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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fifty-sixth Session of the Committee will be chaired by Ms. Siti Syaliza Mustapha (Malaysia) who has been elected as Chairperson for 2022.

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

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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. Items 4, 6 and 9(A) of the Agenda will be considered at a joint session of the Committees.

Due to the ongoing consultations with the Informal Advisory Group regarding logistics of convening the Fifty-eighth ITTC Session in a hybrid format, 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 - 2022

The theme of the virtual ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2022 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (T-A-G) is "Carbon markets and the timber industry: an opportunity for a paradigm shift?". The Market Discussion will be convened under a joint session of all Committees. An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2022 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.
- (vi) Prevention and management of forest fires
[PP-A/56-340-1 in Indonesia and PP-A/56-340-2 in Peru]
 - 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/EP-57]

The report of the Fifty-seventh Expert Panel, which was convened virtually in July 2022 due to COVID-19, is contained in document ITTC/EP-57.

Pursuant to Annex B of ITTC Decision 4(XXV), the general observations of the report produced by the Expert Panel shall be considered under this item in a joint session of the Committees.

Item 7 - New Projects and Pre-projects
[Document ITTC/EP-57]

The Committee may note the following 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 57th Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals from its virtual consideration of projects in June-July 2022, as contained in document ITTC/EP-57.

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-seventh Expert Panel

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 915/21 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening the Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Sacred Forests in Ramsar Sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin	Benin
PD 921/21 Rev.1 (F)	Support for the Conservation and Promotion of Forest Tree Seeds in Benin	Benin
PD 929/22 (F)	Developing Silvicultural Management Models for Forest Restoration Based on the Use of Seed Trees for the Establishment of Natural and Artificial Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru	Peru

Category 4:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 923/22 (F)	Development and Sustainable Use of Green Areas with Tropical and Desert Native Species in the Mexicali Municipality of Baja California, Mexico	Mexico

Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects

[Document CRF(LVI)/2]

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

8.1 Completed Project(s)

- 1) 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)
- 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 696/13 Rev.2 (F) Community Based Restoration and Sustainable Management of Vulnerable Forest of the Rewa Delta, Viti Levu, Fiji (Fiji)
- 4) PD 740/14 Rev.2 (F) Sustainable Forest Management Through REDD+ Mechanisms in Kampong Thom Province (Cambodia)
- 5) PD 765/14 Rev.4 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase I (Guatemala)
- 6) PD 777/15 Rev.3 (F) Accelerating the Restoration of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve (CBR) Functions through Proper Management of Landscapes Involving Local Stakeholders (Indonesia)
- 7) 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)

8.2 Completed Pre-project(s)

- 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)

8.3 Completed 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

A mid-term evaluation of the Activity was carried out by an international consultant in 2022 for its timely successful completion. The Committee may consider the results of the mid-term evaluation of the Activity, as contained in document CRF(LVI)/4.

- 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 9 - Ex-post Evaluations

(A) Ex-post Evaluation Reports

[Document ITTC-JC(LVI)/2]

The Committee may recall that, at its last Session, an ex-post evaluation of recently completed ITTO projects in Africa was selected as a contribution to the Eighth Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD-8, Tunisia, 27-28 August 2022).

A regional group ex-post evaluation was carried out by two consultants (international consultant and regional consultant) to assess the achievements of completed ITTO projects in Africa with the aim to synthesize main findings and outcomes for future forestry-related interventions by Japan and other donor countries in Africa. The following projects under the oversight of CRF were included in the regional ex-post evaluation:

