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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fifty-fourth Session of the Committee will be chaired by Ms. Aysha Ghadiali (USA) who has been elected as Vice-Chairperson for 2020 due to the unavailability of Mr. Bruno Enrique Arias Rivas (Guatemala), Chairperson for 2020.

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document CRF(LIV)/1]

The Committee may consider the Provisional Agenda and adopt the Agenda for the session. On the organization of work, it is to be noted that the schedule of meetings for the work of the Committee will be determined after usual consultations. The Committee may also constitute the usual informal open-ended working group(s) to assist in the consideration of specific matters related to the Agenda. Due to the ongoing consultations with the Informal Advisory Group regarding logistics of convening the 56th ITTC session virtually, additional communications regarding how/whether items on the Committees' agenda will be handled will be circulated as relevant decisions are taken.

Item 3 - Admission of Observers

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

Item 4 - ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2020

Following consultations with the Trade Advisory Group (which convenes the Market Discussion), this item will be deferred until the next physical sessions of the Council and Committees. This decision was taken since the private sector representatives of the Trade Advisory Group who contribute to the Market Discussion are unavailable to participate this year due to the demands of coping with the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses. Consultations with the TAG will continue to consider the possibility of a virtual Market Discussion in 2021 should the Council/Committees still be unable to meet physically then.

Item 5 - Policy Work

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

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

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

- (i) Promotion of Smallholders' Forest Landscape Restoration in West Africa
[ITTO Programme on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) Activity #3]
 - The Secretariat will update the implementation of this Activity
- (ii) Development of training curricula for Central African countries on Legal and Sustainable supply Chains (LSSC)
[ITTO Programme on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) Activity #5]
 - The Secretariat will update the implementation of this Activity.
- (iii) Dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics
[Activity 10 (b), ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2018-2019] [Document CRF(LIII)/4]
 - The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.

- (iv) Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity [Decision 6(XLVI)]
- The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.

Item 6 - Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals
[Document ITTC(LVI)/12]

The report of the Fifty-fifth Expert Panel, which was convened virtually due to COVID-19, is contained in document ITTC(LVI)/12. The report will be presented to the Council (rather than to a session of the Joint Committees) as an extraordinary measure during the virtual ITTC 56 session.

Item 7 - New Projects and Pre-projects
[Document ITTC(LVI)/12]

The Committee may note the following projects and pre-projects which have been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings and circulated to member countries pursuant to ITTC Decision 6(XLIII), following the recommendations of the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals from its virtual consideration of projects in August-September 2020, as contained in document ITTC(LVI)/12. All Category 1 projects were approved under the above procedure; the Category 4 projects are included to inform the Committees that no member objected to the categorization of these projects and they are therefore not approved unless the Committees decide otherwise. Rating schedule for project proposals by the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals include:

- Category 1: The Panel concluded that the proposal could be commended to the Committee with incorporation of amendments.
- Category 4: The Panel concluded that it could not commend the proposal to the Committee, and submits it to the Committee with the recommendation not to approve the Project proposal. Justification should be given to the proponent and the Committee (e.g. complete reformulation is necessary; in case of Rev.2 Project proposals; Project not relevant; Project with insufficient information, etc.)

Fifty-fifth Expert Panel

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 896/19 Rev.2 (F)	Protection and Restoration of Forested Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge Areas in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, to Ensure Water Supply for Guatemalan Communities	Guatemala
PD 901/19 Rev.2 (F)	Promoting Conservation and Community-Based Management of Mangrove Ecosystems Through Integrating Adaptation and Mitigation Action in Karang Gading and Langkat Timur Laut (KG-LTLWR) Reserve, North Sumatera, Indonesia	Indonesia
PD 902/19 Rev.2 (F)	Management of Upper Baram Forest Area for Conservation and Sustainable Development with Involvement of Local Communities, Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia	Malaysia
PD 903/19 Rev.2 (F)	Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia	Malaysia
PD 904/19 Rev.2 (F)	Restoring Productivity in Post-Logging Hill Forests by Enrichment Planting in Sarawak, Malaysia	Malaysia
PPD 197/20 Rev.1 (F)	Development of a Project for the Revaluation, Restoration and Sustainable Development of the Quina (<i>Cinchona spp.</i>) Tree and Associate Native Species of the Western Montane Forests of Peru	Peru

Category 4:

None.

Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects

[Document CRF(LIV)/2]

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

8.1 Completed Project(s)

- 1) PD 723/13 Rev.2 (F) Capacity Building for Strengthening Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation of the Taninthayi Range in Myanmar – Phase I Stage 1 (Myanmar)
- 2) PD 754/14 Rev.3 (F) Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Sacred Forests on Ramsar Sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin (Benin)

8.2 Completed Pre-project(s)

None.

Item 9 - Ex-post Evaluations

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

- 1) Thematic Group on Forest Rehabilitation, Landscape Restoration, and Secondary Forest Management
 - PD 372/05 Rev.1 (F) Contribution to Forest Rehabilitation in Thailand's Areas Affected by Tsunami Disaster (Thailand)
 - PD 501/08 Rev.1 (F) Promoting Household Reforestation in Tropical Zone of Southwestern China through Development and Extension of Household-Oriented Techniques (China)
- 2) Thematic Group dealing with Biodiversity Conservation and Conservation Areas
 - PD 165/02 Rev.3 (F) Conservation of Biological Diversity through Sustainable Forest Management Practices (Malaysia)
 - PD 288/04 Rev. 2 (F) Development of Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary as a Totally Protected Area, Phase IV (Final Phase) (Malaysia)
 - PD 451/07 Rev.1 (F) Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation Area: The Pulong Tau National Park, Sarawak State, Malaysia - Phase II (Malaysia)

In 2020, the ex-post evaluation of Thematic Group dealing with Biodiversity Conservation and Conservation Areas has been arranged with the selection of two international consultants. This ex-post evaluation is taking place with an assessment of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity which covers analyzing the achievements of sixteen ITTO projects under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative. The CBD Secretariat has been consulted on the proposed assessment and made a recommendation on the selection of one international consultant. The assessment also aimed at providing recommendations for the extended activities of the Collaborative Initiative to contribute to the SDGs, the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Outcomes of the assessment will be presented in 2021.

