

1. General Description:

ID:CN-22023

Project resulting from this CN: N/A

Note: CNs are developed into project proposals following consultation with donor(s).

1.1 Project Title:

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION
TOWARDS RESILIENT COMMUNITY AND LANDSCAPES

1.2 Submitting Country/ies:

Malaysia

1.3 Specific Location & Country/ies/regions/areas benefitting from the project:

Worldwide; particularly the ITTO members countries and Malaysia

1.4 Endorsement from ITTO Focal Point:

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1.5 Intended Project Duration (in months):

14

1.6 Indicative Budget (in US\$):

ITTO	176,960
Counterpart	170,000
Total	346,960

1.7 Programme Line Focus

Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods

1.8 Project Type

Workshop/meeting/seminar, Policy development/implementation

Project Type - Other (please explain):

International Conference

1.9 Proposal Summary:

Forestry plays significant role in many sectors throughout the globe, for the people and the planet. Forests are vital to all kind of life on Earth, from the air it provides to the wood we use. It covers one-third of Earth land surface and provide various environmental benefits, including those primary roles in maintaining the balance of hydrologic cycle, contributing regulation, and preserving the biodiversity. Therefore, it is very critical to sustain, conserve, manage, and progressively developing the forests. Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) has gained global support over the years. There are various aspects and programmes developed towards achieving the goal of FLR worldwide. As in any endeavour, the needs to improve, innovate and disseminate is important for future growth and advancement in FLR. It is within this context that an International Conference related to FLR is hereby proposed with its specific objectives outlined. The International Conference is proposed to be jointly organized with ITTO and be held for 2.5 days at Sarawak, Malaysia. The international conference will provide a hybrid platform that gathers participation throughout the globe towards leveraging the same objective and priorities in FLR aspects.

2. Proponent Information:

2.1 Executing Agency Information:

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2.2 Type of Organization:

Governmental Agency

2.3 Collaborating Agency/ies:

Name of Agency/Organization/Institution:

INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO)

2.4 Relevant experience of EA:

EA plays a role to manage and develop forest resources for socio-economic and environmental sustainability through the implementation of forest management certification. Through active engagement with the industry players, EA has developed the Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System (STLVS) the due diligence system for the forest and timber industry of Sarawak to meet international trade regulations.

3. Relevance:

3.1 Conformity with ITTO objectives (ITTA, 2006) and priorities (current SAP):

The project proposal meets specific objectives of ITTO towards these focus areas: i) Sustainable forest management ii) Economics, statistics, and markets iii) Sustainable forest industries iv) Climate-change mitigation and adaptation v) Capacity building vi) Contribution to the SDGs

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) encourages Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and the development of plantations that achieve positive economic, social, and environmental outcomes. It is one of ITTO strategic priorities to reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation, enhance the forest landscape restoration and the resilience of forest ecosystems to climate change, and conserve the forest biodiversity and ecosystem services. The Conference will highlight on the general 6 principles of FLR that includes focus on the landscape, engagement of stakeholders and support participatory, restore multiple functions for multiple benefits, maintain and enhance natural ecosystems within landscapes, tailor to the local context using a variety of approaches, and manage adaptively for long-term.

3.2 Relevance to the ITTO Programme Lines:

In earlier significant effort, the ITTO Mission to Sarawak assessed sustainable utilization and conservation of forest resources between November 1989 to March 1990 and visited different forests and timber licensed areas. This propose project of organizing an international conference is significantly relevant towards the Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient livelihood programme line of ITTO, which is moving forwards to scale up the area of forest landscapes restored and increase the provision of goods and services from planted and restored forests, thereby generating more opportunities for local employment and contributing to wider development goals. The propose International Conference is a platform that is significant to ITTO's capacity building initiative which also looking at the enhancement of knowledge dissemination amongst its member, both at international and national level.

3.3 Relevance to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and other forest related global agenda:

Forest Landscape Restoration is a vehicle for delivering on internationally agreed commitments on forests, biodiversity, climate change and desertification. To mention a few, it contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and 15 (Life on Land). It also very significant to Global Forest Goals such as reversing the loss of forest cover, global effort of addressing climate change, improving the livelihood of forest-dependent people, promote the governance frameworks to sustainable forest management and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all level, strengthening both scientific and technical cooperation and partnership across various stakeholders.

