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## **ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1 - Opening of the Session**

The Fifty-seventh Session of the Committee will be chaired by Ms. Alicia Grimes (USA) who has been elected as Chairperson for 2023.

### **Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work**

[Document CRF(LVII)/1 Rev.1]

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.

### **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 - 2023**

This item will be taken up in the joint session of the Committees, as part of a Trade and Markets Day during the session (an agenda for the proposed Trade and Markets Day will be circulated prior to the session). The theme of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2023 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) is "Tropical Timber Industry: Challenges and Opportunities from Changing Priorities". An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2023 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) 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.
- (ii) Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity / Programme document 2024-2025 [Decision 6(XLVI)] [Document CRF(LVII)/4]
  - The Secretariat will report on the implementation of this Activity.
- (iii) Adapting the 2006 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) to African context / Editing and printing for dissemination and information sharing [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.
- (iv) Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Forest Fires based on the findings of the two forest fire projects in Indonesia (PP-A/56-340-1) and in Peru (PP-A/56-340-2)
  - 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-58]

The report of the Fifty-eighth Expert Panel, which was convened virtually in July 2023, is contained in document ITTC/EP-58.

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-58]

The Committee may note the following projects and pre-project which have been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings in accordance with the ITTC Decision 6(XLIII). The recommendations of the 58<sup>th</sup> Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, held virtually in June-July 2023, are contained in document ITTC/EP-58.

The Category 1 rating of the 58<sup>th</sup> Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, concerning project and pre-project proposals currently under the Committee's consideration, is as follows:

Category 1: The Panel concluded that the proposal could be commended to the Committee with incorporation of amendments.

**Fifty-eighth Expert Panel**

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 925/22 Rev.2 (F)	Support to the Local Communities of the Mono Plain for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in Togo	Togo
PD 934/23 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening the Conservation of the Critically Endangered Rosewood ( <i>Dalbergia spp.</i> ) in Dakrong Nature Reserve and Dong Nai Conservation Landscape, Vietnam	Vietnam
PPD 203/23 Rev.1 (F)	Support for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in the Oti Plain, Togo	Togo

The 58<sup>th</sup> Expert Panel evaluated the following proposal and categorized it as Category 1, but the proponent withdrew it due to revision difficulties:

PD 914/20 Rev.2 (F) Towards Southeast Asian Sustainable Coastal Forest Management by Good Biodiversity Restoration Practices and Empowering Autonomy in Restoration Interventions (Thailand)

**Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects**

[Document CRF(LVII)/2]

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

**8.1 Completed Project(s)**

None

**8.2 Completed Pre-project(s)**

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

### 8.3 Completed Biennial Work Programme-based Activities

- 1) PP-A/54-331 Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- 2) PP-A/56-341A Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo - Phase II

### Item 9 - Ex-post Evaluations

#### (A) **Ex-post Evaluation Report** [Document CRF(LVII)/5]

The Committee may recall that, at its last Session, an ex-post evaluation of recently completed ITTO projects in forest landscape restoration (FLR) was selected.

A thematic group evaluation was carried out by one consultant [Dr Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)] to assess the achievements of selected completed and on-going ITTO projects in FLR. The focus of the evaluation is to assess the impacts of integrating gender perspectives, particularly the empowerment of women in these ITTO projects in relation to the *ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics* and the *ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women*.

The outcomes of this evaluation will be published as a policy report in a joint publication between ITTO and UNU-IAS to highlight the lessons learned from the implementation of ITTO FLR projects as well as to promote the implementation of the ITTO Guidelines for FLR and gender.

The following projects were included in the thematic evaluation:

Project ID	Title	Country/countries	ITTO budget (USD)
PD 452/07 Rev.5 (F)	Sustainable Management of Production Forests at the Commercial Scale in the Brazilian Amazon – Phase II	Brazil	556,963
PD 477/07 Rev.4 (F)	Improving Forest Functions in Bengkulu Province through Community Participation in Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest by Using Local Prospective Commodities	Indonesia	338,256
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	Papua New Guinea	644,814
PD 646/12 Rev.3 (F)	Initiating the Conservation of Cempaka Tree Species ( <i>Elmerrillia Spp</i> ) through Plantation Development with Local Community Participation in North Sulawesi, Indonesia	Indonesia	435,187
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	245,272
PD 696/13 Rev.2 (F)	Community Based Restoration and Sustainable Management of Vulnerable Forest of the Rewa Delta, Viti Levu, Fiji	Fiji	310,576
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	250,000
PD 777/15 Rev.3 (F)	Accelerating the Restoration of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve (CBR) Functions through	Indonesia	515,590

Project ID	Title	Country/countries	ITTO budget (USD)
	Proper Management of Landscapes Involving Local Stakeholders		
PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F)	Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica	Costa Rica	335,765
PP-A/54-331	Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region	Mekong Region	1,236,250
PP-A/56-340-1	Capacity Building on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia	Indonesia	1,105,263
PP-A/56-340-2	Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru	Peru	1,105,263
PP-A/56-341 & 341A	Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo	Togo	186,480

The Committee may consider the results of the thematic group evaluation carried out by one consultant for selected ITTO projects, as contained in document CRF(LVII)/5.

