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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK
PROGRAMME FOR 2024-2025 – DECISION 3(LIX)
[Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda]**

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 3(LIX), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2024 and 2025. Following the introductory section, the document contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 3(LIX) in the same tabular format, but the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'.

The Reference Table showing the relevance of each activity to objectives/goals of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, ITTA; the Strategic Action Plan, SAP; the Global Forest Goals, GFG and to the Programme Lines is included in Annex I. Annex I also includes information on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' for each activity.

For the detailed terms of reference of each activity, please refer to the BWP 2024-2025 as approved in Council Decision 3(LIX).

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2024-2025, was adopted with Council Decision 3(LIX). All future references in this document will therefore refer to the BWP 2024-2025. It includes 37 activities divided into two parts. Part 1 includes 21 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget, or other sources. The activities under Part 1 have been categorized into five groups according to their nature. Part 2 includes 16 administrative and financial activities that do not require financing. The financing status of the activities under Part 1 is reflected in Table 1.

Table 1: Financing Status of the BWP 2024-2025 (as of 22 October 2024)

	Activity	Funding Status	US\$ pledged
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES			
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Partial	3,069,623
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Partial	25,000
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Full	1,413,449
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Partial	100,000
5	Criteria and indicators workshops	Partial	5,182
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Partial	32,398
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Partial	60,000
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK			
8	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Partial	90,000
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Partial	20,000
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	Partial	139,340
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES			
9	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Partial	67,032
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Partial	10,000
11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Pending	0
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK			
12	ITTO communication strategy	Partial	25,000
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Partial	Core
14	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Partial	Core
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	Partial	Core
	c) Translation of ITTO website/relevant PR materials into Japanese	Partial	23,173
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Partial	20,000
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Partial	Core
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Partial	Core
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	83,706
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Partial	Core
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Partial	Core
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Partial	Core

The total funding sought and pledged under the BWP 2024-2025 is reflected in Table 2. Pledges of US\$3,069,623 from IPIM Macao for Activity 1, and of US\$ 1,413,449 for Activity 3 from BMEL, Germany had already been informed to the 59th ITTC. US\$2,000,000 have been approved under core operational costs. At the time of preparing this report, voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$5,183,904 have been pledged.

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2024-2025 (as of 22 October 2024)

Year	US\$ sought	US\$ pledged
2024	3,409,639	2,820,374
2025	3,599,946	2,363,530
Total	7,009,585	5,183,904

Due to the shortfall in members' payments of their assessed contributions to the administrative account the activities approved under core budget are indicated as partially funded.

In 2024 voluntary contributions to this BWP were received from Germany, USA, Japan, Canada and Australia. Non-member contributions were received from the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR of China, Soka Gakkai, Dr. Hwan Ok Ma and from Kisso-an. The voluntary contributions pledged to date by donor are summarized in Table 3. The table also includes a pledge from the Korea Forest Service for the secondment of a KFS Programme Officer.

Table 3: Voluntary Contributions to the BWP 2024-2025 by donor (as of 22 October 2024)

Members	US\$
Germany	1,413,449
USA	370,000
Japan	136,855
Canada	36,987
Australia	5,456
Subtotal (a)	1,962,747
Non-members	
Macao Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)	3,069,623
Soka Gakkai	139,340
Dr. Hwan Ok Ma	10,000
Kisso-an	2,194
Subtotal (b)	3,221,157
Total (a + b)	5,183,904
Secondment Korea Forest Service	*529,063

* Cooperation Agreement Korea Forest Service

In summary, out of the 21 activities requiring financing, one activity (Activity 3 – Promotion of quality timber production) has received full funding, one activity (Activity 11 – Collaboration on C&I for SFM) is pending finance and all other activities have received partial funding, including from core budget.

Status, Progress, Achievements:

A brief summary of the status, progress and achievements of activities that have received partial or full financing under this BWP is given below. A more detailed account is provided in the Progress Report table.

Group 1 – Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

- **Activity 1 – Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains**

As follow-up to the GTI and BTTS activities, another two sub-activities are fully funded by Macao IPIM in August 2023, namely “Consolidating and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to provide Multi-dimensional Service for the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains” (the 2nd phase of GTI) and “Establishing and Testing a Simulation Platform for Cross-border Timber Traceability Based on the Blockchain Technology for Building Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains” (the 2nd phase of BTTS). These two sub-activities were approved and funded in August 2023 and the implementation commenced in September 2023. The implementation is on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. The completion report and technical reports for both sub-activities have recently been submitted, and both will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans.

Another sub-activity “Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber” has been approved and funded by ITTO under Activity 2 (previous BWP) in January 2023. The implementation is on track with planned activities executed on time. ATIBT as the

Executing Agency submitted the Guidelines and Recommendations related documents in February 2024 and the completion report in May 2024 respectively. This sub-activity is now completed and the pamphlets developed were launched during the Carrefour International du Bois Tradeshow in Nantes, France in July 2024.

As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao SAR Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), in collaboration with the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative (GGSC), co-organized the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) to improve the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains. The inaugural forum GLSTF2023 and the second forum GLSTF2024 were held on 21-22 November 2023 and 11-12 September 2024 in Macao SAR of China respectively.

ITTO will continue its efforts to promote legal and sustainable supply chains for tropical timber into 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 2 – Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: industry-led legality compliance/due care training**

There was no standalone activity organized in 2024, however private sector engagements in the activities of the GLSTF 2024 that took place in Macao from 11-12, 2024 was conducted with the participation of companies from China and the Congo Basin respectively. This activity will continue into the year 2025. In addition, a workshop on European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) is planned for the private sector in 2025 to take place in West Africa and Latin America respectively.