Project ID	Title	Country/countries	Duration	ITTO budget (USD)
PD 456/07 Rev.4 (F)	Capacity building for sustainable management of tropical rainforests and biodiversity conservation in the ITTO Congo Basin countries	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon	2012–2019	3,890,681
PD 754/14 Rev.3 (F)	Rehabilitation and sustainable management of sacred forests on Ramsar sites 1017 and 1028 in Benin	Benin	2017–2020	541,031
PD725/13 Rev.2 (F)	Rehabilitation of degraded forest land in the Ahua forest reserve by the women members of association MALEBI in compensation for the forest resources removed to meet the need for fuelwood (charcoal and firewood)	Côte d'Ivoire	2016–2018	149,408
PD 419/06 Rev.3 (F)-Ext-TICAD5-Rev.1	Forest seeds management and conservation: rehabilitation and restoration of degraded forests with the involvement of local communities (refugees, internally displaced people and local populations)	Côte d'Ivoire	2013–2018	1,800,000
PD 530/08 Rev.3 (F)	Management of forests established through rehabilitation of degraded forests by local communities in Ghana (Phase 2 of PD 30/97 Rev.6)	Ghana	2012–2018	569,665

The Committee may consider the results of the regional group ex-post evaluation carried out by two consultants for completed ITTO projects in Africa, as contained in document ITTC-JC(LVI)/2.

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

The shortlist of ex-post evaluations 2022-2023, as contained in document CRF(LV)/5, was approved by the Committee during its 55th Session. Some projects in the shortlist had been subject to assessment under the abovementioned regional group ex-post evaluation work for TICAD-8, including three completed projects dealing with forest landscape restoration (FLR) in African ITTO member countries. Therefore, the planning of the ex-post evaluation, in 2023, will give the priority to the Thematic Group Evaluation on Forest Rehabilitation / Landscape Restoration / Secondary Forest Management, excluding the three completed FLR-related projects already assessed under the abovementioned ex-post evaluation for TICAD-8.

Item 10 - Review of Projects, Pre-projects and Biennial Work Programme-based Activities in Progress

[Document CRF(LVI)/3 Rev.1]

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(LVI)/3 Rev.1 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(LVI)/3 Rev.1 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 764/14 Rev.3 (F) Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)
- 3) 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)
- 4) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F) Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

(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)
- 2) PD 902/19 Rev.3 (F) Management of Upper Baram Forest Area for Conservation and Sustainable Development with Involvement of Local Communities, Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)

(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 56th and 57th 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 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)

- 7) PD 903/19 Rev.2 (F) Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
[Partial funding \$121,903.50]
- 8) 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)
- 9) PD 915/21 Rev.2 (F) Strengthening the Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Sacred Forests in Ramsar Sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin (Benin)
- 10) 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)
[Partial funding \$150,000.00]
- 11) PD 921/21 Rev.2 (F) Support for the Conservation and Promotion of Forest Tree Seeds in Benin (Benin)
- 12) PD 929/22 Rev.1 (F) Developing Silvicultural Management Models for Forest Restoration Based on the Use of Seed Trees for the Establishment of Natural and Artificial Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru (Peru)

10.2 Pre-projects

(A) Pre-projects under implementation

- 1) PPD 201/21 Rev.1 (F) Study for Capacity Building of Private and Community Tree Farmers in Benin (Benin)

(B) Pre-projects awaiting implementation agreement

None.

(C) Pre-projects awaiting financing

Pre-project with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 56th and 57th CRF Sessions.

- 1) 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)

10.3 Biennial Work Programme-based Activities

- 1) PP-A/56-341-A Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo – Phase II
- 2) PP-A/56-342-A Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality Framework in Myanmar

Item 11 - Biennial Work Programme of the Committee for 2023-2024

In order to align the BWP with the biennial administrative budget approval process, the Secretariat will propose a one-year extension of the 2021-22 BWP. If this proposal is approved by Council, a new BWP for 2024-25 (coinciding with the 2024-25 administrative budget) will be presented for the consideration and approval of Council at its next Session in 2023.

Item 12 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2023

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2023 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

Item 13 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Committee

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

Item 14 - Other Business

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

Item 15 - 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 16 - 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-eighth Session of the Council for consideration and adoption.

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