



# **Progress report on the Implementation of ITTO's New Financing Architecture - Phase II Decision 4(LVI) & 8(LVII)**

Council Agenda item 15

**Fifty-ninth Session of the ITTC  
13 - 17 November 2023**

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

Item	Description	Status
1. Engage with GEF Secretariat	ITTO letter sent in May 2021, verbal reminders to FPs & international partners at meetings/during consultations	ONGOING Follow-up with Members through 2023 on including ITTO in GEF discussions/projects Brief meeting with GEF CEO at COP15 in Montreal (Dec 2022)
2. MoUs	CBD MoU agreed in Feb 2021; Draft MoUs sent to UNCCD, AFoCO, JICA	CBD COMPLETED AFoCO, JICA & IGES MoUs completed UNCCD COMPLETED, awaiting signature opportunity from UNCCD UNFF-ITTO Joint Initiative to be signed at the ITTC59
3. Establish MoU with UNFCCC	ITTO letter sent in April 2021, <b>response from UNFCCC prior to ITTC58</b>	ONGOING Awaiting response from UNFCCC
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 GEF/FAO & IUCN on future collaboration
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 Accreditation process has moved to Stage II and ITTO is working with the accreditation panel to complete any tasks needed.	ONGOING ITTO in contact with GCF Secretariat & GCF Accreditation Panel – aim to complete for GCF Council meeting March 2024

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

- Council informed at the ITTC (LVIII) and ITTC (LIX) through various Agenda items and Updates - ITTO diligently continues its 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.
- The establishment of a Youth Advisory Group - optimization of the Fellowship Programme Awardees and incorporating other Youth organizations – custodians of the future! Interest expressed some - expected to be implemented in 2024.



## Implementation of Decisions 8(LVII) – outstanding task

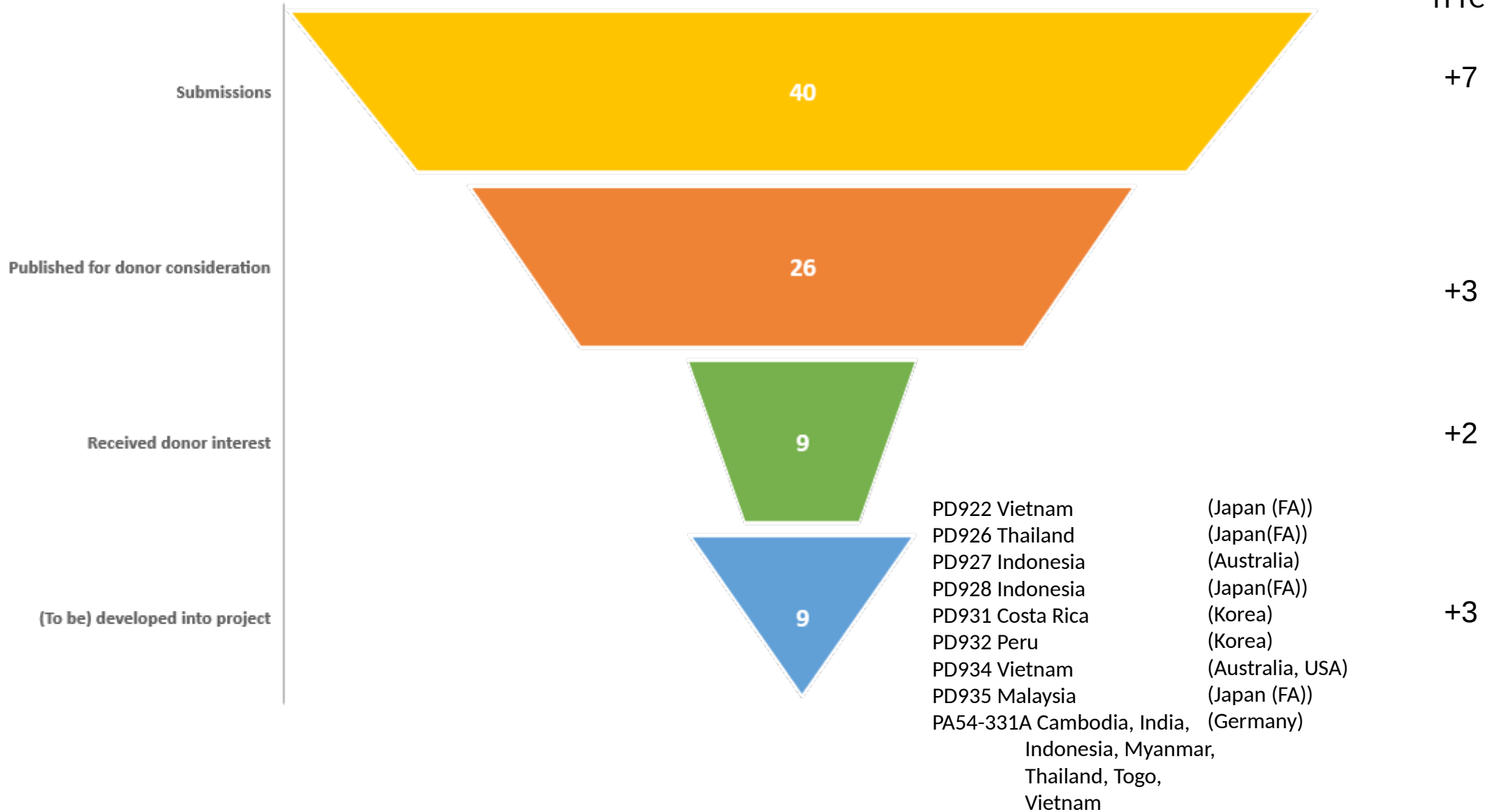
Decision	Description	Status
<b>Decision 8(LVII) Timeline and ToR for Review of PA</b> Second progress report on the implementation of the pilot program at ITTC 58 and third progress report at the ITTC 59. The timeline and ToR for the review at the ITTC 60 to be determined.	Timeline and ToR for review of PA deferred to ITTC60 (2024)	ONGOING