- **Activity 3 – Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations**

This project originated from the concept note (CN-23026) and received financing of US\$1,413,449 from the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in August 2023. ITTO has concluded the Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with four participating countries, namely: Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Togo. As for the other two participating countries (Indonesia and India), the signing of the MOUs is pending review -by authorities in the respective countries. The signing of the MOU between ITTO and the Johann Heinrich Thuenen Institute -was concluded in January 2024. The project has started to implement activities since the beginning of November 2023.

Since inception, progress has been made on the following activities:

Activity 1.1 Conserve teak and other valuable species genetic variation through improved management of existing seed production areas, seed orchards, and provenance/progeny trials/clonal plantations implemented in India, Indonesia, and Thailand;

Activity 1.2 Support smallholders and local communities for improved management of existing demonstration plots for teak and other valuable species and field training on the following subjects implemented in all participating countries;

Activity 3.1 Produce and disseminate outreach and training materials on the conservation and sustainable management of teak and other valuable species plantations and legal and sustainable supply chains in line with outcomes of Activities 1.2 and 2.1-2.4 to support forest policy development implemented in all participating countries;

Activity 3.3 Plan and organize a regional workshop in Thailand for timber legality and another regional workshop in Java, Indonesia with investors and financial institutions to discuss financing schemes promoting quality timber production in smallholder teak plantations (To be convened in September 2024 in Bangkok); and

Activity 3.4 Support sharing lessons in promoting the quality teak production and legal and sustainable supply chains at the IUFRO World Congress 2024 (Sweden) and in the 5th World Teak Conference 2025 (Kerala, India) for improved global teak collaboration (4 project's abstracts presented at the IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm, June 2024). The 1st PSC meeting was held in Bangkok on 17 September 2024, followed by the Project's Regional Workshop on 18 September 2024.

This activity will continue into 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 4 – Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES**

ITTO continues to assist member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species with support from the USA (which pledged an additional US\$100,000 to this activity for 2024-25). This work includes:

- A project in Madagascar to support implementation of the use plan and monitoring/tracking of rosewood stockpiles (project activities to be completed by end of 2024).
- A project in Cameroon in collaboration with University of Adelaide (Australia) to implement DNA

tracking and verification tests in supply chains of *Prunus africana* and *Pericopsis elata*. The completion date is now extended to mid 2025 due to DNA sequencing issues encountered by the University of Adelaide.

- A project in Peru in collaboration with University of Adelaide to establish a scientific reference database for geographic origin determination of recently listed ipê and cumaru tree species.
- Secretariat participation in various CITES working groups (rosewood, agarwood, NDFs, etc) and in relevant CITES fora (Plants and Standing Committees, CoP meetings, etc).

The CITES Tree Species Project (CTSP) received new funding from Germany of EUR 10 million in late 2023. At the time of preparing this report, no information has been received from the CITES Secretariat on projects to be funded or other logistical arrangements under the CTSP. ITTO has expressed its readiness to continue the strong collaboration with CITES established under the ITTO-CITES Program (2007-2015) and under the first phase of CTSP (2017-2023).

ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors for this activity since demand for support in implementing CITES provisions for tropical tree species from member countries remains strong. The ITTO Secretariat has received a request for follow-up assistance from Madagascar which may be considered for support in 2025 once a satisfactory final report is received for the project mentioned above. The Secretariat will also identify additional projects in one or more member countries to be funded in 2025 using remaining funds in this activity.

This activity will continue into 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 5 – Criteria and indicators workshops**

ITTO pioneered the development of criteria and indicators (C&I) for the sustainable management of natural tropical forests in the early 1990s and has continued to provide leadership in their review, improvement and implementation.

The purpose of this activity is to provide - forest managers with insights into how C&I can assist in monitoring, assessing and reporting on forests and ensuring their sustainable management. C&I lists the main factors influencing forests (“criteria”) and proposes indicators for assessing the extent to which management is consistent with sustainability.

In the Africa region, the ITTO C&I were adapted to the regional context resulting in the ‘ITTO C&I for the sustainable management of African tropical forests’ publication, which was approved in 2022 and published in English and French in 2023. The ITTO Secretariat is seeking funds, through the BWP 2024-2025, in order to hold two regional workshops for training on and further dissemination of the publication.

In 2024, ITTO organized and sponsored a national training workshop on criteria and indicators for sustainable tropical forest management in Trinidad and Tobago which was attended by nearly 30 participants. It was held from 27 February to 1 March 2024 in Port of Spain.

This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond, depending on the availability of voluntary contributions received for this BWP Activity.

In addition, ITTO C&I for the sustainable management of African tropical forests was approved in 2022 and was published in two ITTO working languages (English and French) in 2023, for use during the dissemination workshops to be held in 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 6 – Statistical capacity building workshops**

The purpose of this activity is to strengthen capacities in statistical reporting through the submission of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ). The JFSQ (https://www.itto.int/annual_review/), which has been developed by 4 International Organizations (ITTO, FAO, UNECE and Eurostat), is the cornerstone of international data collection on forest products. The aim of these regional workshops is therefore to increase the response rate to the questionnaire and to strengthen statistical capacity in the producer countries.

