



FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION  
9 – 13 November 2020  
Virtual Session

## **REPORT OF THE ITTO FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL**

(Item 12(a) of the Provisional Agenda)

1. Fellowship selection for 2020 was conducted electronically, and email exchanges were made to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2020 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson:	Mr. Mohd Kheiruddin Mohd Rani	(Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)
Producers:	Dr. Joseph Y. Appiah-Gyapong	(Ghana)
	Mr. Reyhan Savero Pradietya	(Indonesia)
	Mr. Roberto Andrés Bosch	(Guatemala)
Consumers:	Mr. Taku Sakaguchi	(Japan)
	Dr. Jobst-Michael Schröder	(Germany)
	Mr. Luke Thompson	(USA)

And supported by:

Secretariat: Ms. Sheam Satkuru  
Mr. Takumi Akama

2. The ITTO Secretariat received a total of 82 applications and pre-selected 26 applications which were rigorously scanned and considered as complete applications. The Selection Panel considered these 26 applications, made up of 9 applications from Africa, 7 from Asia/Pacific, 10 from Latin America and Caribbean region. 15% of the applications were in the field of Forest Industry (FI), 8% in the field of Economic Information and Market Intelligence (EIMI), and 77% in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM). 35% of the applications were submitted by female applicants.

While reviewing these 26 applications, the Panel used the following selection criteria:

- (i) Consistency of the proposed activities with the ITTO fellowship programme's objective and priority areas;
- (ii) Qualifications of the applicants to undertake the proposed fellowship activities;
- (iii) Applications and benefits of the skills and knowledge to be acquired or advanced under the fellowship activities; and
- (iv) Reasonableness of costs in relation to the proposed activities.

The Panel took into account of the balance among the three subject areas and regions as well as the opportunity to promote the participation of women. The Panel also took into account the Strategic Action Plan in its selection Process. The Panel recommends to the Council to award 20 fellowships, subject to the availability of funds at a total cost of US\$150,344. Women account for 45% of the recommended applicants. 30% of the recommended applicants are from Africa, 25% from Asia/Pacific, 45% from Latin America and Caribbean region. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report.

3. Due to the limited time available during the Council Sessions by conducting virtually, the Vice-Chairman agreed that the Secretariat will give a short brief regarding the selection, which was recommended by the panel members.
4. The 2021 Fellowship Selection Panel is scheduled to be appointed in spring 2021.

**APPENDIX**

**LIST OF APPROVED FELLOWSHIPS  
(Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel)**

**Autumn 2020 Fellowship Cycle**

<b>App. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND MARKET INTELLIGENCE**

015/20A	Moussa Samarou	Togo	Post-Graduate Degree Program, title of Ph.D dissertation subject: Ethnobotanics, Ecology, Fruit Productivity and Socio-economic Value of Tamarind Trees ( <i>Tamarindus indica</i> ) in Togo's Agro-ecological Area I, University of Lome, Lome, Togo
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**COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY**

025/20A	Felipe Veluk Gutierrez	Brazil	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Resources & Conservation, with a concentration in Tropical Conservation & Development, University of Florida, School of Forest Resources & Conservation, Gainesville, U.S.A.
049/20A	Melita Low	Australia	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Ph. D in Sciences, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia
058/20A	Cristhian Ureña Martinez	Costa Rica	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Professional Master's Degree in Development and Conservation Practice. CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center), Turrialba, Cartago, Costa Rica

**COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT**

002/20A	Sri Mulyati	Indonesia	Post-Graduate Degree Program, The fieldwork in Malaka District, Indonesia, to collect primary data for a Ph.D study in Conservation Sciences, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, U.K.
009/20A	Justin Dossou	Benin	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Technical Potential for Restoring Tropical Forests with Stands of <i>Azelia africana</i> , <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> and <i>Khaya senegalensis</i> with a view to Addressing Anthropogenic Disturbances in Benin, Post-graduate School of Agricultural Sciences and Water, Parakou University, Parakou, Benin

017/20A	Sang Tran	Viet Nam	Post-Graduate Degree Program, International Master Program in Tropical Forestry, Vietnam National University of Forestry, Hanoi, Viet Nam
019/20A	Weegie Mulbah	Liberia	Short Training Course, Project Monitoring and Evaluation with Data Management and Analysis course, Foscore Development Center, Nairobi, Kenya
022/20A	Sol María Rodríguez	Peru	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Master of Philosophy in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
028/20A	Trishla Shaktan	India	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Assessment of Scope for REDD-plus Implementation in Rohru Forest Division of Himachal Pradesh, Forest Research Institute (University Dehradun), Dehradun, India
033/20A	Gabriel Zanatta	Brazil	Post-Graduate Degree Program, PhD in Tropical Ecology, Tropical Research Center, University of Veracruz, Xalapa, Mexico
044/20A	Soufianou Arzouma	Benin	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Impacts of Replenishment Trees on the Development Dynamics of the Main Teak Stand in Private and State-owned Plantations in Southern Benin, Post-graduate School of Agricultural Sciences and Water, Parakou University, Parakou, Benin
045/20A	Van Dinh	Viet Nam	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Master program in Botany, University of Science, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Hanoi, Viet Nam
047/20A	Pedro Sartori	Brazil	Technical Document Preparation / Publication / Dissemination, Partnership between Virginia Tech forest economics department and USP through the NewFor project to establish economic aspects of Forest restoration using exotic species as pioneers in the Brazilian tropical forest restoration process, University of São Paulo, Piracicaba, SP, Brazil
050/20A	Julio Salas Rabaza	Mexico	Study Tour, Carbon molecule (CH <sub>4</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub> ) flows in the mangrove forests of the Ría Celestún Biosphere Reserve (field research trip, 2021), Yucatan Center for Scientific Research, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico
057/20A	Kelly Bocanegra Gonzalez	Colombia	Post-Graduate Degree Program, Ph.D in Cell and Molecular Biology (Plant Sciences), University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK
067/20A	Carlos Jeque	Mozambique	Study Tour, Asses forest pratices applied to promote sustainable management of natural forest ecosystems and ensure the communities livelihoods, Mozambique Agrarian Research Institute, Chimoio, Mozambique

068/20A	Sara Cerón Aguilera	Mexico	Study Tour, Field trip: Physioecological and anatomical strategies for mature plants and seedlings from <i>Rhizophora mangle</i> L. mangrove forests in the Ría Celestún and Progreso Biosphere Reserve, Yucatan, Yucatan Center for Scientific Research, Merida, Mexico
070/20A	Emma Agyapong	Ghana	Technical Document Preparation / Publication / Dissemination, Enhancing community participation through capacity building as a means of promoting sustainable management of community forest and riparian ecosystems within the Black Volta River Basin (BVRB) of Ghana, Emma Baah Agyapong, Kulmasa, Menji and Maluwe, Ghana
079/20A	Elizabeth Gusmán Montalván	Ecuador	Technical Document Preparation / Publication / Dissemination, Review and drafting of document: "Spatial dynamics of a dry forest community in Zapotillo County" under the tutorship of Dr. Adrian Escudero, Professor at the Rey Juan Carlos University. Biodiversity and Conservation Research Group, Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), Madrid, Spain

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