54th ITTC, focusing on the role of women in achieving ITTO's objectives, including constraints and opportunities. The Secretariat sponsored a preparatory meeting on the participation of Togolese women in collaboration with REFACOF in a follow-up discussion panel led by CSAG during the 55th ITTC. ITTO also supported participation of Ms. Cecile Njebet/CSAG at TICAD 7 in Yokohama, Japan to advocate the interests of women in forestry.</p>
	<p>(b) Update the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration</p> <p>Make provisions for ITTO, in collaboration with relevant international partners, to align the revision and update of the ITTO <i>Guidelines for the management of secondary tropical forests</i>,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised and updated ITTO guidelines to be published and disseminated for policy planning functions and for 	<p>(b) Funding pledged: US\$ 176,890 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ NIL Year 2019 US\$ NIL</p> <p>In 2018, ITTO was engaged in analyzing Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) programs of CPF members under the CPF Joint Initiative on FLR which was financed by GEF. ITTO received an amount of US\$17,600 to carry out the analysis of</p>

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	<p><i>the restoration of degraded tropical forests and the rehabilitation of degraded forest land with global emerging issues and priorities. A remaining amount of \$18,000 was proposed to be written-off from an earlier related Activity in accordance with Council Decision 6(LII).</i></p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018: US\$90,000 Year 2019: US\$50,000</p>	ground level implementation	<p>FLR programs of CPF members. Two consultants (Prof J. Blaser and Dr C. Sabogal) facilitated the analysis with an initial review of the revision of the ITTO Restoration Guidelines; ITTO introduced a concept note of revising the ITTO Restoration Guidelines into new FLR guidelines as a CPF product at the CPF meeting on 18 July 2018 during the 24th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 24). An outline of an early draft of the guidelines was presented at the 54th Session of the ITTC in November 2018</p> <p>ITTO organized the 1st Expert Group Meeting for FLR in the Tropics in Bangkok on 14-16 November 2018 with financial support from the Asia Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO).</p> <p>In 2019, ITTO and IUFRO submitted a joint proposal for a FLR capacity building workshop under the CPF Joint Initiative on FLR. The proposal was approved at the CPF meeting held during UNFF 14 and ITTO is expected to receive an amount of US\$19,433 to support a FLR capacity building workshop in 2020;</p> <p>The 2nd Expert Group Meeting for FLR In the Tropics was convened in Lüderenalp/Emmental, Switzerland in June 2019 to review the first full draft prepared by two consultants: Dr. Juergen Blaser (Switzerland) and Dr. Cesar Sabogal (Peru); The draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics [Document CRF(LIII)/4] will be presented to the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF) under its Provisional Agenda Item 5(iii) during the 55th ITTC; Any additional contribution to this activity will be used to extend to the dissemination and ground implementation of the guidelines.</p>
11. Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	<p>Consultancy work and Working Group Meeting to prepare a draft of the next ITTO Strategic Action Plan for consideration of the Council at the 55th ITTC.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding source: Voluntary contributions Year 2019-US\$200,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ITTO Strategic Action Plan formulated and approved 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 156,735 Funding pending: US\$ 43,265</p> <p>The EU through the European Commission and Japan provided partial funding for this activity in late 2019. Using the resources available, the new ITTO Strategic Action Plan will be prepared in 2020 for approval at the 56th ITTC in 2020.</p>

GROUP 3 - COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATION/INITIATIVES

