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Information on Programmatic Approach and Program Lines

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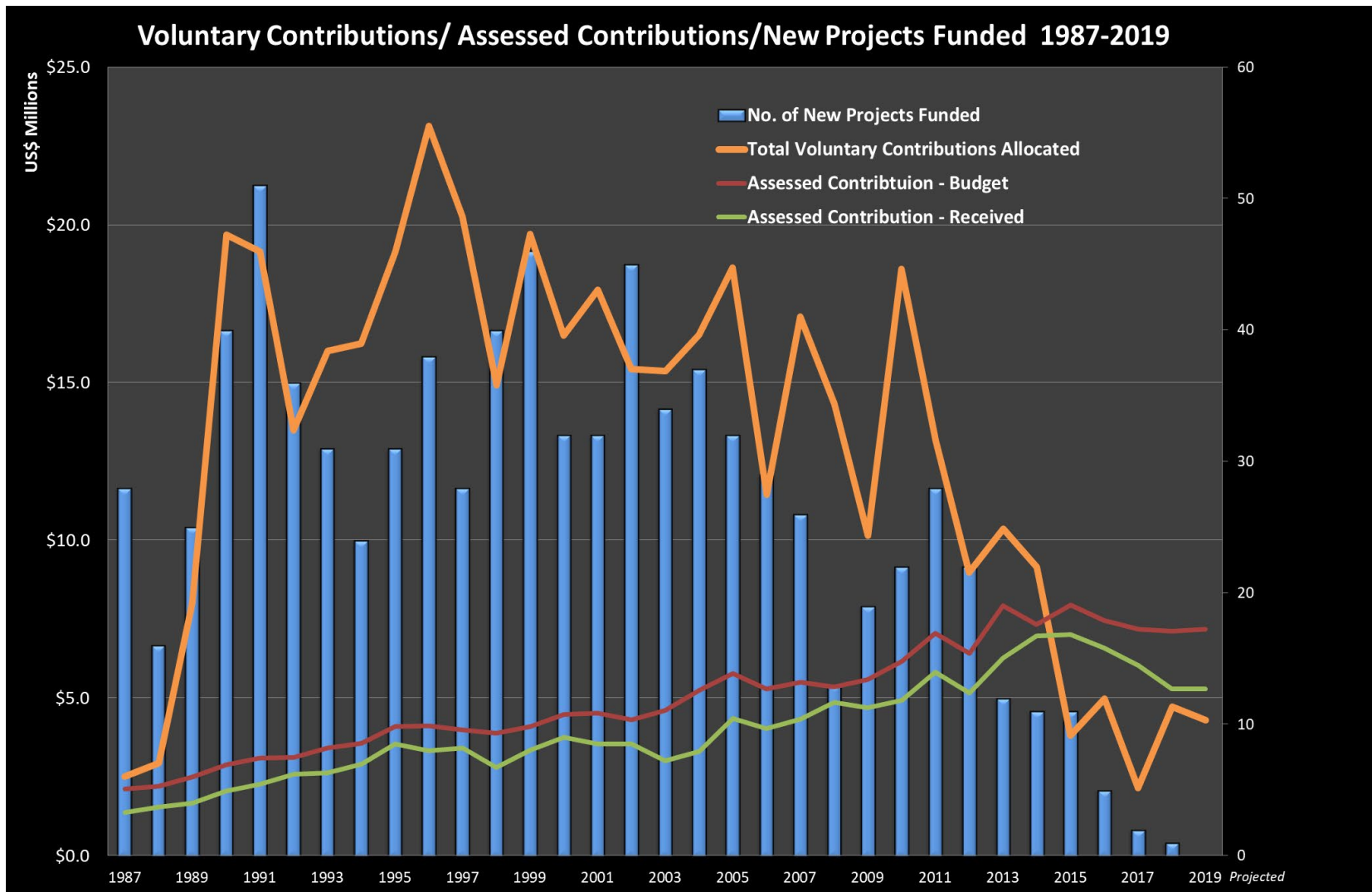
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Voluntary contributions/assessed contributions, No. of new projects funded