## Implementation of other Decisions

Decision	Description	Status
<b>Decision 3(LVIII) Working Group on Management of the Admin Budget</b> Extended for one year the mandate of the virtual intersessional working group	Financial Rules updated and published. Working Group held in May and September 2023 – WG proposal to be considered at ITTC 59	ONGOING
<b>Decision 4(LVIII) Working Group on Article 44 of ITTA</b> Extended the mandate of the working group, collect views from members, draft preparatory roadmaps	First meeting held in February. The survey was sent out to Members in April and a second meeting was held in September 2023. WG recommendations & Roadmap to be considered by Council at ITTC 59.	ONGOING
<b>Decision 7(LVII) Article 15 of the ITTA</b> Further pursue measures in international and regional organizations for 2022-23.	UNCCD, AFoCO, JICA, UNFF, FAO, GEF, GCF, CITES, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, UNEP, COMIFAC, APEC, ADB, Japanese authorities etc	ONGOING

Call for Concept Notes under funding scenario 4 of  
Decision 4(LVI) - Results

Additions since  
ITTC 58



# Funding pledged or sought related to the pilot Programmatic Approach 2023

Fundraising efforts	Program Line	Tentative Budget	Status	Actual results to date
2023: BWP Policy Briefs on 3 SWU projects in Southeast Asia	PL 1: LSSC		Operational	USD 15,000
2023: BWP Enhancing Teak Management – Phase II	PL 1: LSSC		Proposal is under BMEL Review	USD 1,413,449
2023: Support for Women’s Groups (Togo) – Phase 3	PL 1: LSSC		Proposal being drafted	USD 75,160
2023: BWP Restoration of Cyclone-affected Mangroves (Fiji)	PL 3: FLR		Pending agreement with recipient government	USD 350,000
2023: BWP Post-COVID Recovery in Costa Rica	PL 3:FLR		Pending agreement with recipient government	USD250,000
2023: BWP Global Timber Index Platform – Phase II (China, Macao SAR)	PL 1: LSSC		Operational	USD 1,140,685
2023: BWP Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System – Phase II (China, Macao SAR)	PL 1:LSSC			USD 326,370
2023: BWP GLSTF, Nov. 2023	PL 1:LSSC			USD 62,000
2023: PD935/23(I) Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia	PL 1:LSSC		Developing into project	USD 212,089
Totals: 2023				USD 3,844,753

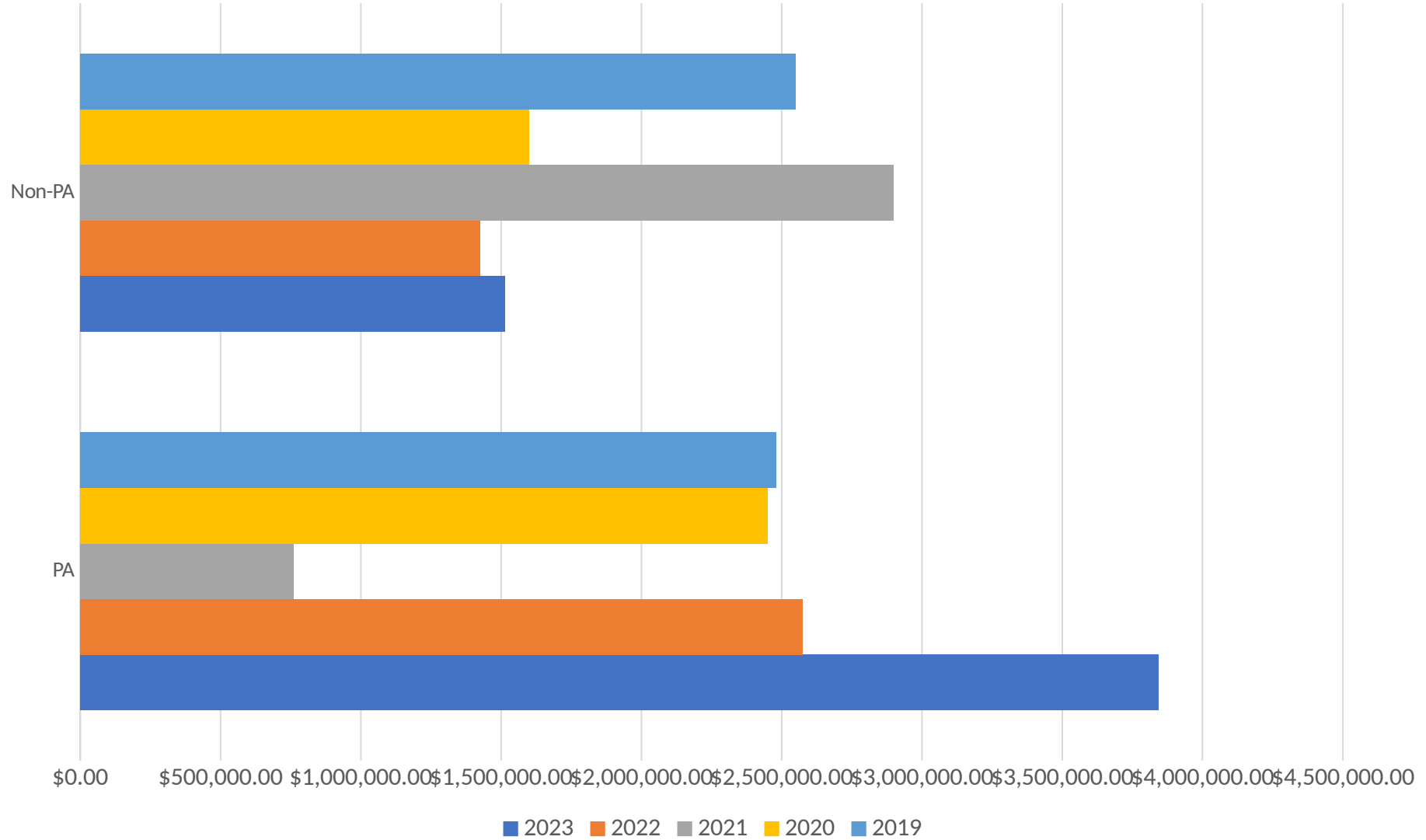
Programmatic  
Approach –  
Total  
Received

Year	Amount
2019	\$2.48 Million
2020	\$2.45 Million
2021	\$0.76 Million
2022	\$2.57 Million
2023	\$3.84 Million
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$12.1 Million</i>

**Average of US\$ 2.4 million per year x 5 years**



## Funding Received - Voluntary Contributions (2019-2023)



# Projects/activities/CNs pending finance

Pending finance	Total budget	No.
Projects	\$4,942,228	12
BWP activities	\$3,077,093	15
Concept Notes	\$3,164,453	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,183,774</b>	<b>36</b>
<i>Projects and CNs Sunset by the end of 2023</i>	\$0	0
<i>Projects and CNs Sunset during 2024</i>	\$6,230,076	14
<i>Projects and CNs Sunset after 1 Jan 2025</i>	\$1,876,605	7

Note: 3 CNs (\$587,834) + 7 projects (\$3,853,740) were sunset in 2022 with a total budget of \$4,441,574.  
 3 CNs (\$382,369) + 6 Projects (\$1,914,177) have already been sunset in 2023.

## Terms of Reference for the Consultancy to Implement the Review under Decision 5(LIV)

Two consultants (one from a producer member country and one from a consumer member country) shall assist the Executive Director in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the operation of ITTO's new financing architecture (Programmatic Approach and Lines).

The responsibilities of the Consultants include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Development of the detailed methodology for the evaluation of the Programmatic Approach (PA) pilot operation, including the long-term effectiveness and feasibility of the pilot approach
- Review and analyze the relevant documentation for the PA pilot operation, including Council documents and decisions
- Development and implementation of surveys and consultations with relevant stakeholders including, but not limited to ITTO Country Focal Points, donors, Executing Agencies, ITTO Secretariat staff, consultants, CPF members, international agreements/organizations, etc.
- Compilation, analysis and aggregation of evaluation data/results
- Preparation of the PA Evaluation draft report
- Submit the final draft PA Evaluation report to the ITTO Secretariat (by 30 June 2024)
- Present the main findings and recommendations to the Council at its 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ITTC in Yokohama, Japan in November 2024.
- Prepare the final PA evaluation report (and any annexes), integrating the comments received from the Council
- As requested by the ITTO Secretariat, prepare draft articles for publication in the ITTO TFU magazine (and/or other publications including the ITTO website)





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