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## ITTO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2021 & 2022 (FREEZAILAH FELLOWSHIP FUND) (Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda)

### Introduction

1. This document is prepared pursuant to Decision 4(XXVII), which requested the Executive Director to prepare progress reports on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme for Council's review during its regular Sessions.
2. In keeping with this Decision, this document reports on the work related to the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme since the end of the Fifty-seventh Session of the ITTC and outlines measures to be considered at the Fifty-eighth Session regarding the operation of the Freezailah Fellowship Fund.

### Progress in Implementation

3. Advertisement and Dissemination of the ITTO Fellowship Programme

The Secretariat continues to advertise the ITTO Fellowship Programme on various ITTO media channels, as well as at various events.

4. Status of Fellowship Awards

The Fellowship Programme, which began in 1989, has enabled more than 1400 young and mid-career people from 49 countries working for governments, universities, research institutions, NGOs and the private sector to pursue their professional development and improve their career prospects. 40% of the fellowships have been awarded to people from Africa, 30% to people from Asia-Pacific and 30% to people from Latin America/Caribbean. 79% of the fellowships awarded were in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management, 14% in Forest Industry and 7% in Economics, Statistics and Markets.

The Programme mainly supports short-term activities, such as short training courses and internships (29.7%), and study and demonstration tours (3.2%). In addition, it also helps people with Manuals/Technical Documents Preparation/Publication/Dissemination (10.1%), sponsor people to participate in Conference/Seminar/Workshop (12.2%) and provides small grants for post-graduate study (44.8%). The Programme encourages capacity development of women foresters, and around 37% of the total number of fellowships have been awarded to female applicants by 2021.

### Funding

5. The total funds for the Fellowship Programme to date amount to approximately US\$9.8 million. Funding has been provided through the generous voluntary contributions from Japan (68%), U.S.A. (19%), the Netherlands (7%), Australia (2.5%) and others (3.5%) including Sweden, U.K., Bali Partnership Fund Sub-Account (b) and the private sector. Total available funds for ITTO Fellowship Programme (2022 cycle) is US\$ \$123,242.93.

6. Recalling Decision 4(XXVII) which sets a maximum amount of US\$300,000 per year for fellowship awards, until such time that appreciable increases in funding become available, Council may wish to approve additional funds to cover awards, programme support, and other related costs for 2023. The Secretariat estimates that to maintain the Programme at the current level of 20-30 awards per year, an amount of US\$200,000 would be needed in 2023.

#### Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel

7. Fellowship selection for 2022 was conducted electronically, and email exchanges were made to finalize the selection of successful applicants for the Autumn 2022 Cycle. The Selection Panel was composed of:

Chairperson:	Mr. Nurudeen Iddrisu	(Vice-Chairperson, ITTC)
Producers:	Mr. Joseph Appiah-Gyapong Mr. Leoncio Calderon Acosta Mr. Arsene Ewossaka	(Ghana) (Peru) (République of Congo)
Consumers:	Ms. Marjukka Mähönen Ms. Rata Muda Mr. Rob Busink	(Finland) (New Zealand) (Netherlands)

And supported by:

Secretariat:	Ms. Sheam Satkuru Ms. Elsie Yang Lingyun
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8. The ITTO Secretariat received a total of 85 applications and pre-selected 13 applications which were rigorously screened and considered as eligible shortlisted applications. The Selection Panel considered these 13 applications, made up of 5 from Asia/Pacific (1 from Vietnam, 1 from Philippines and 3 from Indonesia), 4 applications from Africa (all from Togo) and 4 from Latin America and Caribbean region (1 from Mexico, 1 from Peru and 2 from Colombia). 10 of the applications were in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management (RFM) and 3 of the applications were in the field of Forestry Industry (FI). 6 applications of the 13 shortlisted applications were female applicants.

While reviewing these 13 applications, the Panel used the following selection criteria:

- (i) Consistency of the proposed activities with the ITTO fellowship programme's objective and priority areas;
- (ii) Qualifications of the applicants to undertake the proposed fellowship activities;
- (iii) Applications and benefits of the skills and knowledge to be acquired or advanced under the fellowship activities; and
- (iv) Reasonableness of costs in relation to the proposed activities.