3.4 Relevance to submitting country's policies:

In line to this, Malaysia is highly committed in its National Greening Agenda: “One Hundred Million Trees Planting Programme” target by 2025. Globally, a growing awareness on the importance of FLR has resulted Sarawak, one of state in Malaysia, taking its proactive action. In March 2019, the Chief Minister of Sarawak has announced FLR as the main agenda of the Sarawak government to ensure that our forest remains vibrant and enable its complex ecosystem to deliver its natural functions. Forest Department Sarawak, a governmental agency of Sarawak, has been leading the initiatives to restore and rehabilitate degraded forests with high value timber species with active collaborative engagement with local communities, NGOs and other stakeholders.

4. Project synopsis:

4.1 Objectives (reflecting reference to elements within all ITTO Guidelines as applicable):

To hold a jointly collaborated international conference on Forest Landscape Restoration with a proposed conference title ‘International Conference on Forest Landscape Restoration’ covering the objectives of: a) To gather global expertise and to share knowledge and experience in various implementing practices of Forest Landscape Restoration from ITTO member countries, as well as from relevant stakeholders; b) To address the issues and challenges in order to have a better understanding and valuable knowledge on Forest Landscape Restoration; c) To strengthen the partnerships between ITTO member countries and other relevant parties; d) To establish collaboration and broad networking among the expertise and inter-related agencies; e) To have in-depth understanding on FLR functions and roles on mitigation of climate change and adaptation to it ; f) To adopt strategies and approaches for unlocking sustainable financial resources required for restoration The holding of an international conference to disseminate and solicit latest information on subject matter is considered as one of the most effective approaches. The activity will be attended by representatives from different countries who will be given opportunity to share and gain knowledge in the field of forest landscape restoration. Lesson learnt, challenges and past experiences can be shared and synthesized amongst the participating countries as value-added to the Conference.

4.2 Key problem(s) to be addressed:

Limitation of opportunity for knowledge exchange, technology advancement, networking and experience sharing from various participations at international level. The hybrid (physical and virtual) platform of the International Conference aims to gather more participation and reach-out for broader target groups.

4.3 Main stakeholders and beneficiaries:

The conference will target the involvement of the following groups around the globe: a) Public policy-makers, such as Government agencies dealing with rural landscape, management, use and restoration; b) Civil society, non-governmental organization (NGOs) and private agencies; c) Forestry and other land-use practitioners acting at site level; d) Education, training, and research institutions; and e) All ITTO member countries.

4.4 Key activities:

This conference will have two main types of activities; (i) Session presentations, and (ii) Conference study tour. Primarily, there will be several theme-based presentations presenting examples of successful stories on forest restoration projects implemented within their country. A strong emphasis will be put on the perspective of forest restoration, management, and rehabilitation of degraded area/forests. In addition, also to be included are examples of utilizing appropriate ecological and silvicultural knowledge and efficient management practices.

4.5 Expected outcomes and impacts, including innovation/transformation:

The international conference will provide benefits with advantages on: a) Knowledge dissemination between participating countries; b) Publication of the topics presented during the conference; c) Potential collaboration between agencies and other countries; d) Potential investors; e) Exchange of solutions to implementation hurdles as well as environmental and sustainable development issues.

4.8 Risk mitigation measures:

There are no known potential risks that may impede the success of organizing and holding of the Conference in Malaysia.

5. Indicative Budget (in US\$):

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Description	ITTO	Counterpart	Total
Personnel	60,000	30,000	90,000
Sub-contracts	0	0	0
Travel and DSA	70,000	30,000	100,000
Capital Items	0	0	0
Consumables	0	10,000	10,000
Publication / Dissemination	10,000	20,000	30,000
Miscellaneous	10,000	80,000	90,000
Total	150,000	170,000	320,000

ITTO Project Monitoring & Review	3,000	-	3,000
Annual/Final Audit	5,000	-	5,000
ITTO Programme Support	18,960	-	18,960
ITTO Ex-post Evaluation	0	-	0
GRAND TOTAL	176,960	170,000	346,960