In March 2024, ITTO funded and co-jointly organized a regional statistical workshop with FAO in Guadalajara (Mexico) during which 43 forest specialists, technicians, statisticians and academics of five Mesoamerican countries—Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama met and exchanged their data and views on how to improve the JFSQ submission. The next regional workshop is planned to be organized physically in Latin South America (likely Peru) in early 2025. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 7 – Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests**
PP-A/56-340-1 (Indonesia) and PP-A/56-340-2 (Peru) underwent ex-post evaluation(s) as agreed at the 57th Session of the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF). ITTO continued progress on updating and revising the original 1997 ITTO Fire guidelines. Full update on progress can be found in the table below. In 2024, ITTO continued to promote awareness and growing importance of fire including proposing a CPF joint initiative, hosting a UNFF side event on fire, and collaborating on other initiatives including participation in the FAO hosted Global Fire Hub, AFoCO's regional fire workshop, the International Wildland Fire Liaison Committee.

Group 2 – Normative work on policy guidelines or other strategic work

- **Activity 8 – Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members**
 - (a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women**
ITTO's Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering of Women have been incorporated since 2019 into the project formulation process by members submitting project proposals through the Regular Project Cycle where these guidelines need to be taken into consideration. Project submissions evaluated by the ITTO Expert Panel ensure that these guidelines are referred to/considered in proposals being submitted. The same approach is taken with the new concept note approach as of December 2020 and considered where applicable. ITTO is in discussion with collaborating partners on the organization of an international workshop on The Role of Women in the Forest Sector (including primary processing) in 2025 pending further funding being made available.
 - (b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in the Tropics**
After organizing the dissemination workshops for ITTO member countries in Asia-Pacific and Latin America, there were not enough funds for holding in-person dissemination workshops for ITTO member countries in Africa (on for French-speaking countries and one for English-speaking countries) in 2024.
 - (c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo**
PP-A/56-341B Phase III (Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVIII)/3 under CRF agenda item 10.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities.

PP-A/56-341C-Benin (Support for women's groups with the restoration of forest landscapes in the Departments of Oueme and Zou, in Benin), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVIII)/3 under CRF agenda item 10.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities.

Both PP-A/56-341B Phase III and PP-A/56-341C-Benin are funded by Soka Gakkai and are expected to continue into 2025.

Group 3 – Collaborative work/meetings with other organization/initiatives

- **Activity 9 - Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests**
ITTO and CBD Secretariat further implemented the workplan of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Implementation on the ten ITTO projects identified in the programme document continues, and a draft checklist was developed by the Secretariats to strengthen identification of future projects under the Collaborative Initiative to KMGF goals/targets. A brochure showcasing the connection between these projects and specific targets of the KMGF was developed and will be distributed at the upcoming CBD CoP16 in Cali. During the CoP ITTO and FAO will be co-leading on the Sustainable Forest Based Economy Day at the SDG Pavilion. In coming months, with funding from Canada, the ITTO/IUCN Guidelines on Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forests will undergo updating to incorporate recent developments in the international biodiversity dialogue and policy frameworks, as well as points from the new ITTO guidelines on gender equality and the updated ITTO restoration guidelines.

This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 10 – Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others**
ITTO continued active engagement with both CPF and non-CPF members on numerous initiatives. A detailed accounting can be found in the table below.

This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

- **Activity 11 – Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM**
Though no funding was pledged for this activity, ITTO attended the FRA Advisory Group meeting on the sidelines of the 27th Session of COFO. Items discussed included FRA's work in seeking greater clarity/perspectives on the definitions for 'primary forest' per forest biomes, and 'forest degradation'. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

Group 4 – Communication and outreach-related work

- **Activities 12 – 14**
Activities in Group 4 have resulted in a broad range of communication products, such as publications, videos, newsletters, social media posts, exhibitions, lectures and regular website updates, as well as participation in various international events. The Council welcomed the draft communication strategy (presented to the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16)) as an ambitious plan to improve ITTO's visibility and messaging and support its fundraising efforts, noting that additional resources would be needed for its implementation. At the time of preparation of this report no funds have been pledged for its implementation.

Outreach efforts have been strengthened in 2024, especially around international days; speaking engagements at international fora and in Japan and overseas; and in social media presence. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

Group 5 – Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

- **Activity 15 – Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement**
Travel assistance was provided for TAG and CSAG to participate in ITTC 60. The Trade & Markets Day under the Joint Committees on Tuesday, 3 December 2024 will feature a CSAG panel and the Market Discussion coordinated by TAG. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 16 – ITTO Annual Market Discussion**
The Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2024 on the theme 'Production and Trade - Rising Costs and Weakening Demand' during the Trade & Markets Day on 3 December 2024. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 17 – Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**
The 59th Expert Panel was conducted electronically. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-59]. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 18 – ITTO Fellowship Programme**
The Fellowship Selection Panel will be conducted electronically prior to the Sixtieth Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2024 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC(LX)/7) including the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, will be presented to the Council as part of the presentation of the BWP progress report. The Fellowship Programme is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 19 – ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)**
Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) are scheduled to be published in 2024 and are planned for 2025. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- **Activity 20 – Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics**
In 2024, the IWGFS was held in Geneva during which ITTO and partners Organizations could update definitions of certain wood products and also implemented new products inside the JFSQ. The next round of the WCO inclusion of new forest products in the Harmonized System was also discussed and planned.

The ITTO online database (https://www.itto.int/biennial_review/) which is the electronic dissemination of data presented and analyzed in the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation was updated in August 2024 with the most current production and trade figures for primary wood products and for the trade of secondary wood products covering the period 1990-2023. The next updates will be in July 2025 covering the period 1990-2024. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

Activity 20 also financially supported two studies along with some funding from Activity 21. These two studies are as follows:

- A long term study on the production and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products in the world since 1990. This study will be released on the website in the Technical Series section as Technical Series 52 in September 2024;
 - A study on conversion factors on tropical veneer and tropical plywood which will be released on the ITTO website under the Other technical reports section in September 2024.
- **Activity 21 – Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation**
The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation is the flagship of the ITTO statistical publications in which production and trade data on primary and secondary wood products are analyzed.