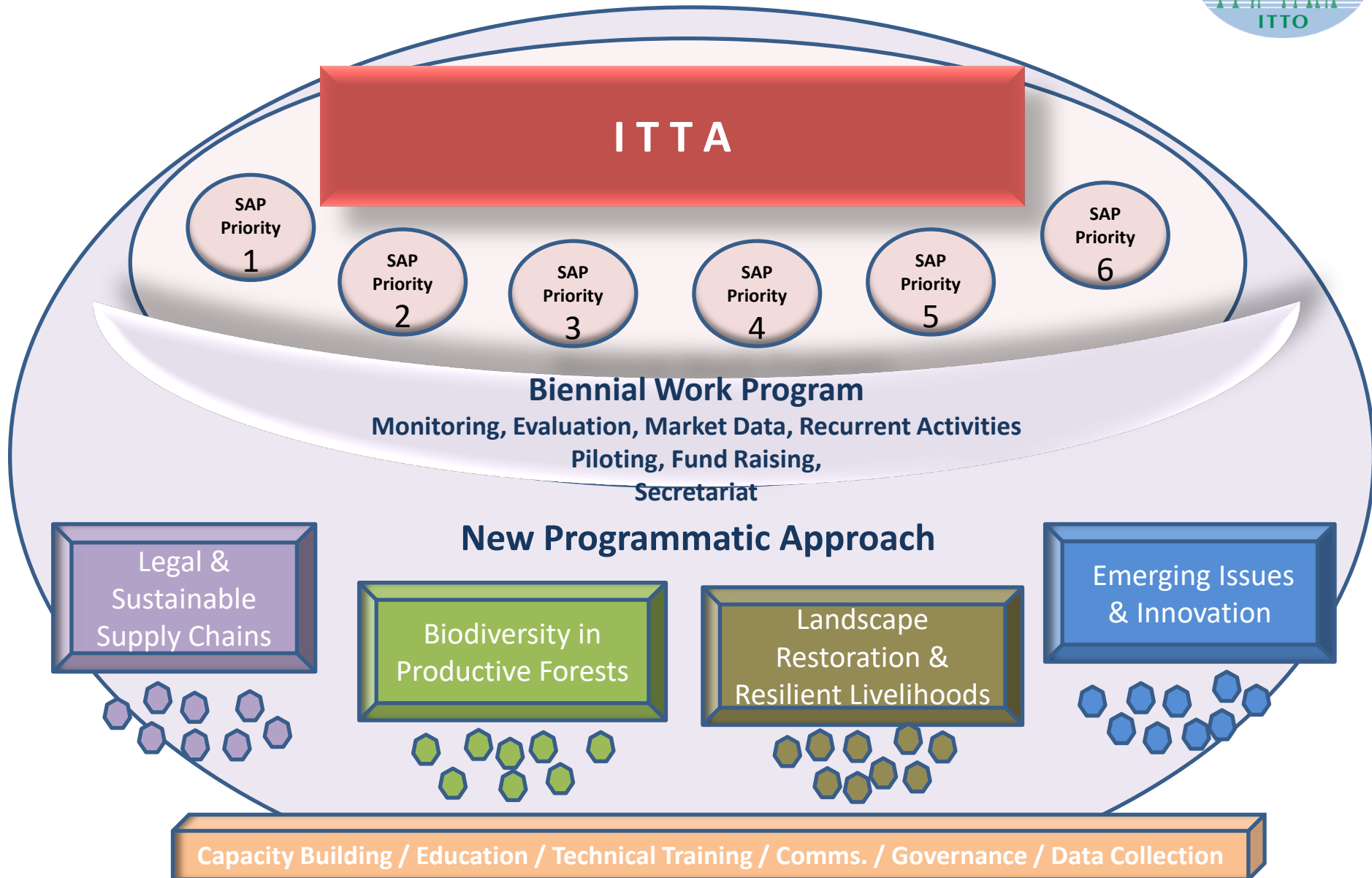


Underlying factors of the decrease in funds

- Global trend in declining un-earmarked voluntary contributions/grants
- Increasing international competition between development and environmental organizations
- Mismatch between producer and donor expectations
- Impact of the financial impairment
- Disconnect with the broader international development and climate agenda
- Overall negative perception of tropical timber and lack of awareness of the role of tropical timber production
- Lack of focus in portfolio of activities
- Lack of core indicators for effective reporting of global impact



Proposed Future Financing Architecture



Objectives of Programmatic Approach



- **Improve fundraising**
- **Bring together donor interests, funding policies and priorities, and member needs**
- **Streamline and create better results, allowing better monitoring, evaluation and reporting**

Expected impact of Programmatic Approach



- Sharpening ITTO's brand niche
- Better **understanding ITTO's structure**
- enhancing ITTO's **overall visibility** in the global forest and climate regime;
- enhancing ITTO's individual and collaborative role (together with existing and new partners) in relevant **calls for proposals and other fundraising opportunities**;
- sharpening targeted **bilateral dialogues** with donor countries; and
- improving ITTO's **marketing capacity** through various **communication channels**, including the ITTO website.

Proposed Programmatic Lines



Overall ITTA mandate

Legal &
sustainable
supply chains

Enhance tropical timber supply chains to achieve sustainability and meet market requirements to give end users assurance that products are from legal and sustainable sources.

Biodiversity in
Productive
Forests

Strengthen the capacity of tropical timber-producing countries to optimize the contribution of productive forests to the conservation of biodiversity while maintaining the sustainable production of timber and other products.

Landscape
Restoration &
Resilient Livelihoods

Contribute to scaling up the area of forest landscape restoration, and increasing the provision of goods and services from planted and restored forests.

Emerging Issues
& Innovation

Emerging Issues that do not fall under the other programmatic lines, including emergencies, just-in-time opportunities, and ad hoc donor response to specific needs of member countries.