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12.Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	<p>Assist the participation of ITTO forest fire related project teams/stakeholders in national/regional forest fire meetings and in the 7th International Wildland Fire Conference (IWFC) which will be held in May 2019 in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil in collaboration with FAO, UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), Global Fire Monitoring Center, USFS and other partners. The theme of the 7th IWFC is related to integrated fire management in the context of achieving SDG and climate goals and its objectives include meeting the challenges of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR). The 7th IWFC is being hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Brazil through IBAMA.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$80,000 Year 2019–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to 5 ITTO forest fire project team members' participation in national/regional meetings in 2018 Assistance to 15 ITTO forest fire project team members' participation in the 7th IWFC in 2019 Organization of ITTO side event on effective prevention and management of forest fire at 7th IWFC 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 20,000 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 65,000 Year 2019 US\$ 15,000</p> <p>ITTO participated in the planning meeting for the organization of the 7th IWFC held in Freiburg on 12-14 October 2018.</p> <p>The 7th IWFC "Facing Fire in a Changing World: Reducing Vulnerability of People and Landscapes by Integrated Fire Management" was convened on 28 October - 1 November 2019, Campo Grande – MS, Brazil. Assistance has been provided by the Secretariat for the participation of five forest fire experts from Ghana, Indonesia, Panama, Peru, and Vietnam in the 7th IWFC.</p> <p>The work to support member countries in addressing forest fires will continue into 2020 and possibly beyond. Additional contributions to this activity will be used to extend the scope of work, including to other tropical regions.</p>
13.International conference on halting deforestation and increasing forest area	<p>Assist the participation of ITTO stakeholders in the "International Conference on Halting Deforestation and Increasing Forest Area: from Aspiration to Action" which will take place for 3 days in February 2018 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. This international conference is a joint CPF initiative. The estimated total budget for the conference is US\$400,000. FAO already secured around a third of this amount and is seeking contributions from other donors (including CPF members) to cover the remainder.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018-US\$50,000</p>	<p>Support to and participation in the International Conference on Halting Deforestation and Increasing Forest Area.</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 50,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite this activity is pending funding, ITTO assisted the participation of relevant ITTO stakeholders particularly from the private sector (funded by the UN FAO) and contributed in kind to planning, leading and executing 2 panels at the conference held in February 2018. ITTO also contributed within the CPF Partnership in drafting the outputs of the conference towards the Co-Chairs' Summary Report on Key Messages: Key Action to Achieve SDG 15.2 and GFG 1.1 to the UNFF13 in May 2018 and the HLPF July 2018.
14.Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	<p>Promoting and integrating the role of productive forest and trade in major global processes (UNFF, CPF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UN Environment, and UNCTAD etc.) for achieving SDG and Global Forest Goals through sustainable forest management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of ITTO in UNFF13 in 2018 and up to four CPF meetings in 2018 and 2019 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 55,652 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 50,000 Year 2019 US\$ 44,348</p> <p>ITTO participated in the 13th Session of the UNFF in May 2018</p>

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	<p>and legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$75,000 Year 2019–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2018 and 2019 	<p>and the 24th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 24) in July 2018. ITTO collaboration with CPF members has been strengthened concerning forest landscape restoration and through the ‘Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World’ (SW4SW) initiative adopted in May 2018 as a Joint Initiative of CPF.</p> <p>The Secretariat participated in the Workshop on Reporting on Global Forest Goals and targets of the UN Strategic Plan on Forests 2030 on 14-16 November 2018 at FAO HQ; Global Landscapes Forum Bonn on 1-2 December; 2018 and part of UNFCCC COP24 (3-14 Dec 2018, Katowice, Poland) with a side event entitled “Restoring Degraded Tropical Forests: Reconciling carbon, biodiversity and community resilience”. Participation at the GLF and the UNFCCC COP24 has been made in partnership with some of the other CPF members. The Secretariat is planning to participate in COP25 and assist the participation of experts in CBD COP 15 in 2020 and related meetings to provide technical inputs to the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.</p> <p>Additional contributions to this activity will be used to continue the work in 2020, including to facilitate increased cooperation with the APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) and other emerging initiatives.</p>
<p>15. Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM</p>	<p>This work was also facilitated by a similar activity under the 2015-2017 BWP that was partially funded; this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2015-2017.</p> <p>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 (SFM Tropics and FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant meetings attended • collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 22,989 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 25,000 Year 2019 US\$ 2,011</p> <p>The EU through the European Commission provided partial funding for this activity in late 2019. These funds will be used for activities to be carried out in 2020 and possibly beyond.</p>

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	Year 2018–US\$25,000 Year 2019–US\$25,000		

GROUP 4 - COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

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16.ITTO communication strategy	<p>Develop a communication strategy to optimize the use of ITTO's knowledge, communication resources and outreach capabilities in fulfilling the Organization's mission and to facilitate and accelerate fundraising tailored to specific target groups.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2018-US\$35,000 Year 2019-US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategy that sets out the Organization's communication programme, and the tools, approaches, stakeholders and timing for its implementation • Actions aimed at raising awareness and building capacity for the effective implementation of the communication strategy 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 35,000 Year 2019 US\$ 35,000</p> <p>This activity is pending financing.</p>
17.ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$520,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$260,000 Year 2019–US\$260,000</p>	<p>Up to four TFU issues per year published and distributed in three ITTO working languages</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs)</p> <p>In 2018 four issues of the TFU have been published. In 2019 at the time of preparation of this report, two TFU issues were published, with a third one under preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28/1 “Embracing the equality of women and men”, illustrating some of the ways in which women are making important contributions to sustainable forest management and leading the way to a more egalitarian future. • 28/2 “Balancing act”, illustrating how sustainably managing forests, creating sustainable supply chains and ensuring that local owners obtain fair remuneration for their efforts requires a balancing act. <p>The TFU, featuring a new look since 2018, is distributed in hard copy to about 15 000 individuals and organizations in more than 160 countries. TFU is also available on the ITTO website and via the TFU app (which can be obtained from App Store and Google Play).</p>

