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# Presentation



- Recap WG modalities (1 slide)
- Briefly review SAP development process (3 slides)
- Present an updated ITTO mission statement (2 slides)
- Introduce the WG's proposed SAP 2022-26 section by section (12 slides)
- Close with WG recommendations (1 slide)

# Working Group (WG) modalities



- ITTC 4(LVI) called for development of new SAP per BWP Activity 10 to replace SAP 2013-18 (extended thru 2021)
- WG task: Develop proposed SAP 2022-26 for ITTC 57 consideration
- Members:
  - 3 producers: Benin, Malaysia, Peru
  - 3 consumers: EU, Japan, USA
  - TAG & CSAG reps
- Support
  - ITTO Secretariat: Ms. Satkuru (facilitator), Mr. Johnson, staff
  - 2 consultants (S. Caswell & J. Malleux)
- WG met virtually 4 times 9 Sept to 6 Oct

# SAP development process 2021



- April: OIC circulated 10 question survey on usefulness of SAP 2013-18 and way forward on new SAP
  - 24 responses received from 13 producers, 10 consumers & TAG
  
- July: As follow up to the survey, OIC circulated “**Background Paper on Development of ITTO SAP 2022-26**” prepared by the consultants
  - Full BP is ITTC(LVII)/Info.8
  - Exec Sum is in Annex 5 of WG report

# SAP development process 2021



- The Background Paper:
  1. Assessed implementation of SAP 2013-18 through BWPs/TPs/projects, including impact of 2 financial impairments and progress piloting a new financial architecture
  2. Provided a detailed analysis of the 24 survey responses
  3. Based on 1&2, the BP proposed a “framework for the SAP 2022-26” for comment by ITTO focal points
- Only 6 comments received from 4 producers, 1 consumer & CSAG

# SAP development process 2021



- August: Consultants & Sec. prepared **Preliminary draft SAP 2022-2026** for WG review based mainly on:
  - 24 survey responses and
  - 6 comments on proposed SAP framework
- Sep-Oct: WG discussed preliminary draft SAP and prepared “**Proposed ITTO SAP 2022-26**” (ITTC(LVII)/10)

# Proposed SAP 2020-2026 – Aims:



- To advance ITTO's twin overarching objectives (Art. 1 of ITTA 2006)
- To work as internal guidance doc & external communication/PR doc
- To be clear, user friendly, modern
- To be concrete yet flexible enough for Council to respond to new issues
- To be realistic re ITTO's projected capacity/funding over next 5 years
- To reflect extensive work on a new ITTO financial architecture without prejudging outcome of pilot phase

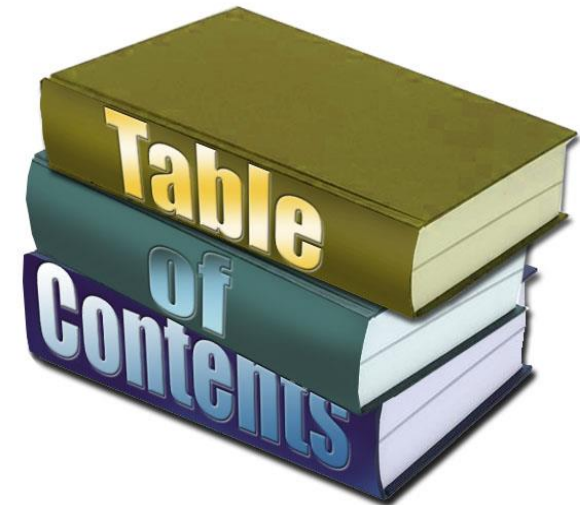


# Proposed SAP 2020-2026 – Aims:



- To highlight ITTO's contribution to SDGs, GFGs, etc.
- To recognize that COVID recovery may preoccupy the tropical forest sector during SAP 2022-2026
- To serve as transitional guidance doc. between 2022 and launch of process to renegotiate ITTA 2006
- The 2026 time horizon for the new SAP coincides with expected extension of ITTA 2006 to 2026

# Proposed SAP 2020-2026



- **Proposed SAP has 5 sections:**
  - I. Introduction to ITTO**
  - II. Trends & challenges in the tropical forest sector**
  - III. ITTO Strategic Priorities, Crosscutting Strategies & Targets 2022-2026**
  - IV. Implementation Framework**
  - V. Monitoring & Review**

# I. Introduction to ITTO



- Draws on concepts/language from UNSPF 2017-2030
- Highlights ITTO's relevance to GFGs, SDG, other commitments
- Informs reader about ITTO in non-technical, “non-insider” language
- Presents ITTO's comparative advantages as a narrative for greater impact (not just a list)
- Includes boxes/headliners to highlight key points and info

