



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

**REPORT OF THE PANEL
ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND
AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING**

[Item 12 (b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. The mandate of the Panel was expanded by the decision of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council in November 2003, to oversee the allocation of resources from the “Unearmarked Funds” as well.
2. The Panel was chaired by the acting Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Ms. Katharina Kühmayer of Austria.
3. In addition to the Chairperson, the Panel was composed of:
 - (a) Representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
 - (i) Mr. Rikiya Konishi (Japan);
 - (ii) Ms. Anne Schick (Switzerland); and
 - (iii) Mr. Amon Johnson (U.S.A.).
 - (b) Representatives from producer member states, from each geographic region:
 - (i) Mr. Roberto Andrés Bosch Figueredo (Guatemala) – Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (ii) Dr. Joseph Appiah-Gyapong (Ghana) – Africa; and
 - (iii) Mr. Sapol Boonsermsuk (Thailand) – Asia-Pacific.
 - (c) The Executive Director:
Dr. Gerhard Dieterle
4. The Panel held its meeting on Thursday, 5 December 2019 during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council.
5. The Panel was informed that, as of 11 November 2019, the total funds available in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund were US\$116,874.80, of which approximately \$25,000 was for the former and \$90,000 for the latter. The Secretariat further informed that the current resources of both funds were mainly interest earned from bank account deposits and the mandate of the Panel was to look into possible allocations from the above funds to any Projects, Pre-projects and Activities of the Organization that were pending financing.
6. The Executive Director brought to the attention of the Panel that, the Government of Togo had made enormous efforts to accommodate the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council and the Panel may consider allocating some funds to the following Pre-project:
 - PPD 196/19 Rev.1 (F) Support for Operational and Planning Capacity-Building for Stakeholders in the Private and Community Forestry Sector in Togo (Togo)
[Total ITTO Budget \$85,792.00]

7. The Panel received information that voluntary contribution would be pledged in the amount of \$50,000 to this Pre-project at this Session. The Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council to allocate the balance of \$35,792.00 from the Unearmarked Fund to PPD 196/19 Rev. 1 (F).

8. The Panel also agreed by consensus to keep the balance in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund as it is, and carry forward to the next Session of the Council.

9. The Panel suggested if the Secretariat could prepare a list of Projects, Pre-projects and Activities pending financing that would be eligible for funding under the criteria of the Bali Partnership Fund, as contained in the Financial Rules, that also shows priorities for funding and their rationale/backgrounds. The Secretariat noted that such list would be made available for the next Meeting of the Panel.

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