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<p>18. Public relations, education and outreach</p>	<p>Regular work. Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches as wide an audience as possible by:</p> <p>(a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.): Undertaking regular communication and outreach activities including, inter alia, improvements and updates to the ITTO website in the three official languages plus Japanese; publishing and disseminating relevant ITTO reports –including annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, among others–; producing and disseminating public relations materials (brochures, calendars, infographics, pamphlets, posters, videos, etc.); enhancement of photographic material that conveys the work of the Organization; and other ad hoc initiatives in collaboration other partners when relevant.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$230,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$115,000 Year 2019–US\$115,000</p> <p>(b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora): Exhibiting the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium [e.g. COFO-24 (July 2018 in Rome); Ramsar COP13 (October 2018 in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two new policy/technical series documents published and disseminated • An edition of Tropical Forest News newsletter published every two months, • New videos, posters, and pamphlets published • Two annual reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced Design and functionality of the ITTO website improved • Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora 	<p>Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs)</p> <p>(a) <u>ITTO website:</u> In 2018 ITTO relaunched its website at www.itto.int with a fresh look and more intuitive navigation aimed at making it easier for users to find the information they need. <u>Social media:</u> ITTO has continued to promote and disseminate its work through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. <u>Promotional materials:</u> The ITTO e-newsletter Tropical Forest News has approximately 2,600 subscribers. Other promotional materials include brochures & banners on ITTO & SDGs; pins; calendars; eco bags and an origami set. <u>Annual report and project/activity reports:</u> The ITTO annual reports 2017 and 2018 have been published and disseminated. Other reports produced by ITTO projects/activities include the ITTO Technical Series publication TS-47 ‘A tabling of views’ or the IMM report ‘EU voluntary private sector timber procurement policies & the role of FLEGT licensing’. A full account of reports, papers and articles can be found in Chapter 7 of the Annual Report 2018. <u>Public relations:</u> A comprehensive summary of the multiple ITTO PR activities and contributions to policy dialogues relevant to the Organization’s mandate can be found in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Annual Report 2018.</p> <p><i>NOTE: While this activity has been funded through core operational costs, voluntary contributions of US\$22,500 are sought for 2020 for the translation of the website and relevant reports (e.g. Annual Report) into Japanese;</i></p> <p>Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs)</p> <p>(b) During the biennium ITTO staffed a booth, distributed publications or hosted a side event at several (international) fora. Events attended in 2018 are summarized in Chapter 7 of the Annual Report 2018. In 2019 ITTO attended the following</p>

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	<p>Dubai); CBD COP-14 (November 2018 in Egypt); UNFCCC COP-24 & COP-25 (in 2018 and in 2019); CITES COP-18 (2019 in Sri Lanka); XXV IUFRO World Congress (September/October 2019 in Brazil)], and other fora not covered under other BWP activities.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$90,000 Year 2019–US\$90,000</p>		<p>events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Seminar: How far have we reached? Overview of the history of REDD+ and explore opportunities (6 February 2019, Tokyo, Japan); • The Seminar to support the implementation of Japan’s Clean Wood Act (8 March 2019, Tokyo, Japan); • The Global Landscapes Forum (13 May 2019, Kyoto, Japan); • Asia-Pacific Forestry Week (held on 17–21 June 2019); • The 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (28–30 August 2019, Yokohama, Japan); • The XXV IUFRO World Congress (29 September–5 October 2019, Curitiba, Brazil); • The International Forum: Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains –A Forest Products Industry Initiative (22–23 October, Shanghai, China)