It is expected that in 2021, the ex-post evaluation of Thematic Group on Forest Rehabilitation, Landscape Restoration, and Secondary Forest Management will take place with engagement of a partner organization (e.g. IUFRO and WRI, etc.).

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

[Document CRF(LIV)/3 Rev.1]

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

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

The Committee may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document CRF(LIV)/3 Rev.1 on the progress or status of projects, pre-projects and activities approved for financing and implementation by the Council. The status of some projects, pre-projects and activities may change from the time this agenda is distributed to the time document CRF(LIV)/3 Rev.1 is prepared and the time the Session is convened. The report covers the following:

10.1 Projects

(A) Projects under implementation

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

(B) Projects awaiting implementation agreement

None.

(C) Projects awaiting financing

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

Projects with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 54th and 55th CRF Sessions.

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.2 (F) Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra (Indonesia)
(Note: partially funded during the 54th and 55th ITTC)
- 2) PD 723/13 Rev.2 (F) Capacity Building for Strengthening Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation of the Taninthayi Range in Myanmar – Phase I Stage 2 (Myanmar)
- 3) PD 765/14 Rev.4 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase II (Guatemala)
- 4) PD 808/16 Rev3 (F)* Conservation of African Barwood (*Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir*) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 5) PD 818/16 Rev.3 (F)* “BOSS - CUSHABATAY” Project – Forest Management and Restoration in the Cushabatay Basin on the Eastern Slope of the Cordillera Azul National Park (PNCAZ), Peru (Peru)
- 6) PD 836/17 Rev.1 (F) Enhancing Capacity of Local Communities and Forest Administration to Effectively Implement Community Forestry Programme (CFP) in Kratie and Mondulkiri Provinces of Cambodia (Cambodia)
(Note: partially funded during the 54th and 55th ITTC,)
- 7) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F)* Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
(Note: partially funded during the 54th ITTC)
- 8) PD 852/17 Rev.3 (F)* Development of a Regional Strategy for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Areas on the South Coast of Peru (Peru)
- 9) PD 877/18 Rev.2 (F)* Taper and Commercial Volume Systems for the Planning of the Sustainable Management of Ten Tropical Forest Species in Quintana Roo, Mexico (Mexico)
- 10) PD 890/18 Rev.2 (F)* Rehabilitation of the Upper Bandama Gazetted Forest in the North of Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of the Local People (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 11) PD 894/19 Rev.1 (F)* Strengthening of Community Forest Management in Peru (Peru)
- 12) PD 895/19 Rev.1 (F)* Strengthening the Participation of Women in Rural Communities for the Development of Ecotourism Service Enterprises and Sustainable Business Models on the Coast of Veracruz, Mexico (Mexico)
- 13) PD 896/19 Rev.2 (F) Protection and Restoration of Forested Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge Areas in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, to Ensure Water Supply for Guatemalan Communities (Guatemala)

- 14) PD 901/19 Rev.2 (F) Promoting Conservation and Community-Based Management of Mangrove Ecosystems Through Integrating Adaptation and Mitigation Action in Karang Gading and Langkat Timur Laut (KG-LTLWR) Reserve, North Sumatera, Indonesia (Indonesia)
- 15) PD 902/19 Rev.2 (F) Management of Upper Baram Forest Area for Conservation and Sustainable Development with Involvement of Local Communities, Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 16) PD 903/19 Rev.2 (F) Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 17) PD 904/19 Rev.2 (F) Restoring Productivity in Post-Logging Hill Forests by Enrichment Planting in Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 18) PD 905/19 Rev.1 (F)* Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo (Togo)

(D) Projects to be subject to possible termination process

In accordance with the rules and procedures applying to ITTO projects, the Committee may consider recommending the termination of the following projects because of the non-submission of the final financial audit report that has been pending since 2016.

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

10.2 Pre-projects

(A) Pre-projects under implementation

- 1) PPD 191/18 Rev.1 (F) Support to the Local Communities of the Mono Plain for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in Togo (Togo)
- 2) PPD 196/19 Rev.1 (F) Support for Operational and Planning Capacity-building for Stakeholders in the Private and Community Forestry Sector in Togo (Togo)

(B) Pre-projects awaiting implementation agreement

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

(C) Pre-projects awaiting financing

- 1) PPD 197/20 Rev.1 (F) Development of a Project for the Revaluation, Restoration and Sustainable Development of the Quina (*Cinchona spp.*) Tree and Associate Native Species of the Western Montane Forests of Peru (Peru)

10.3 Special Activities

- 1) PP-A/53-323 Capacity building for the implementation of "Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)" by stakeholders in the Congo Basin countries
- 2) PP-A/56-340-1 Capacity Building on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia
- 3) PP-A/56-340-2 Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru

- 4) PP-A/56-341 Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo

Item 11 - Biennial Work Programme of the Committee for 2021-2022

In accordance with the recommendation by the Council, the Committee may wish to review the draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2021-2022, as contained in document ITTC(LVI)/7, particularly the section pertaining to the strategic policy activities of the Committees.

Item 12 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2021

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2021 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

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

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

Item 14 - Other Business

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

Item 15 - Recommendations to the International Tropical Timber Council

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

Item 16 - Report of the Session

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

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