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Draft Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022

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Draft BWP 2021 - 2022

- The Draft BWP 2021-2022 is presented to the Council in accordance with Decision 9(XXXIV) which requests the ED to develop a BWP which prioritizes and allocates resources for specific activities under the Organization's Action Plan
- The draft BWP 2021-2022 is largely based on the BWP 2018-2019 (*extended into 2020*) with some amendments/modifications
- It includes 40 activities divided into two Parts

Part 1:

- 24 Technical Activities (*requiring financing*)

Part 2:

- 16 Administrative and Financial Activities (*not requiring financing*)



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DRAFT ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021-2022
[Item 12(b) of the Provisional Agenda]

Decision 9(XXXIV), adopted by the Council at its Thirty-fourth Session, requested the Executive Director to develop a biennial work programme (BWP) which prioritizes and allocates resources to specific activities under the Organization's Action Plan. The Secretariat has prepared the draft BWP containing proposed activities for 2021-2022, taking into account the ITTA 2006, the Strategy Action Plan (2017-2019) (SAP) extended through 2020, the Progress Report on the Implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2018-2019 (2020) (2020 Progress Report), the ITTO Strategic Plan and Strategy Approved from Member Countries at the Thirty-first Session (2018) and the Last General Assembly (2018).

With a view to provide a coherent structure to the activities under the BWP, the proposed activities have been categorized according to their nature, with separate categories for Group 1 - Field Oriented Activities with Emphasis on Work in Member Countries; Group 2 - Technical Work in Policy, Guidelines, and Other Advisory Work; Group 3 - Collaborative Work with Other Organizations/Institutions; Working Meetings; Group 4 - Communications and Outreach Related Work; Group 5 - Analytical, Statistical and Other Supporting Work and Financial and Administrative Activities having no financial requirements in order to link the BWP to the relevant overarching goals of ITTO and the global community, each activity from Group 1-5 is mapped to reference to the strategic priorities that would contribute to under the BWP, as well as the BWP global theme goals and how each individual development goal would contribute to under the UN Sustainable Plan on Forests (UNSPF). Under Decision 9(XV) implementing ITTO's New Financing Architecture - Phase 1, the new ITTO Organizational Approach and Programme Line has been approved for a pilot phase from 2020-2022. As the modalities for the implementation of the new approach are still under development, a number of activities that will directly fall under the Programme Line have been included under the BWP and an additional reference to the respective Programme Line has been included for these activities.

A reference table is provided with descriptions of the Strategic Priorities (SP), Global Forest Goals (GFG) and Programme Lines (PL).

The Annex to the draft BWP contains the Terms of Reference for the proposed activities that require financing in Group 1-5, providing background information, description of activities, expected outcomes, duration and target countries/regions involved, information on implementation approach and estimated costs are included including requested budgetary requirements.

The proposed activities together with the project work under the ITTO regular project cycle and ITTO thematic programmes will contribute towards achieving the expected activities of the SAP. The implementation of the BWP will be monitored, reviewed and evaluated as part of an iterative process in accordance to the biennial work programme for 2021-2022. The Council may wish to consider and approve the draft BWP for 2021-2022.

The funding sought under the BWP can be divided as follows:

	2021	2022	Total	Revised 2021-2022
Core budget items	108 200 000	108 300 000	216 500 000	216 500 000
Contingent contributions	100 000 000	100 000 000	200 000 000	200 000 000
Total	208 200 000	208 300 000	416 500 000	416 500 000

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Structure

- The structure is the same as the previous BWP, but the column ‘Relevance’ now includes an additional reference to the ITTO Programme Lines (*approved for a pilot phase from 2020-2022*) for respective activities
- The Reference Table (*page 3*) has been updated accordingly and includes the titles of the Programme Lines

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Part 1 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FINANCING

GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Relevance	Body
1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	In 2018-20, ITTO undertook six tropical country case studies to analyze the impact of existing (and the potential impact of new) incentives for promoting investment in productive forest to achieve deforestation-free landscapes and value chains for green growth. It also undertook a study of potential gaps between supply and demand for tropical timber and the impacts of prospects of recovery from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on tropical timber trade. Using remaining funds from the 2018-19 BWP activity, this activity will complete an additional case study and a proposed workshop in Africa that could not be completed as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If additional funds are pledged, the work will be extended to cover an additional case study and workshop in both Asia and Latin America, as well as to produce policy briefs on the outcomes of the supply-demand/COVID 19 impact study. Estimated new funding sought US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021-US\$75,000 Year 2022-US\$75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops undertaken and case studies developed in up to three ITTO producer countries • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant related meetings/initiatives 	<p><i>ITTA/ITTC: Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI) and 2(XLIII)</i></p> <p><i>ITTO SAP: SP1, SP2, SP4</i></p> <p><i>UNSPF: GFG1, GFG2, GFG4</i></p> <p><i>PL: PL 1</i></p>	Council/ Joint Committees
2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of sustainability and legality, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a green supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Using remaining funds under 2018-20 BWP, the following work will continue into 2021-2022: building the LSSC-GGSC platform; organizing regional LSSC-GGSC training workshops; conducting a study on blockchain applications in timber tracking systems; developing the Timber Trade Portal (TTP) website; as well as other events and activities. Additional funding is requested under this BWP for the implementation of the Global Timber Tracking Network, GTTN, Phase III from 2021 onwards. GTTN, established in 2012 as an open alliance with the objective to promote the operationalization of innovative tools for wood identification and origin determination, to assist the fight against illegal logging and related trade around the globe, has brought together stakeholders concerned about illegal logging and associated trade including key institutions for the integrative use of innovative technologies such as DNA fingerprinting or stable isotope markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives entities with increased capacity for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/private sector entities 	<p><i>ITTA/ITTC: Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)</i></p> <p><i>ITTO SAP: SP1, SP2</i></p> <p><i>UNSPF: GFG2, GFG5</i></p> <p><i>PL: PL 1</i></p>	CEM

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP)

SP 1	Promote good forest governance and financing for sustainable forest management
SP 2	Increase the contribution of tropical forests to national and local economies through international trade
SP 3	Enhance the contribution of tropical timber producing forests to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
SP 4	Reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation and enhance provision of environmental services
SP 5	Improve the quality and availability of information on tropical forests, timber markets and trade
SP 6	Build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM and increase trade in forest goods and services from sustainably managed forests

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

GFG 1	Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and enhance the contribution of forests to climate change
GFG 2	Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people
GFG 3	Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests
GFG 4	Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific, technical and technological cooperation and partnerships
GFG 5	Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
GFG 6	Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

ITTO Programme Lines (PL) (*approved for a pilot phase from 2020-2022 under Decision 8(LV)*)

PL 1	Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
PL 2	Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
PL 3	Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
PL 4	Emerging Issues and Innovation



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Part 1 – Technical Activities (requiring financing)

24 activities divided into five groups:

- Group 1: Field Oriented Activities with Engagement of/Work In Member Countries (*9 activities*)
- Group 2: Normative Work on Policy Guidelines or Other Strategic Work (*2 activities*)
- Group 3: Collaborative Work with Other Organizations/Initiatives Including Meetings (*3 activities*)
- Group 4: Communications and Outreach Related Work (*3 activities*)
- Group 5: Analytical, Statistical and Other Recurring Work (*7 activities*)

3 activities from the BWP 2018-2019 have not been carried forward:

- *Activity 5 - Restoration, conservation and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems – no pledges*
- *Activity 13 - International conference on halting deforestation and increasing forest area – no pledges*
- *Activity 26 - Status of tropical forest management 2019 report - no pledges*

2 new (sub)-activities have been added

- Act. 12 - Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forest
- Act. 17c - Translation of ITTO website/PR materials into Japanese

All budgets and TORs have been updated and revised as needed, including some new components
e.g.: GTTN (Act. 2), Prevention & Management of Forest fires (Act. 9); Implementation of FLR Guidelines (Act. 11b); Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo (Act. 11c),



Part 1 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FINANCING

GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

No.	Activity	Status
1	Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	ongoing
2	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	ongoing
3	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	ongoing
4	Enhancing teak management	ongoing
5	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	ongoing
6	Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	ongoing
7	a) Criteria and indicators workshops	ongoing
	b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context	ongoing
8	Statistical capacity building workshops	ongoing
9	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	ongoing

GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK

No.	Activity	Status
10	Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	ongoing
11	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	ongoing
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	ongoing
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	ongoing

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES

No.	Activity	Status
12	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	new
13	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	ongoing
14	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	ongoing

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK

No.	Activity	Status
15	ITTO communication strategy	ongoing
16	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	ongoing
17	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	ongoing
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	ongoing
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese	new

GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

No.	Activity	Status
18	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	ongoing
19	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	ongoing
20	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	ongoing
21	ITTO Fellowship Programme	ongoing
22	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	ongoing
23	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	ongoing
24	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	ongoing

Proposed Activities



BWP 2021-2022 Financing

24 activities requiring financing

- 7 activities funded from core operational costs
(TFU; Annual Market Discussion with TAG; Market Information Service MIS; Statistics; Communications & Outreach, Expert Panel, Biennial Review)
- 1 activity (Act. 6 – IMM) funded by a EU Grant
- 2 activities fully financed under BWP 2018-2019
 - *Act. 10 – Formulate a new SAP*
 - *Act. 15 – ITTO Communication Strategy*
- 14 activities requiring voluntary contributions

Source	2021	2022	Total
Core Operational Costs	US\$ 930,000	US\$ 930,000	US\$ 1,860,000
Voluntary Contributions	US\$ 2,050,000	US\$ 2,296,760	US\$ 4,346,760
Total	US\$ 3,980,000	US\$ 3,226,760	US\$ 6,206,760