The draft of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2023-2024 will be presented to the 60th ITTC in December 2024. Following Council input, further data collection, analysis and editing, the Biennial Review 2023-24 will be published in 2025 and will be distributed at ITTC 61.

This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.

PROGRESS REPORT
BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024-2025

Part 1 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FINANCING

GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
<p>1. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains</p>	<p>Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of legality and sustainability, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Under the BWP for 2021-2022 extended into 2023, two sub-activities under this Activity were approved and fully funded by the Trade and Investment Promotion Institute(IPIM) of Macao SAR, China, namely “Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains” and “Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains”. Using remaining funds under the 2021-2023 BWP, the work of building the LSSC-GGSC platform and further developing the Timber Trade Portal (TTP) website as well as other events and activities will continue into 2024-2025. The improvement of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to provide multi-dimensional service (Phase II&III) and establishing and testing a simulation platform for cross-border timber traceability based on the blockchain technology (Phase II&III) will be funded by voluntary contributions from IPIM, Macao.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$3,131,136 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024-US\$100,000 (LSSC-GGSC platform & TTP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed for up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives/entities with • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/private sector entities 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$3,069,623 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$30,756 Year 2025 US\$30,757</p> <p>Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded by ITTO under Activity 2 in January 2023. • The implementation is on track with planned activities executed on time. • ATIBT as the Executing Agency submitted the Guidelines and Recommendations related documents in February 2024 and the completion report in May 2024 respectively. • This sub-activity is now completed and the pamphlets developed were launched during the Carrefour International de du Bois Tradeshow in Nantes, France in July 2024. <p>Consolidating and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to provide Multi-dimensional Service for the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains (the 2nd phase of GTI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded in August 2023 and the implementation commenced in September 2023. • The implementation was on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 pilot countries (3 new) and 260 enterprises (100 new) joined in the GTI platform. ○ Regular information sharing mechanism with enterprises established.

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	<p>Year 2025-US\$100,000 (LSSC-GGSC platform & TTP)</p> <p>Voluntary Contributions from IPIM, Macao</p> <p>Year 2024–US\$1,465,568 (for GTI & Blockchain)</p> <p>Year 2025–US\$1,465,568 (for GTI & Blockchain)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 GTI monthly reports issued. ○ 2 specialized indexes, GTI-Producers and GTI-Wood-based Panel released. ○ Multi-dimensional service provided to joined enterprises. ○ Achievement release in GLSTF. ● The completion report and technical reports for both sub-activities have been submitted and will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans. <p>Establishing and Testing a Simulation Platform for Cross-border Timber Traceability Based on the Blockchain Technology for Building Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains (the 2nd phase of BTTS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This sub-activity was approved and funded in August 2023 and the implementation commenced in September 2023 respectively. ● The implementation is on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Established a safe, stable and upgradable simulation platform for blockchain-based timber traceability. ○ Carried out an application testing of the simulation platform for cross-border timber traceability in the Gabon-China timber industry supply chain. ○ Developed an application manual for the BTTS simulation platform. ○ Developed and disseminated the summarizing report of BTTS simulation platform. ● The completion report and technical reports for both sub-activities have recently been submitted, and both will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans. <p>The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) in 2023 and 2024</p> <p>As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao IPIM in</p>

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			<p>collaboration with the GGSC, co-organized two GLSTF conferences to improve the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains.</p> <p>The inaugural forum GLSTF2023 was held on 21-22 November 2023 in Macao SAR, China, brought together nearly 700 participants from 36 countries. Under the theme of “connect, cooperate and share to promote the recovery of the global tropical timber market”, a variety of activities have been organized, such as the main forum, specialized sub-forums, achievements release, side events, B2B matchings, bilateral meetings, and an industry display. Major outcomes included the Key Message from GLSTF2023 to accelerate the sustainable recovery of global timber markets and promote legal and sustainable timber supply chains, as well as achievements release of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform, the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) and a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDol) for sustainable forest management and responsible timber industry operations.</p> <p>The second forum of GLSTF2024 was held on 11-12 September 2024 in Macao, with nearly 800 participants from 40 countries, representing timber industry stakeholders from governments, industries, associations, companies, international organizations and academics. The theme of GLSTF was “Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains”, and the event also consisted of main forum, 4 specialized sub-forums, side events, business matchings, and industrial display. A major achievement of this year’s GLSTF was the Action Framework for Promoting Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains, which involves 8 specific fields and actions in enhancing legal and sustainable supply chains. Other achievements included new releases of GTI, BTTS, JDol, and the Green Finance for Green Supply Chains (GF4GS) Action.</p> <p>Work under some of the above sub-activities included in the LSSC activity will continue into 2025 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be allocated</p>