GROUP 5 - ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

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<p>19. Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement</p>	<p>Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$40,000 Year 2019–US\$40,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 60,000 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ NIL Year 2019 US\$ 20,000</p> <p>Assistance has been provided by the Secretariat for the participation of CSAG and TAG at the 54th and 55th Sessions of the ITTC.</p> <p>ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors in 2020 to ensure participation of TAG and CSAG members in the 56th Session of the ITTC.</p>
<p>20. ITTO Annual Market Discussion</p>	<p>Regular work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$35,000 Year 2019–US\$35,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2018 and 2019 	<p>Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs)</p> <p>The Secretariat collaborated with the TAG in the preparation and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2018 on the theme ‘Private Sector Tropical Timber Promotion Initiatives – An Opportunity for Collaboration’ in conjunction with the Fifty-fourth Session of ITTC in Yokohama, Japan from 5 to 9 November 2018. The 2019 Market Discussion on the theme</p>

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			“Added Value Processing in Africa - The Opportunities and Challenges” is being arranged in liaison with the TAG and will take place during the new “Trade and Markets Day” that will occur as part of the 55 th ITTC session December 2-7 in Lomé, Togo.
21. Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Regular work. Convene up to two Expert Panel meetings each year. Estimated cost: US\$280,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$140,000 Year 2019–US\$140,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2018 and 2019 	Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs) The Fifty-fourth Expert Panel was convened in Yokohama, Japan on 24-28 June 2019. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-54].
22. ITTO Fellowship Programme	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. Estimated cost: US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$200,000 Year 2019–US\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65-70 fellowships awarded in 2018 and 2019 • Fellowship alumni network maintained 	Funding pledged: US\$ 190,672 Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 123,201 Year 2019 US\$ 86,127 The Progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme [Document ITTC(LV)/5] will be presented to the 55 th Session of the ITTC under Provisional Agenda Item 10(a)(iii)(1). The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2019 to the Council. ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors in 2020 to continue implementation of the Fellowship Programme.
23. ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Regular work. Estimated cost : US\$420,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$210,000 Year 2019–US\$210,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to forty-six TTMRs published in 2018 and 2019 (23 issues per year) 	Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs) With the approved financing of US\$210,000 under Core Operational Costs of the Administrative Budget for 2018, twenty-three issues of the TTMR were published in 2018. The provision of the same amount for 2019 has allowed publication to continue, with an additional 23 issues planned by the end of the year.
24. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Regular work. The Secretariat will under activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in two meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group in 2018 and 2019 	Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs) In 2018, ITTO participated in the meeting of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) held in

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
	<p>Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$20,000 Year 2019–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating and refinement of JFSQ 	<p>Luxembourg. The modification of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) was the main topic of the meeting. ITTO with its partner Organizations (FAO, Eurostat, UNECE) discussed the implementation of new products definitions in the questionnaire which comply with the current HS2017 nomenclature. The IWGFS agreed to exclude veneer from the wood based panel aggregate. Thus, veneer becomes a category on its own in the questionnaire.</p> <p>In 2019, the IWGFS was organized at the ITTO headquarters in Yokohama. The main topic of the meeting was presenting the results of the Forest products conversion factors study conducted by ITTO, UNECE and FAO. Final results will be displayed and published in 2020.</p> <p>ITTO's online statistical database was optimized and expanded in 2019 to cover world primary and secondary processed wood products production and trade since 1990.</p>
<p>25. Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation</p>	<p>Regular work. Preparation of the draft elements for the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2017-2018 in 2018 and publication of the biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation for 2017-2018 in the first half of 2019.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2018–US\$50,000 Year 2019–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft elements considered at the Fifty-fourth Session of the Council in 2018 Biennial review and assessment published in 2019 	<p>Funding pledged: Fully funded (Core Operational Costs)</p> <p>The draft elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2017-2018 were presented to and considered by the ITTC at its Fifty-Fourth Session in 2018.</p> <p>The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2017-2018 was published in September 2019 and complemented with an analysis of the Japanese timber market undertaken by the Japan Wood-products Information and Research Center (JAWIC).</p>
<p>26. Status of tropical forest management 2019 report</p>	<p>Make provisions for work on the preparation of ITTO's third report on the State of Tropical Forest Management (SFM Tropics 2019). Analysis will be conducted for SFM progress against the baseline set in the SFM Tropics 2005 and 2011 reports.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$500,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2018–US\$350,000 Year 2019–US\$150,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFM Tropics 2019 report published by the end of 2019 Special TFU published summarizing findings of SFM Tropics 2019 report 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2018 US\$ 350,000 Year 2019 US\$ 150,000</p> <p>This activity is pending financing.</p>

