



FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION
2 - 7 December 2019
Lomé, Togo

DECISION 4(LV)

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE ITTO STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN 2013-2018

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Noting that the implementation period of the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018, extended to 2019 would expire at the end of 2019;

Taking note of the recommendation of the ad hoc Working Group on Financing Infrastructure and Fundraising Strategies to extend the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 to the end of 2020 with a draft SAP based on new programmatic lines to be presented for adoption by Council in 2020;

Also taking note of the recommendation of the ad hoc Working Group on Financing Infrastructure and Fundraising Strategies to more clearly show the connection between the BWP and the SAP and the new streamlined ITTO funding infrastructure vision;

Also taking note that funding for implementation of the 2018-2019 Biennial Work Programme activity to develop the next ITTO Strategic Action Plan has only been pledged during the last quarter of 2019 by the EU and the Government of Japan;

Further taking note of the recommendation of the Informal Advisory Group to extend the SAP 2013-2018 extended to 2019, for one additional year until 2020;

Recognizing the objectives of ITTO as set out in Article 1 of the ITTA, 2006;

Decides to:

1. Extend the implementation period of the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 extended to 2019, for one additional year through 2020;
2. Request the Executive Director to implement in a timely manner the 2018-2019 Biennial Work Programme activity to develop the next ITTO Strategic Action Plan for consideration and approval by Council at its Fifty-sixth Session in 2020.

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