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<p>2. Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/ due diligence training</p>	<p>ITTO will continue working with the Trade Advisory Group and other partners such as FAO, as well as other major and relevant international and regional organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector associations that are working in this area to pilot and eventually scale up capacity on legality compliance/due diligence. The training model will be based on one that has proven successful – delivered by industry actors, who understand the challenges, needs and vocabulary of businesses and industry in producer countries who are involved in international trade. Training modules were developed and delivered in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru under the 2018-20 and 2021-2023 BWPs; remaining funds pledged to those activities will be used to extend training to an additional country in 2024-25. If additional funds are pledged under this BWP, this work will be extended to other countries/regions and possibly to broaden the scope to consider legality/due diligence aspects associated with forest climate projects/finance.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to an additional five target countries assisted with pilot trainings held for private sector • Technical Assistance provided to target countries by international experts / organizations 	<p>to relevant LSSC components in accordance with donor instructions.</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$25,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$25,000 Year 2025 US\$50,000</p> <p>The GLSTF 2024 that took place in Macau in September 2024 did bring in private sector participation as reported under activity 1. This is independent of private sector training needs in producer member countries for which ITTO plans to undertake several workshop trainings in member countries in the year 2025. This will include regional trainings on EUDR compliance for the private sector. This will be combined in tandem with planned regional workshops for non detriment findings (NDF) for some select CITES appendix II listed species in the year 2025 in West Africa and Latin America respectively.</p>
<p>3. Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and local community-established plantations</p>	<p>This Activity, continuing work started under the previous BWP, aims to significantly improve the production of quality timber from smallholder and local community-established plantations of teak and other valuable species in Asia-Pacific and West Africa. It involves promoting policies and programs to ensure the availability of high-quality planting material, the adoption of better silvicultural practices, access to financing to promote longer rotations, value addition and improved timber legality. Key activities include promoting financial schemes that support high-quality teak production with longer rotations and facilitating access to voluntary carbon markets. Tapping into the carbon credit markets will provide additional incentives and contribute to the global effort for climate change mitigation. It will also encourage regional and international cooperation to support the sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and programs to promote quality timber production from smallholder plantations established in target countries • Financial schemes developed for high quality teak production and voluntary carbon markets accessed. • Regional and international cooperation enhanced for sustainable smallholder plantation development 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 1,413,449 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>ITTO has concluded the Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with four participating countries, namely: Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Togo. As for the other two participating countries (Indonesia and India), the signing of the MOUs is pending review results by authorities in the respective countries. The signing of the MOU between ITTO and the Johann Heinrich Thuenen Institute has been concluded in January 2024. The project has started to implement the activities since the beginning of November 2023. Some activities of the project have been progressed,</p>

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	<p>development of smallholder plantations. The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) has already committed to funding this Activity over the period 2024-2026.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$1,413,449 Funding sources: Voluntary contributions from BMEL, Germany Year 2024–US\$664,071 Year 2025/26–US\$749,378</p>		<p>namely: Improved management of existing seed production areas, seed orchards, and provenance/progeny trials/clonal plantations implemented in Thailand and Togo; Support smallholders and local communities for improved management of existing demonstration plots in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Togo; Issued 1 out of 18 bi-monthly newsletter; presenting 4 project's abstracts orally at the IUFRO World Congress 2024, June 2024 in Stockholm, Sweden. The 1st PSC meeting was held in Bangkok on 17 September 2024, followed by the 1st Project's Regional Workshop on 18 September 2024.</p>
4. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	<p>Continue to assist Members to implement CITES listings of timber species. Pursuant to Decision 5(XLVI) on "Multi-Donor Mechanism to Facilitate Enhanced Cooperation between ITTO and CITES", ITTO successfully completed implementation of a second grant of approximately US\$6,200,000 (EUR5,000,000) from the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2016. Matching contributions from other donors of over US\$3,000,000 were received by ITTO during the four-year EU/EC grant period. The EU/EC in 2016 decided to provide further funding for work on CITES-listed tree species directly to the CITES Secretariat through its CITES Tree Species Program, which completed activities in 2022. This activity will continue CITES-related work using funds pledged to similar activities under previous BWPs. Since the number of tropical tree species being listed in CITES Appendices continues to grow, ITTO donors are encouraged to provide additional funds for ITTO's CITES-related work through this activity to enable ITTO to continue collaborating with the CITES Secretariat and assisting member countries to implement CITES listings of timber species.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$100,000 Year 2025–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three countries with projects implemented to improve CITES implementation for listed tree species • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant CITES meetings/ activities • Reduced number of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$100,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$100,000</p> <p>In addition to ongoing work in Madagascar and Cameroon reported in previous BWP progress reports, ITTO is funding an activity with the University of Adelaide, Australia and La Universidad Agraria La Molina, Peru to establish a scientific reference database for geographic origin determination of recently listed ipê and cumaru tree species. A project agreement has been signed with both partners in 2024 and work is expected to be completed within 24 months.</p> <p>The CITES Secretariat received new funding from Germany in late 2023 to continue the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) but now dubbed the "CITES Tree Species Project". ITTO has expressed interest to provide inputs and develop project activities for a joint collaborate work with the CITES Secretariat for project implementation in member countries. A more detailed report on the CTSP and ITTO's role in it will be provided in the next BWP progress report.</p> <p>In addition to monitoring of ongoing projects implemented by University of Adelaide and Madagascar in late 2023/early 2024, ITTO was represented at the International Expert Workshop on NDFs in Nairobi, Kenya in December 2023, the 9-step NDF Workshop in Douala, Cameroon in April 2024, the 27th Meeting of the</p>