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
<p>27. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2018-2019. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 24]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reviewed at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2018 – 2019 under Item 10(a) of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LV)/4 Rev.1].</p>
<p>28. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2020-2021. <i>[ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2020-2021 will be considered at the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council in 2019 	<p>The Secretariat is proposing to extend the BWP 2018-2019 for one year until 2020. A new BWP will be presented at the 56th ITTC in 2020 (in sync with the new Strategic Action Plan).</p>
<p>29. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 21]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions taken at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council and advise on eligibility for funding out of Sub-account B.</p>
<p>30. 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. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions taken at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The Council at its Fifty-fifth Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.</p>
<p>31. 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.</p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocations made at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
<i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 21]</i> <i>[ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]</i>			
32. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)]</i> <i>[ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress considered at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	The progress report on the implementation of the Thematic Programmes will be presented to the Council under Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LV)/8].
33. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). <i>[ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Meetings of the IAG considered at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	The Council will receive the Report of the 33 rd IAG under Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LV)/2].
34. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of the Committees presented at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 16 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
35. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). <i>[ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 16 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations of selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
36. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26]</i>	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination considered at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, in particular the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
<p>37. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports considered at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>Due to the impairment no projects have been selected for evaluation in 2018 and there are no reports to be considered at the 55th ITTC.</p>
<p>38. Review the independent audited statements for the 2017 and 2018 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of independent auditors disseminated to members and summaries published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The report of the independent auditors on the 2018 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Thirty-fourth Session, [Document CFA(XXXIV)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.</p>
<p>39. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposals for the financial years 2019 and 2020. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget proposals will be included in Thirtieth and Thirty-first CFA Reports to be presented at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 	<p>The CFA at its Thirty-fourth Session will review the draft Biennial Administrative Budget for 2020 and 2021. The CFA may recommend approval of the budget to the Council.</p>
<p>40. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. <i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2017 and 2018 presented at the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Sessions of the Council in 2018 and 2019 • Meetings and reports of the investment oversight panel as appropriate 	<p>The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Thirty-fourth Session as part of the regular work.</p>

<p>41. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work programme, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it.</p> <p><i>[ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]</i></p>	<p>Regular Sessions' work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 presented at the Fifty-third Session of the Council in 2017	<p>The CFA will conduct a review at its Thirty-fourth Session as part of the regular work.</p>
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ANNEX 1
Activity Relevance and Responsible Body

Activity	ITTA/ITTC	ITTO SAP*	UNSPF*	Responsible Body
GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES				
1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI) and 2(XVIII)	SP1, SP2, SP4	GFG1, GFG2, GFG4	Council/ Joint Committees
2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2	GFG2, GFG5	CEM
3. Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/due care training	CEM/CFI (L)/4 Report item 9 (IV) and (v); Annex C	SP2, SP6	GFG-6	Council/ CEM, CFI
4. Enhancing teak management	Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)	SP1, SP2, SP5, SP6	GFG2, GFG6	CFI
5. Restoration, conservation and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems	Articles 1(f), (j), (m), (q), (r), (s)	SP4, SP6	GFG1, GFG3, GFG6	CRF
6. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES.	Article 15; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)	SP2, SP3, SP6	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	Council
7. Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2, SP5	GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	CEM
8. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6	Council/ CRF
	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6	Council/ CRF
9. Statistical capacity building workshops	Article 28(5)	SP5, SP6	GFG6	CEM
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK				
10. Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members	Decision 2(L)	SP1-6	GFG6	Council
	Articles 1(c), (f), (j), (l), (m), (o), (p); Decisions 6(XXXIII), 4(XXXV), 6(XLVI), 4(XLIX)	SP1, SP3, SP4, SP6	GFG5,GFG6	CRF
11. Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	Article 24(3)	Cross-cutting	Cross-cutting	Council
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES				
12. Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)]	SP4	GFG1, GFG6	CRF

