



Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) to African Context

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Content of the proposed set of the ITTO C&I adapted to the African Context

Criterion	Number of indicator ITTO generic set	Number of indicators set adapted to Africa
Criterion 1: Enabling conditions for sustainable forest management	11	17
Criterion 2: Extent and condition of forests	8	9
Criterion 3: Forest ecosystem health and resilience	5	13
Criterion 4: Forest production	10	18
Criterion 5: Forest biological diversity	7	10
Criterion 6: Soil and water protection	5	7
Criterion 7: Economic, social and cultural aspects	12	19



Most significant changes

- The experts from the Africa producer countries who validated the adapted set gave more emphasis on the following aspects:
- Improved governance of natural resources management including human capacities and better allocation of financial and material resources to the forestry sector (Criterion 1)
- More detailed planning of forest management in the ground (criterion 4)
- Better sharing of benefits resulting from forest management to improve the livelihoods of forest dependent people (criterion 7)
- In general the Africa adapted set is more detailed in most aspects which resulted in the increase of the number of indicators for most criteria compared to the ITTO generic set



Recommendations

- That ITTO and governments unite to enhance National Working Group on C&I and integrate them into the forest governance process in member countries
- That annual meetings of the focal points be organized to assess the implementation of the C&I by member countries.
- That the training of SFM audit trainers continue once the new set is adopted.
- That a new project be developed to enable the appropriation of the "ITTO Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of African Tropical Forests" with a consideration of new issues such as climate change, REDD, land restoration.



Thank you