#### **(B) Selection of Projects for Ex-post Evaluations 2024**

The Committee, during its 55<sup>th</sup> Session, approved the shortlist of ex-post evaluations for the year 2022-2023, as outlined in document CRF(LV)/5. Within this list, some projects had previously undergone assessments as part of the thematic group evaluation in forest landscape restoration (FLR).

In planning the ex-post evaluations for the year 2024, the main emphasis is to carry out the ex-post evaluation of the two completed forest fires projects in Indonesia and Peru. These evaluations are intended to provide an in-depth analysis of the lessons learned from the implementation of these two fire projects. The projects under the 2024 ex-post evaluation are the following:

- 1) PP-A/56-340-1 Capacity Building on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia
- 2) PP-A/56-340-2 Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru

In addition, the evaluation for the year 2024 includes advancing the progress of the thematic Group Evaluation on Forest Rehabilitation / Landscape Restoration / Secondary Forest Management, aligning the approval of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee. This is designed to evaluate the selected projects, with a concentrated focus, including the assessment of benefit-sharing mechanisms and the assessment of natural regeneration processes.

The selection of projects for ex-post evaluations for the years 2025-2026 will be presented to the Committee during its 58<sup>th</sup> Session in 2024, where the thematic groups for evaluations will be determined.

#### **Item 10 - Review of Projects, Pre-projects and Biennial Work Programme-based Activities in Progress** [Document CRF(LVII)/3]

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(LVII)/3 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(LVII)/3 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 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)
- 3) PD 764/14 Rev.3 (F) Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)
- 4) PD 808/16 Rev.5 (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 - Phase I (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 5) 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)
- 6) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F) Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 7) 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)
- 8) PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo – Phase I (Togo)

### **(B) Projects awaiting implementation agreement**

- 1) PD 916/21 Rev.2 (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)
- 2) PD 927/22 Rev.2 (F) Development of an Information System on the Potential of Wood and Carbon to Support Sustainable Forest Management in South Kalimantan, Indonesia (Indonesia)
- 3) PD 931/23 (F) Promoting SFM and Local Wood Consumption through Capacity Building and Improving Regulation in the North Zone, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 4) PD 932/23 (F) Assessment and Dissemination of Knowledge and Experience for Ex-Situ Conservation and Plantation of Caoba in Northern Coastal Area, Peru (Peru)
- 5) PD 934/23 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening the Conservation of the Critically Endangered Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) in Dakrong Nature Reserve and Dong Nai Conservation Landscape, Vietnam (Vietnam)

### **(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 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> 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) [\$248,154.00]
- 2) \*PD 765/14 Rev.4 (F) Development of A Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Guatemala Based on ITTO Guidelines – Phase II (Guatemala) [\$351,944.00]
- 3) PD 808/16 Rev.5 (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 – Phase II (Côte d'Ivoire) [\$246,488.00]
- 4) \*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] [\$509,040.00]
- 5) PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo - Phase II (Togo) [\$282 624.16]
- 6) \*PD 915/21 Rev.2 (F) Strengthening the Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Sacred Forests in Ramsar Sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin (Benin) [\$512,402.00]
- 7) \*PD 921/21 Rev.2 (F) Support for the Conservation and Promotion of Forest Tree Seeds in Benin (Benin) [\$447,072.00]
- 8) PD 925/22 Rev.2 (F) Support to the Local Communities of the Mono Plain for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in Togo (Togo) [\$591,808.00]
- 9) \*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) [\$1,061,040.00]

## 10.2 Pre-projects

### (A) Pre-projects under implementation

None

### (B) Pre-projects awaiting implementation agreement

None

### (C) Pre-projects awaiting financing: Pre-project with an asterisk (\*) will become sunset between the 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> CRF Sessions.

- 1) PPD 203/23 Rev.1 (F) Support for the Promotion and Sustainable Management of Community Forests in the Oti Plain, Togo (Togo) [\$117,712.00]

## 10.3 Biennial Work Programme-based Activities

- 1) PP-A/54-331A Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics
- 2) PP-A/56-341B Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo – Phase III
- 3) PP-A/56-342A Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality Framework in Myanmar
- 4) PP-A/59-351 Community-Based Restoration of Cyclone-Affected Vulnerable Mangrove Forests through the Empowerment of Coastal Communities and Women in the Rewa Delta, Fiji

- 5) PP-A/59-352 Community Empowerment in Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia

**Item 11 - Biennial Work Programme of the Committee for 2024-2025**  
[Document ITTC(LIX)/8]

In accordance with the recommendation by the Council, the Committee may wish to discuss and consider the draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2024-2025, as contained in Document ITTC(LIX)/8, particularly the section pertaining to the strategic policy activities of the Committee.

**Item 12 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2024**

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2024 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

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

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

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