Capacity Building / Education / Technical Training / Comms. / Governance / Data Collection

Examples PL1: Legal & sustainable supply chains



- Assistance to governments in **building enabling institutional and policy frameworks** for promoting legal and sustainable supply chains and enabling business conditions for actors who operate in such chains, strengthening forest governance, and promoting regional, subregional and cross-border cooperation.
- The development, promotion and implementation of fiscal and other **incentive mechanisms for increased investments** in SFM and associated downstream supply chains, as well as measures to facilitate trade for legal and/or sustainable producers in producer and consumer countries (including cross-border trade).
- Capacity building for **legal and sustainable wood production** (e.g. forest management, low-impact, efficient wood harvesting, marking, tracking and documentation of volumes and tree species, voluntary legality verification and independent certification, processing efficiency, waste utilization).
- Capacity building and access to information on the **marketing and trade of wood and forest products** (e.g. market information, strengthening producer-country trade associations and cooperatives, linking domestic and international buyers and sellers of legal and sustainable wood and forest products, among others, through the GGSC network).
- Capacity building for **customs and other government authorities** in ensuring the legality and sustainability of international and domestic trade, and associated trade facilitation.
- Promotion of comparability and **coherence among national and international regulations and standards** to facilitate compliance by suppliers and the consumption by consumers of legal and sustainable wood products.
- **Advocacy and awareness-raising among all stakeholder groups** promoting the role of productive forests and sustainable wood in economic, social and environmental development, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, and the conservation of global biodiversity, all of which actively contribute to the SDGs and are fully in line with the UN Strategic Plan on Forests.

Key Activities PL2: Biodiversity in Productive Forests



- **PL2 will include three groups of activities:**
- implementing the ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forests and other relevant internationally acknowledged guidelines.
- Assisting countries to implement CITES listings of tropical tree species.
- Assisting the establishment and management of conservation areas (including transboundary conservation areas) in tropical forests

Key Activities PL4: Landscape Restoration & Resilient Livelihoods



- **Implement studies, analyses and assessments**
- Studies will address, for example, local livelihoods, land tenure, forestry industries, market conditions, supply chains for forest products, government policies, and techniques and skills in silviculture and agroforestry.
- **Assist countries in developing policies, plans, regulations and guidelines**
- This activity will include developing mechanisms for stakeholder engagement, benefit-sharing and incentives, as well as addressing land-use and forest-restoration planning, the management of restored forests, public–private partnerships and the marketing of forest products.
- **Assist countries in implementing forest landscape restoration in the field**
- This activity will include establishing demonstration forests with local communities and enterprises, applying incentive mechanisms and introducing silvicultural and agroforestry techniques. Field projects will strengthen the institutional capacity to implement FLR. Attention will be paid to the role of smallholders and community-based entrepreneurs.
- **Disseminate outcomes and good practices nationally and internationally**
- This activity will involve sharing information and lessons learned from the implementation of activities 1–3 with the aim of assisting in their scaling up.

Key Activities PL4: Emerging Issues & Innovation



To provide sufficient funding flexibility to

- 1) meet the **special requests of producers and donor funding lines** addressing international development priorities; and
- 2) **manage and adapt to emergencies**, including natural, socioeconomic and financial crises related to the production and trade of tropical timber; and
- 3) **Promoting innovation**

Examples:

- projects and activities of a specific nature not covered in PLs 1–3;
- quick responses to emergencies, such as wildfires, pest outbreaks, storms and other disasters;
- policy processes and openings, such as the alignment of methodologies, policy reforms and institutional restructuring; and
- the implementation of guidelines, best-practice approaches, analytical work and information management.

Modalities for reconciling Producer and Consumer interests



Depending on the sources and purposes of funds available to ITTO, the PA and the four PLs will facilitate the development of projects by:

- Encouraging producer countries and applicable organizations to **work collaboratively** on the preparation of proposals for thematic or regionally based programmes, projects and activities for which ITTO has unlocked funding.
- Assisting producer countries/organizations in the **preparation of proposals** in competitive bidding processes that respond to ITTO's programmatic approach.
- Developing streamlined **project concept notes** under PLs 1–3 in response to the availability of funds or for preparing programme/project proposals for interested donors.
- **Matching concept notes** under PL4 with funds available under PLs 1–3.
- Getting access to direct funding by **linking producer proposals** under PL4 with donor interest (a modified regular project cycle).

Contribution of the new Programmatic Approach to the SDGs, the Global Forests Goals and the ITTO Strategic Action Plan



Programme Line	Contribution to SDGs	Contribution to Global Forest Goals (GFGs)	Contribution to the Strategic Priorities (SPs) under ITTO Strategic Action Plan
Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)	8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17	1, 2, 3 , 4, 5 and 6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Biodiversity in Productive Forests	12, 13, 15, 16 and 17	1, 2, 3 , 4, 5 and 6	1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods	8, 13 and 15	1, 2 and 6	1, 2 and 4
Emerging Issues and Innovation	As determined	As determined	As determined



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