13. International conference on halting deforestation and increasing forest area	Articles 1(f), (j), (m), (q)	SP4	GFG1, GFG6	Council
14. Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP6	GFG6	Council
15. Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6	Council/ CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK				
16. ITTO communication strategy.	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6	Council
17. ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	ITTA, 2006, Articles 27, 28	SP5	GFG6	Council
18. Public relations, education and outreach	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6	Council
	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6	Council
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK				
19. Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	SP6	GFG6	Council
20. ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP5	GFG6	Joint Committees
21. Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	SP1-SP6	GFG1-GFG6	Council and Committees
22. ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	SP6	GFG6	Council
23. ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP5	GFG2, GFG6	CEM
24. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Article 27	SP5	GFG6	CEM
25. Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Article 28	SP5	GFG6	Council
26. Status of tropical forest management 2019 report	Article 28(4a)	SP1, SP5	GFG 6	Council

*see reference tables below

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SPs):

SP 1	Promote good forest governance and financing for sustainable forest management
SP 2	Increase the contribution of tropical forests to national and local economies through international trade
SP 3	Enhance the contribution of tropical timber producing forests to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
SP 4	Reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation and enhance provision of environmental services
SP 5	Improve the quality and availability of information on tropical forests, timber markets and trade
SP 6	Build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM and increase trade in forest goods and services from sustainably managed forests

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFGs):

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

ANNEX 2

Activity 2 - Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains Implementation Status of the Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain, LSSC pilot programme

Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests

- The initial analysis of two countries summary of key lessons is ongoing in the Republic of Congo and in Gabon;
- Contracts have been signed with the lead consultant (who will also carry out the Africa case study) and the consultants who will carry out the supply-demand gap study; contracts have been finalized and sent to the consultants who will carry out the Asian and Latin American case studies;
- Demand-supply gap analysis with a global view and specific conclusions in selected lead markets important for the case countries (forest economist/econometrician sub-contracted) is underway;
- In-country preparation of case studies (country experts' review and interviews on incentives; preparations of case narratives) is underway in the Republic of Congo and in Gabon;

Supporting the establishment and operation of the Global Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Platform

- The International Forum "Together towards Global Green Supply Chains - a Forest Products Industry Initiative" was held on 22–25 October 2019 in Shanghai and Huzhou, China. Around 350 participants from government agencies, international organizations, industry associations, and private sector enterprises attended this conference and related events.
- Main outputs of this forum included an initiative on Building a GGSC Collaboration Network, a MoU between UFIGA and UFIAG of Gabon for legality and sustainability verification within a three-year period, establishment of an international entrepreneurs' expert team, etc.
- The establishment of the Business Information Exchange Platform has commenced, including building of the LSSC-GGSC website, initiating the GGSC expert panel, designing and preparing for the business information exchange index, etc.
- During the Shanghai Forum a meeting was held with the Global Timber Tracking Network, GTTN discussing the coordination of GTTN Phase III from 2020 onwards and the possible integration of GTTN as a key component of the GGSC platform under the LSSC programmatic line.

Promotion of smallholders' forest landscape restoration in West Africa

- Six national consultants are conducting country studies under the guidance of the international lead consultant, Professor Jürgen Blaser, Bern University of Applied Sciences;
- The lead consultant and his team have collected FLR policies and successful FLR case stories in the region for comprehensive analysis and assessment of the scalable solutions and good organizational practices;
- A regional workshop on sustainable development of smallholder FLR plantations in West Africa is organized in collaboration with the Office for Forest Development and Exploitation, ODEF, Togo and will be held 27 - 29 November 2019, in Lomé, Togo prior to the 55th ITTC.

From rosewood stockpiles towards legal and sustainable management of supply chains in Madagascar

- Discussions commenced in 2019 with the government of Madagascar (Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests) on a work program to utilize \$300,000 made available by the government of Germany (BMEL) for the activity "From Rosewood Stockpiles Towards Legal And Sustainable Management Of Supply Chains In Madagascar" under the LSSC BWP activity.

Development of training curricula for Central African countries on legal and sustainable supply chains

- The survey for the identification of relevant stakeholders to be involved in the sensitization campaigns on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) was undertaken in five countries in the Congo Basin (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa and Gabon) by the RIFFEAC Secretariat in collaboration with four consultants selected for the formulation of the abovementioned training curricula, through the circulation of the e-version of a questionnaire on LSSC-related issues to relevant stakeholders. The data and information collected through the survey are under review;

- The inception regional workshop dealing with the sensitization and awareness on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) in relation to forest governance in Congo Basin countries workshop was held 14-15 October 2019, Douala, Cameroon;
- In terms of the preparation of modules on legal and sustainable supply chains, four consultants prepared a draft document regarding the methodology to be used for preparation of four training modules. The draft documents were discussed during the inception regional workshop.