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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fifty-fifth Session of the Committee will be chaired by Ms. Aysha Ghadiali (USA) who has been elected as Chairperson for 2021.

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document CRF(LV)/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 Fifty-seventh ITTC Session virtually, additional communications regarding how/whether items on the Committees' agenda will be handled will be communicated to members as relevant decisions are taken and/or at the start of the virtual session.

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 - 2021

The theme of the virtual ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2021 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (T-A-G) is "Challenges in the COVID-19 pandemic". The Market Discussion will be convened under the Council (rather than under a session of the Joint Committees) as an extraordinary measure during the virtual ITTC 57 session. An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2021 will be circulated prior to the session.

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 11 (b), ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022]
 - 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.
- (v) Adapting the 2006 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) to African context
[Decision 2(LIII)] [Activity 7 (b), ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022] [PP-A/55-336 / BWP 18-19/8b C&I Africa]
 - 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(LVII)/5]

The report of the Fifty-sixth Expert Panel, which was convened virtually due to COVID-19, is contained in document ITTC(LVII)/5. 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 57 session.

Item 7 - New Projects and Pre-projects

[Document ITTC(LVII)/5]

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 56th Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals from its virtual consideration of projects in June-July 2021, as contained in document ITTC(LVII)/5.

All Category 1 projects listed below were approved under the above procedure; the Category 4 projects are included to inform the Committee of the Expert Panel's assessment conclusion of these proposals and its recommendation not to approve them unless the Committee decides 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-sixth Expert Panel

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 916/21 Rev.1 (F)	Pilot Sustainable Management Systems for Secondary Natural Forests in the Collective Afro-descendant Community Territory of the Bajo Calima Community Council, Municipality of Buenaventura, Colombia	Colombia
PPD 198/21 Rev.1 (F)	Study for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Gallery Forests in the Mono Delta Biosphere Reserve in Benin	Benin
PPD 201/21 Rev.1 (F)	Study for Capacity Building of Private and Community Tree Farmers in Benin	Benin

Category 4:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PPD 202/21 (F)	Conservation of <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> Poir in Benin	Benin

Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects

[Document CRF(LV)/2]

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

8.1 Completed Project(s)

- 1) PD 383/05 Rev.2 (F) Community Forest Development in Gabon (Gabon)
- 2) 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)
- 3) PD 741/14 Rev.3 (F) Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Tropical Dry Forests on the North Coast of Peru (Peru)

8.2 Completed Pre-project(s)

- 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)

Item 9 - Ex-post Evaluations

(A) Ex-post Evaluation Reports

[Document CRF(LV)/4]

In 2020-2021, the ex-post evaluation of Thematic Group dealing with Biodiversity Conservation and Conservation Areas was carried for the assessment of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity covering and analyzing the achievements of sixteen ITTO projects under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative. 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.

The Committee may consider the results of the assessment of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity in the context of the ex-post evaluation of Thematic Group dealing with Biodiversity Conservation and Conservation Areas, as contained in document CRF(LV)/4.

(B) Selection of Projects for Ex-post Evaluations 2022-2023

As the list of ex-post evaluations 2018-2019 was extended for the period of 2020-2021, the Committee may recall that it was recommended, at its 54th Session in 2020, that a short list of completed projects be prepared by the Secretariat. The Committee may consider the short list of completed projects, as contained in document CRF(LV)/5 for the selection of ex-post evaluations for 2022-2023.

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

[Document CRF(LV)/3]

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(LV)/3 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(LV)/3 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 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)
- 3) PD 696/13 Rev.2 (F) Community Based Restoration and Sustainable Management of Vulnerable Forest of the Rewa Delta, Viti Levu, Fiji (Fiji)
- 4) 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)
- 5) PD 740/14 Rev.2 (F) Sustainable Forest Management Through REDD+ Mechanisms in Kampong Thom Province (Cambodia)
- 6) PD 765/14 Rev.4 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase I (Guatemala)
- 7) PD 777/15 Rev.3 (F) Accelerating the Restoration of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve (CBR) Functions through Proper Management of Landscapes Involving Local Stakeholders (Indonesia)
- 8) PD 836/17 Rev.2 (F) Enhancing Capacity of Local Communities and Forest Administration to Effectively Implement Community Forestry Programme (CFP) in Kratie and Mondulkiri Provinces of Cambodia (Cambodia)
- 9) PD 852/17 Rev.4 (F) Development of a Regional Strategy for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Areas on the South Coast of Peru (Peru)

(B) Projects awaiting implementation agreement

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.3 (F) Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra - Phase I (Indonesia)

(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 55th and 56th CRF Sessions.

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.3 (F) Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra - Phase II (Indonesia)
- 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 Rev.4 (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.4 (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 849/17 Rev.2 (F) Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
(Note: partially funded during the 54th ITTC)
- 7) PD 890/18 Rev.3 (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)
- 8) 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)
- 9) 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)
- 10) 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)
- 11) PD 903/19 Rev.2 (F)* Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 12) PD 904/19 Rev.2 (F)* Restoring Productivity in Post-Logging Hill Forests by Enrichment Planting in Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 13) PD 905/19 Rev.2 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo (Togo)
- 14) PD 916/21 Rev.1 (F) Pilot Sustainable Management Systems for Secondary Natural Forests in the Collective Afro-descendant Community Territory of the Bajo Calima Community Council, Municipality of Buenaventura, Colombia (Colombia)

(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 financial audit reports notwithstanding the specification of the project agreements on the submission of financial audit reports.

Two projects with an asterisk (*) have not submitted the final financial audit report that has been pending since 2016 while one project with an asterisk (**) has not submitted annual financial audit reports since 2019.

- 1) PD 507/08 Rev.1 (F)* Development of the National Reforestation Policy and Afforestation Strategy Consistent with Liberia 3C-Approach (Liberia)
- 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)
- 3) PD 764/14 Rev.3 (F)** Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)

10.2 Pre-projects

(A) Pre-projects under implementation

- 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)
- 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

None.

(C) Pre-projects awaiting financing

Pre-Project with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 55th and 56th CRF Sessions.

- 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)
- 2) PPD 198/21 Rev.1 (F) Study for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Gallery Forests in the Mono Delta Biosphere Reserve in Benin (Benin)
- 3) PPD 201/21 Rev.1 (F) Study for Capacity Building of Private and Community Tree Farmers in Benin (Benin)

10.3 Biennial Work Programme-based 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 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2022

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2022 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

Item 12 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Sessions of the Committee

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

Item 13 - Other Business

The Committee may consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

Item 14 - 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 15 - Report of the Session

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

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