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- (i) Promotion of Smallholders' Forest Landscape Restoration in West Africa [ITTO Programme on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) Activity #3]
- National consultants had conducted country-led studies in Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali and Togo), under the guidance of the international lead consultant, Professor Jürgen Blaser, Bern University of Applied Sciences, and regional consultant, Professor Kouami Kokou, University of Lomé, Togo;
- Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) policies and successful FLR case stories had been collected for comprehensive analysis and assessment of the scalable solutions and good organizational practices;
- Each of six country-led study still needs to be validated through a national workshop being planned in the fourth quarter of 2020, as it could not take place in the first quarter due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Need to extend the implementation of this Activity in 2021 because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions (on travel and public gatherings)

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 (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]

- This Activity intends to contribute in building capacity on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC), for professionals and technicians, in Congo Basin countries, in order to allow them to understand and successfully comply with LSSC requirements.
- Four consultants had prepared the draft of LSSC-related training modules/curricula to be subject to the validation process with the holding of validation workshops planned in October and November 2020, after several months of delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions (on travel and public gatherings). The topics of these four training modules/curricula are as follows :
 - Module/curricula 1: Understanding deforestation-free
 - Module/curricula 2: Assessing legality and achieving accountability
 - Module/curricula 3: From legality to sustainability
 - Module/curricula 4: Markets and access to markets
- Need to extend the implementation of this Activity in 2021 because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions (on travel and public gatherings)

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(iii) Dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics [Document CRF(LIII)4]

- Published the ITTO Guidelines for FLR in September.
- Posted it on ITTO Website with a policy brief for wider dissemination.
- Introduced it in the ITTO Newsletter (TFU).
- Canceled the Asia-pacific regional workshop for FLR in collaboration with IUFRO and AFoCO.
- Have a plan to organize three regional capacity building workshop in 2021-2022.

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(iv) Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity [Decision 6(XLVI)]

- ITTO and CBD signed MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) in 2020 and 2015.
- ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity started in 2011.
- The assessment of the Collaborative Initiative is under way.
- ITTO and CBD will renew the MoU.
- Renew the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative.