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## **ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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

The Fifty-eighth Session of the Committee will be chaired by Sr. Jorge Mario Rodríguez (Costa Rica) who has been elected as Chairperson for 2024.

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

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

The Committee may consider the Provisional Agenda and adopt it 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 – 2024**

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 2024 ITTO Annual Market Discussion as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) is “Production and Trade—Rising Costs and Weakening Demand”. An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the 2024 ITTO Annual Market Discussion will be circulated prior to the session.

### **Item 5 - Policy Work**

ITTC policy work assigned 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 Strategic Action Plan, the policy-relevant aspects of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP), 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 Secretariat will report out on the following work and may consider the progress in their implementation:

- (i) Monitor Progress in the Application of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management [Activity 5, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
  - a) Adapting the 2006 ITTO Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management to African context / Dissemination and information sharing in ITTO member countries in Africa [Activity 5, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (ii) Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests [Activity 7, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (iii) Developing and Operationalizing ITTO’s Policy Guidelines to Members [Activity 8, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
  - a) Dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics [Activity 8 (b), ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
  - b) Support for Women’s Groups with Gender Empowerment and Forest Landscape Restoration in Togo [Activity 8 (c), ITTO BWP 2024-2025]

- (iv) Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity / Programme document 2024–2025 in relation to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework [Activity 9, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (v) Collaboration on Criteria and Indicators for SFM [Activity 11, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]

#### **Item 6 - Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**

[Document ITTC/EP-59]

The report of the Fifty-ninth Expert Panel, which was convened virtually in August-September 2024, is contained in document ITTC/EP-59. 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-59]

The Committee may note the following projects 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 59<sup>th</sup> Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, held virtually in August-September 2024, are contained in document ITTC/EP-59.

The Category 1 rating of the 59<sup>th</sup> Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, concerning 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-ninth Expert Panel**

Category 1:

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 936/24 Rev.1 (F)	Protection and Restoration of Forest Lands for Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, as a Climate Change Adaptation Measure to Ensure Water Supply for the Guatemalan Population	Guatemala
PD 938/24 Rev.1 (F)	Sustainable Management of Production Forests Driven by Traditional Communities in the Brazilian Amazon	Brazil
PD 940/24 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening Effective Forest Area Designation and Customary Rights in East Nusa Tenggara Province as a Precondition of Achieving Sustainable Forest Management	Indonesia
PD 941/24 Rev.1 (F)	Capacity Building for Private and Community Tree Farmers in Relation with the Sustainable Management of Forest Plantations in Southern Benin	Benin

#### **Item 8 - Report on Completed Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities**

[Document CRF(LVIII)/2]

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

##### **8.1 Completed Pre-project(s)**

None.

##### **8.2 Completed Project(s)**

- 1) PD 452/07 Rev.5 (F) Sustainable Management of Production Forests at the Commercial Scale in the Brazilian Amazon – Phase II (Brazil)

- 2) PP-A/59-353 Enhancing the Value of Secondary Natural Forests through their Sustainable Use, Generating Rural Employment in a Post-Covid Context (Costa Rica)

### **Item 9 - Ex-post Evaluations**

#### **(A) Ex-post Evaluation Report**

[Document CRF(LVIII)/4]

At its last session, the Committee agreed to conduct an ex-post evaluation on the following projects below, utilizing remaining unspent funds from the two projects, complemented with additional funds from the ex-post evaluation pool, as necessary. The ex-post evaluation is intended to provide an in-depth analysis of the lessons learned from the implementation of these two fire projects and will provide input into the revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests.

Project ID	Title	Country	ITTO budget (USD)
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

The Committee may consider the results of the forest fire thematic group ex-post evaluation carried out by a team consultants, as contained in document CRF(LVIII)/4.

#### **(B) Selection of Projects for Ex-post Evaluations in 2025-2026**

[Document CRF(LVIII)/5]

For the Committee's consideration and decision, a list will be presented of projects eligible for ex-post evaluations along with possible-thematic groups for evaluations, if there is enough completed projects.

### **Item 10 - Review of Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities in Implementation**

[Document CRF(LVIII)/3]

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(LVIII)/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(LVIII)/3 is prepared and the time the Session is convened. The report covers the following:

#### **10.1 Projects and Pre-Projects in Implementation**

- 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 I (Indonesia)
- 2) PD 764/14 Rev.3 (F) Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)
- 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 I (Côte d'Ivoire)

- 4) 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)
- 5) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F) Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 6) 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)
- 7) PD 903/19 Rev.3 (F) Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, 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)
- 9) 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)
- 10) 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)
- 11) PD 931/23 (F) Promoting SFM and Local Wood Consumption through Capacity Building and Improving Regulation in the North Zone, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 12) 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)
- 13) 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)
- 14) PP-A/56-342A Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality Framework in Myanmar (Myanmar)
- 15) 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 (Fiji)
- 16) PP-A/59-352 Community Empowerment in Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 17) PP-A/60-367 Critical Upliftment of Local Livelihoods: Urgent Actions for Community-Based Conservation and Development in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 18) PP-A/60-368 Strengthening the Resilience of Indigenous Mayan Communities in Tropical Forests of the Yucatan Peninsula through the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Context of the Maya Train Project (Mexico)
- 19) PP-A/60-370 Integrated project to Strengthen sustainable management systems and monitoring the miombo forest against degradation processes for food security, rural employment and climate mitigation action (Angola)

## **10.2 BWP Project-based Activities in Implementation**

- 1) PP-A/54-331A Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics (BWP Activity 3)

- 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 (Togo) (BWP Activity 8c)
- 3) PP-A/56-341C Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Departments of Ouémé and Zou, Benin (Benin) (BWP Activity 8c)

**Item 11 - Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities Awaiting Implementation Agreement**  
[Document CRF(LVIII)/3]

none.

**Item 12 – Projects and Pre-projects Awaiting Financing**  
[Document CRF(LVIII)/3]

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 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<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]
- 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 II (Indonesia) [\$248,154.00]
- 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 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]
- 5) 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]
- 6) PD 936/24 Rev.1 (F) Protection and Restoration of Forest Lands for Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, as a Climate Change Adaptation Measure to Ensure Water Supply for the Guatemalan Population (Guatemala) [\$496,959.10]
- 7) PD 938/24 Rev.1 (F) Sustainable Management of Production Forests Driven by Traditional Communities in the Brazilian Amazon (Brazil) [\$678,531.00]
- 8) PD 940/24 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening Effective Forest Area Designation and Customary Rights in East Nusa Tenggara Province as a Precondition of Achieving Sustainable Forest Management (Indonesia) [\$599,555.00]
- 9) PD 941/24 Rev.1 (F) Capacity Building for Private and Community Tree Farmers in Relation with the Sustainable Management of Forest Plantations in Southern Benin (Benin) [\$537,712.00]

**Item 13 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025**

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

**Item 14 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Sessions of the Committee**

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

**Item 15 - Other Business**

The Committee may consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

**Item 16 - 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 17 - 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 Sixtieth Session of the Council for consideration and adoption.

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