The Panel took into account of the balance among the three subject areas and regions as well as the opportunity to promote the participation of women. The Panel also took into account the Strategic Action Plan in its selection Process. The Panel recommends to the Council to award the 13 fellowships with a total budget of US\$ 76,635.27. Women account for 46% of the recommended applicants. 38.4% of the recommended applicants are from Asia/Pacific, 30.8% from Africa and 30.8% from Latin America and Caribbean region. The recommended applicants are listed in the Appendix to this report.

9. Due to the limited time available during the Council Sessions, all consultation with the Fellowship Panel Members were conducted and successfully through e-mail exchanges/virtually before the Council Session. The final report will be presented to the Council by the ITTC58 Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Nurudeen Iddrisu, by providing a short brief on the selection of awardees recommended by the Panel Members.
10. The 2023 Fellowship Selection Panel is scheduled to be appointed in summer 2023.

## APPENDIX

LIST OF APPROVED FELLOWSHIP Awardees  
(Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel)Autumn 2022 Fellowship Cycle

App.No	Name	Gender	Nationality	Budget (in US\$)	Subject
<b>COMMITTEE ON FOREST INDUSTRY</b>					
001_22A	Tham Vu	Female	Vietnam	5,000	Short Training Course - Development of Quality Control Method of Wood-Based Materials by Spectroscopic Imaging at Laboratory of Wood Biomass Utilization, Department of Agriculture, Graduate School of Integrated Science and Technology, Shizuoka University, Japan
015_22A	Achmad Solikhin	Male	Indonesia	5,000	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Collaborative Study: Utilization of Forensic Wood Identification in Indonesia Law Enforcement Agencies for Addressing Illegal Logging in the University of Adelaide and Murdoch University Australia (with field studies to be conducted in selected provinces in Indonesia)
059_22A	Komlan Houelete	Male	Togo	5,100	Participation in a Technical Session on "Sustainable Supply and Value Chains of Quality Teakwood Products: Global Challenges and Opportunities in Association with TEAKNET and ITTO in the IUFRO Teakwood working Party (Division5-06.02) to be held in Cairn, Australia in 4-8, June 2023

**COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT**

009_22A	Miguel Ángel Laurente Cajacuri	Male	Peru	3,737	Post-Graduate Degree Program in Public Policy in the Centre for Advanced National Studies (CAEN) in Florida International University (FIU) with classes in Lima, Peru and Florida, USA
010_22A	Aah Almulqu	Male	Indonesia	5,000	Technical Document Preparation, Publication and Dissemination on Carbon Stock and Sequestration in Hutan Mamar (traditional agroforestry) of Indonesia, East Nusa Tenggara Provincial Forestry Service, Kupang, Indonesia

016_22A	Kossi Amegnaglo	Male	Togo	6,548	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Multidimensional Assessment of Grazed Woody Plant Formations and Woody Resource Management Approaches in the Multifunctional Landscapes of the Sudanian Ecological Zone of Togo (West Africa), University of Lomé, Togo
024_22A	Ireana Lara Damken	Female	Mexico	10,000	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Master in Conservation and Management of Tropical Forests and Biodiversity at Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica
025_22A	Hannie Martin	Female	Philippines	3,159.27	Post-Graduate Degree Program – PhD Study on Resource Management (title of the PhD dissertation: REDD-Plus Based Sustainable Development Unit Logic Model in three Adjacent sub-watersheds of Conner, Apayao, Philippines), College of Forestry and Environmental Management, Isabela State University, Cabagan Campus, Cabagan, Isabela Province, Philippines
058_22A	Panawe Simlewa	Male	Togo	8,300	Post-Graduate Degree Program – International Master’s Programme in Tropical Forestry, Technical University of Dresden, Dresden, Germany
063_22A	Ratih Maharani	Female	Indonesia	8,566	Preparation, Publication, and Dissemination of a lesson-learned book entitled “Hutan Desa: A Story of People and the Choices to Sustain Their Livelihood and Forest as a Home”, Peat and Mangrove Restoration Agency, Jakarta, Indonesia
064_22A	Ayeki Kaina	Female	Togo	7,900	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Diversity and Calorific Value of Fuelwood Species in the Central Region of Togo, University of Lomé, Togo
079_22A	Fanor Alberto Lozada Silve	Male	Colombia	5, 105	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Master of Geographic Information Technologies, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
083_22A	Laura Salinas Vargas	Female	Colombia	3,220	Post-Graduate Degree Program - Master's Degree in Forest Management, Use and Conservation, District University of Francisco José de Caldas, Bogotá, Colombia