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**Progress report on the Implementation of Decision 7(LVII) – Matters  
related to Article 15 of the ITTA, 2006 on cooperation and  
coordination with other organizations**

(Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda)





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## Engagement with other bodies called for by Decisions 8(LV) 4(LVI) and 7(LVII))

Item	Description	Status
1. Engage with secretariat of GEF	ITTO letter sent to Members in May 2021	COMPLETED Follow-up with Producer Countries through 2022 on including ITTO in GEF discussions/projects, in touch with CPF GEF FP on future approach
2. MoUs	CBD MoU agreed in Feb 2021; Draft MoUs sent to UNCCD, AFoCO, JICA	CBD COMPLETED AFoCO, JICA & IGES MoUs completed in 2022. UNCCD - TBC Pursuing MoU renewal with UNFF, ACTO
3. Establish MoU with UNFCCC	Letter sent in April 2021, follow-up e-mails sent, awaiting response	ONGOING
4. Convey ITTO priorities for GEF-7, engage in the GEF Steering Committees	ITTO letter sent in May 2021 to all GEF and CBD focal points in member countries plus CBD Secretariat conveying priorities and informing of relevant projects requiring funds. Letter sent to ITTO Members in Feb 2022 regarding collaboration post GEF-8 replenishment	ONGOING Secretariat in contact with several Producer countries on GEF8 Secretariat in contact with CPF GEF FP on forthcoming process
5. Formal accreditation to the GCF	The accreditation process with the GCF continues and is work in progress. GCF launched its new online platform – ED letter to GCF CEO to discuss how this process can be accelerated/decided upon	ONGOING. Awaiting feedback from the GCF on status of 1 <sup>st</sup> Review.



## **ONGOING Engagement with other bodies called for by Decisions 8(LV) and 4(LVI))**

- Council will hear at the ITTC (LVIII) through various Agenda items and Updates, ITTO diligently continues it's close collaboration with ALL partners such as the members of the CPF collectively and individually.
- Examples here are the FAO, the UNFF, CITES, CIFOR-ICRAF, AfoCO, IGES and many others.
- Secretariat is also working on enlarging the TAG participation and the CSAG participation where BOTH need funding contributions to advance their work.
- Something for Council to consider is the establishment of a Youth Advisory Group, which Secretariat encourages considering - optimization of the Fellowship Programme Awardees and incorporating other Youth organizations – custodians of the future!



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Thank you very much

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