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5. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	<p>Criteria and indicators training workshops have been facilitated by activities under previous BWPs and this work will continue in 2024-25. Using remaining funds from previous BWP activities, this activity will continue and expand on previous work by convening a C&I workshop in a producer member country. If additional funds are made available, this work (which will promote the new ITTO criteria and indicators approved in 2016 and the revised African principles, criteria and indicators approved in 2022 with focus on new member countries) will be extended to provide for 2 regional workshops on C&I. Capacity building will incorporate related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshops.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$75,000 Year 2025–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two regional C&I training workshops convened • International collaboration on C&I for SFM enhanced 	<p>CITES Plants Committee in Geneva, Switzerland in July 2024, and the Regional Workshop for Range States of African Rosewood (<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>) in Douala, Cameroon in September 2024.</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$5,182 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$69,818 Year 2025 US\$75,000</p> <p>In 2024, ITTO organized and sponsored a national training workshop on criteria and indicators for sustainable tropical forest management in Trinidad and Tobago which was attended by nearly 30 participants. It was held from 27 February to 1 March 2024, in Port of Spain.</p> <p>The workshop was hosted by the Forestry Division of Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries. Issues discussed at the workshop included monitoring, assessing and reporting on forests using the ITTO C&I; country reporting capabilities; field-level implementation; and developments in international forestry and C&I processes.</p> <p>Workshop's report and presentations can be downloaded from the ITTO website: https://www.itto.int/news/2024/03/05/itto_promotes_use_of_criteria_and_indicators_in_trinidad_and_tobago/</p> <p>In addition, ITTO C&I for the sustainable management of African tropical forests was approved in 2022 and was published in two ITTO working languages (English and French) in 2023, for use during the dissemination workshops to be held in 2025 and beyond.</p>
6. Statistical capacity building workshops	<p>This activity (which continues work funded under previous BWPs) will provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p> <p>Using remaining funds from previous BWPs, a regional workshop for Central America is to be organized in early 2024 in Mexico. If additional funds are made available,</p>	Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted	<p>Funding pledged: US\$32,397 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$17,602 Year 2025 US\$50,000</p> <p>ITTO convened a regional statistical workshop jointly with the FAO and CONAFOR (Mexico's National Forestry Agency) from 19th to 21st March 2024 in the CONAFOR headquarters in Guadalajara (Mexico). It was attended by</p>

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	<p>workshops in the other two tropical regions will be supported in 2024-25.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>		<p>43 forest specialists, technicians, statisticians and academics of five Mesoamerican countries—Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama.</p> <p>In a video message addressed to workshop participants, Mexico’s Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, María Luisa Albores González, highlighted the government’s acknowledgment of the interdependence of humans and the environment, striving towards a prosperous and just society.</p> <p>The meeting was organized around 4 major activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries presentations of their forest sectors and national statistical system; • The Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) presentation and questions answering regarding the wood products definitions; • Group discussions during which each country official presented the various issues he encounters when filling and collecting data for the JFSQ; • Field trip in a plywood factory in the Guadalajara region. <p>The workshop was promoted online on the ITTO website (https://www.itto.int/news/2024/03/23/itto_fao_government_of_mexico_collaborate_to_help_build_statistics_capacity_in_mesoamerica/) and the presentations of the workshop are also available online (https://www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/to_pics_id=7801&no=1).</p> <p>The next regional workshop conjointly organized and funded with FAO is expected to be held in Peru in 2025 during which representatives from 13 South American countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela) will be invited.</p>

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7. Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber producing forests	<p>The Activity (which continues work funded under previous BWPs) aims to review and analyze the technical information and knowledge gained from the implementation of successfully completed ITTO projects as well as the development of Integrated Fire Management (IFM) framework, which promote ecosystem-based solutions, stakeholder engagement, inclusion, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. This analysis includes the Landscape Fire Governance Framework, approved in May 2023 at the 8th International Wildland Fire Conference in Porto, Portugal. Based on the outcome of this analysis, the Activity will update and revise the <i>ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests</i> (1997) to provide a base for policy makers and managers at various levels to develop programs and projects in which the specific national, socio-economic, and naturally occurring problems related to fire in tropical natural and planted forests. Partners in this analysis and revision of the ITTO Fire Guidelines include the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), which supports various regional forest fire networks in the tropics.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$30,000 Year 2025–US\$70,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An in-depth analysis of the technical information and knowledge of the integrated fire management framework conducted • ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests (1997) revised with the support of partners 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$60,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$40,000</p> <p>Ex-Post Evaluation on Fire Projects</p> <p>PP-A/56-340-1 (Indonesia) and PP-A/56-340-2 (Peru) underwent ex-post evaluation(s) as agreed at the 57th Session of the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF). The ex-post evaluation was intended to provide an in-depth analysis of lessons learned, and also provide input into the revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests. The ex-post evaluation reports will be presented and discussed during 58th Session of CRF.</p> <p>Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests</p> <p>As outlined in the BWP, this activity intends to also update and revise the original ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests, which were developed in 1997. In 2024, ITTO contracted a consultancy team, headed by Dr. Johann Goldammer, to revise the guidelines. A first revised draft was provided in July 2024. ITTO, in collaboration with FAO, held an all day expert workshop on the sidelines of COFO to review and provide feedback on the first revision draft. The workshop was attended by over 20 fire experts from around the globe. Feedback and consultations between the group continued virtually after the meeting. In September, the consultancy team provided a second revised draft to the ITTO Secretariat.</p> <p>It became apparent to the ITTO Secretariat that there was quite a difference in opinion between the experts, especially on the effectiveness and usefulness of the revised draft in its current form and substance, especially in light of the proliferation of other fire guidelines and frameworks at the policy level. In particular there was concern that the revisions did not adequately address different strategies between the diverse range of tropical</p>