## II. Trends & challenges in the tropical forest sector



- Highlights pre-COVID and post-COVID onset trends
- Recognizes that tropical forests & forest-based enterprises are central to COVID recovery in many countries
- Draws on UNSPF, FRA 2020 and recent reports by ITTO, UNFF, CBD

# New ITTO Mission Statement for new SAP



- Mission statement in SAP 2013-18 dates from 1998 (developed under ITTA 1994)
- WG proposes an updated mission statement based on the chapeau of Article 1 of ITTA 2006 (sets out ITTO's twin overarching objectives)

# New ITTO Mission Statement for new SAP



“To facilitate discussion, consultation, international cooperation and policy development on the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from sustainably and legally harvested forests and on the sustainable management of tropical forests”

# III. ITTO Strategic Priorities (SPs), Crosscutting Strategies (CSs) & Targets 2022-2026

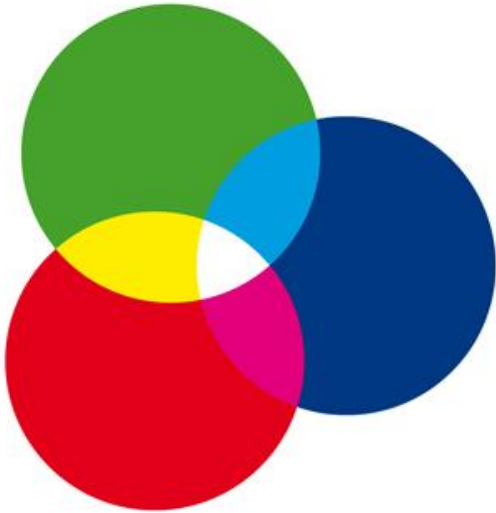


PRIORITIES

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- This is the heart of the SAP
- Includes 4 SPs, 4CSs & 38 specific targets to be achieved by 2026
- **The 4 SPs build on/streamline 6 SPs in SAP 2013-18 & integrate new PLs:**
  - SP1: Governance, investment, LSSCs, SFM
  - SP2: Contributions to economies and resilient livelihoods
  - SP3: Deforestation, restoration, biodiversity, ecosystem services
  - SP4: Trade statistics and info

# III. ITTO Strategic Priorities, Crosscutting Strategies & Targets 2022-2026



- 4 Crosscutting Strategies (CSs):
  - CS1: Capacity building in member countries. Makes current SP6 crosscutting
  - CS2: ITTO operational effectiveness
  - CS3: COVID-19 recovery
  - CS4: Gender equality
  
- CS2, 3 & 4 reflect the many survey responses in favor of addressing these crosscutting issues



# III. ITTO Strategic Priorities, Crosscutting Strategies & Targets 2022-2026



- The 38 targets are largely based on responses to the SAP survey
- A few draw from Council decisions & partly funded BWP activities
- There are synergies across SPs & CSs reflecting the interrelated nature of ITTO's twin overarching objectives
- Also synergies among targets: One target may support more than one SP/CS

# IV. Implementation Framework



- Directs Council to set an “**Indicative 5-year resource mobilization goal**” within 1 year of adopting SAP 2022-2026 (at ITTC58), along with a resource mobilization strategy ( one of the CS2 targets)

5-year goal to be based on estimated costs to implement the 38 targets

- Total target costs = 5-year goal
- Intersessional work will be needed to develop cost estimates for ITTC58

# IV. Implementation Framework



- Section IV also addresses SAP implementation through BWPs & projects but avoids prejudging outcome of project cycle pilot phase
- Notes the early success of TPs but recognizes recent trends away from unearmarked contributions (new \$\$ for TPs unlikely)
- Highlights important role of ITTO members & partners in contributing to SAP implementation

# V. Monitoring & Review



- Calls for annual reporting on progress in implementing the SAP and its targets
- Calls for review of SAP effectiveness in 2026
- Parameters/indicators for SAP review to be decided by Council following adoption of new ITTO financial architecture

# Recommendations

- WG recommends ITTC57:
  - Adopt the proposed new SAP 2022-2026 (LVII/10)
  - Decide the intersessional work needed for ITTC58 to set a realistic “indicative 5-year resource mobilization goal” to implement the SAP targets, along with a resource mobilization strategy,
  
- WG recognizes that successful implementation of SAP 2022-2026 depends on:
  - Sustainable funding through voluntary contributions to support BWPs and projects
  - Timely payment of assessed contributions & arrears to Admin. Account to support Secretariat and ITTO core functions
  
- WG stresses the importance of all members to pay their dues & arrears, and urges all members in a position to do so to provide voluntary contributions to support SAP 2022-2026

**Thank you for your attention!**