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			<p>ecosystems. Some felt that guidance needed to be structured in a more coherent, easy to understand manner to effectively guide field managers in the development of tropical specific fire management plans and strategies. Other experts emphasized the need to incorporate new tropical fire behavior science research into the guidelines. Additional work and research is needed to inform the revision, and to develop the appropriate tool/guidelines that will be useful and used. In light of these developments, voluntary contributions are welcomed to further work on this important topic, given the growing frequency of fire in the tropics.</p> <p>Collaboration in different Fire Initiatives</p> <p>Under the CPF Workplan, ITTO introduced a new Joint Initiative on ‘Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests’. At UNFF19, some members requested that the Initiative be expanded to include all forest biomes, not just the tropics, given the growing frequency and importance of forest fire globally. Given the expansion of the Joint Initiative, and the emergence of the new Global Fire Hub housed by FAO, ITTO will co-lead the initiative along with FAO. Both institutions are currently in dialogue to develop the new proposal. ITTO attended the FAO 3rd Workshop on Global Fire Management Hub held 28-30 June 2024 in Rome).</p> <p>ITTO plans on participating in the Mekong-Korea Forest Fire Symposium (MKFF Symposium) (Nov 2024), a platform for an ASEAN-wide discussion on the matter of forest fire management in the region developed under a regional project approved by the ASEAN Working Group (AWG) on Forest Management and AWG on Social Forestry and mainly funded by the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund (AKCF).</p> <p>ITTO continues to participate in the quarterly meetings of the Wildfire International Fire Liaison Committee.</p>

GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK

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<p>8. Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members</p>	<p>(a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women</p> <p>This activity will facilitate operationalization of the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women Guidelines across all ITTO activities and initiatives. Funding will contribute to capacity building, training, an exploratory study on the role of women in forestry/industry and building a network of gender experts with ITTO's collaborative partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$185,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$90,000 Year 2025–US\$95,000</p>	<p>Gender guidelines fully implemented in all of ITTO's operations</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$90,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$95,000</p> <p>ITTO's Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering of Women have been incorporated since 2019 into the project formulation process by members submitting project proposals through the Regular Project Cycle where these guidelines need to be taken into consideration. Project submissions evaluated by the ITTO Expert Panel ensure that these guidelines are referred to/considered in proposals being submitted. The same approach is taken with the new concept note approach as of December 2020 and considered where applicable. ITTO is in discussion with collaborating partners on the organization of an international workshop on The Role of Women in the Forest Sector (including primary processing) in 2025, pending further funding being made available.</p>
	<p>(b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics</p> <p>This activity aims to facilitate the production of outreach and communication materials to promote the dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (2020). It also involves participation in key international FLR events and the organization of three regional capacity building workshops in a hybrid format, in each of the three tropical regions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024: US\$60,000 Year 2025: US\$120,000</p>	<p>Dissemination of the newly adopted guidelines in ITTO producing member countries</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$20,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$40,000 Year 2025 US\$120,000</p> <p>The 'Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics' were developed by ITTO in collaboration with many partners including AFoCO, CIFOR, FAO, IUCN and IUFRO under a joint initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on FLR. The guidelines present six principles of FLR with 32 guiding elements to implement FLR in the field. ITTO encourages the use of these voluntary guidelines as a reference and guiding document in the development of FLR interventions at the national and subnational levels in tropical countries -, in combination with other specific guidelines, tools and approaches. A series of virtual workshops aimed at disseminating the FLR guidelines were conducted from 2021-2023 for the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions Due to internet availability and connectivity issues in the</p>

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			Africa region, and the targeted audience, it was determined that a virtual workshop was not an effective vehicle in this region for dissemination of and training on the guidelines.- If enough voluntary funds are made available, in-person workshops can be conducted for ITTO member countries in Africa (one workshop for French speaking countries and one for English-speaking countries) in 2025.
	<p>(c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo</p> <p>This Activity is funded to contribute to and operationalize the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women (GEEW) and the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (FLR). This activity reflects conformity with some elements under Decision 8(LV) and fits well under the pilot phase of the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture Third Programme Line (PL3) titled "Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods". Additional funds have been mobilized for 2024, with the aim to consolidate and sustain the ground achievements of REFACOF-Togo's women groups realized during the implementation of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 of PP-A/56-341, in Togo's Blitta and Lacs Prefectures.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024: US\$90,000 Year 2025: US\$90,000</p>	Putting into practices two ITTO Guidelines (GEEW and FLR)	<p>Funding pledged: US\$139,340 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$40,659</p> <p>PP-A/56-341B Phase III (Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVIII)/3 under CRF agenda item 10.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities.</p> <p>PP-A/56-341C-Benin (Support for women's groups with the restoration of forest landscapes in the Departments of Oueme and Zou, in Benin), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVIII)/3 under CRF agenda item 10.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities.</p> <p>Both PP-A/56-341B Phase III and PP-A/56-341C-Benin are funded by Soka Gakkai.</p>

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES

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<p>9. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests</p>	<p>In line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted during CBD COP 15 in December 2022, this activity will promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the engagement of the ITTO Secretariat in the Partnerships for Targets 2 & 3 and the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People to support the achievements of forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. • Assist the participation of selected ITTO biodiversity project team members in CBD COP 16 in 2024 with the organization of a joint side event with CBD to share ITTO experiences and insights in relevant international events. • Support the implementation of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative Programme for the years 2024-2025. This support includes the organization of three regional capacity building workshops and dissemination of their outcomes at international biodiversity events. <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$100,000 Year 2025–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of the ITTO Secretariat in the Targets 2 & 3 Partnership of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Participation of ITTO experts in CBD COP 16 supported with a joint ITTO/CBD side event • Three regional workshops organized in collaboration with the CBD 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$67,032 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$32,968 Year 2025 US\$100,000</p> <p>The MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in February 2021 and both Secretariats endorsed the programme document for 2024-2025, aimed at implementing the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Implementation on the ten ITTO projects identified in the programme document continues. The funding for all ten projects (totaling \$2,663,254) came from donors through the ITTO project and/or programmatic lines funding processes. To strengthen understanding of how these projects directly contribute to the 2030 global targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a brochure illustrating their connection was developed. The brochure will be distributed at the upcoming CBD CoP16 in Colombia and UNFCCC CoP29 in Azerbaijan.</p> <p>The Secretariat(s) continue to explore ways to strengthen collaboration under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative, including jointly developing a draft checklist which further elaborated the criteria for identifying future projects listed under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative. The Secretariat(s) also exchanged ideas on ways to increase national CBD focal points' awareness of the Collaborative Initiative and future projects under the CI so that the projects are formally recognized as contributions toward respective National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, thus hopefully increasing the chances of leveraging future funding for them.</p> <p>ITTO also participated in the International Youth Biodiversity Conference on Biodiversity (Aug 2024), which was held in Yokohama under the sponsorship</p>

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			<p>of the Japanese Ministry of Environment, City of Yokohama, the Secretariat of CBD and the Japan Biodiversity Fund. Using an origami workshop as a teaching vehicle, ITTO increased participating youth's understanding of different species at risk and the importance of sustainably managing forests and conserving biodiversity.</p> <p>The ITTO/IUCN guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests were first published in 1993 and were revised and updated in 2009. Since publication, the science, policy frameworks, and conversation on biodiversity conservation have evolved, including establishment of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. To incorporate these new elements, as well other new ITTO policy guidance regarding gender equality and restoration, into the guidelines, ITTO will contract a consultant in late fall/early winter to start the updating of the guidelines utilizing voluntary contributions received from Canada.</p>
10.Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	<p>Promoting and integrating the role of productive forest and trade in major global processes (UNFF, CPF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UN Environment, and UNCTAD etc.) for achieving SDG and Global Forest Goals through sustainable forest management and legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$75,000 Year 2025–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of ITTO in UNFF19 in 2024 and UNFF 20 in 2025; up to four CPF meetings in 2024 and 2025 • Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2024 and 2025 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$10,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$65,000 Year 2025 US\$75,000</p> <p>In 2024, ITTO continued to build strong relationships with different CPF members, including active engagement in the following major forum:</p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding with UNCCD ITTO and the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) signed a memorandum of understanding on 20 February 2024 in Tokyo, Japan, with the aim of to supporting ITTO member countries and Country Parties to the UNCCD in restoring and maintaining tropical forest landscapes while promoting the sustainable production of timber and other products and ecosystem services. The MOU extends cooperation between the two secretariats to the end of 2028. It is the second such agreement, with the first signed in 2011.</p>

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			<p>XXVI IUFRO World Congress (Stockholm, Sweden) ITTO had an active participation at the congress, it manned a booth at the exhibition hall which was well-attended and served to distribute most recent ITTO publications. ITTO delivered the keynote presentation “Scaling up the Exchange between Forest Science and Business-Theme: Towards a responsible forest economy” at the Science–Business subplenary; prior to it, ITTO was interviewed by IUFRO TV on the subject. ITTO delivered the presentation “Innovations to maximize the contribution of tropical forests to sustainable development” at the Innovation Stage. The Organization also participated in the Green Jobs Arena, where it delivered the presentation “Outlook and qualifications for green jobs on sustainable forestry” which was followed by a panel discussion. In collaboration with TEAKNET and IUFRO, ITTO co-organized the side-event “Strengthening Teak Forest Management for Sustainable Teakwood Supply Chains and Trade”. Three ITTO Fellows and one project presented posters during the congress.</p> <p>19th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (New York, USA) In addition to participating in open plenary sessions, ITTO sponsored and co-hosted two side events at UNFF19. The first side event, in collaboration with the Korea Forest Service, India’s Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Portugal’s Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management (AGIF), and FAO was focused on principles and strategies for Integrated Landscape Fire Management through collaborative governance.</p> <p>The second ITTO sponsored side event explored different country experiences in certification and timber tracking to mainstream legal and sustainable</p>

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			<p>supply chains of tropical wood products for responsible production and consumption.</p> <p>27th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (Rome, Italy)</p> <p>As well as attendance at plenary, ITTO sponsored an all day Tropical Fire Experts Meeting as a satellite event of COFO, in collaboration with FAO, to review the first update/revision of the ITTO fire guidelines. ITTO participated in the Global Fire Hub's side event as part of a panel addressing integration of Indigenous Peoples' fire management practices with scientific knowledge.</p> <p>ITTO is also a long standing member of the FRA Advisory Group, which held a meeting during COFO27. Items discussed included FRA's work in seeking greater clarity/perspectives on the definitions for 'primary forest' per forest biomes, and 'forest degradation'.</p> <p>CBD CoP16 (Cali, Colombia)</p> <p>As of the writing of this report, ITTO plans to participate in different CBD COP16 proceedings, including in the Biodiversity Capacity Building and Development Forum (19 Oct) and as co-lead with FAO on the Sustainable Forest Based Economy' Session during the Forest and Water Day (25 Oct) at the SDG Pavilion. ITTO contributed toward covering the translation costs for Forest and Water Day.</p> <p>UNFCCC CoP29 (Baku, Azerbaijan)</p> <p>As of the writing of this report, ITTO plans to actively participate in UNFCCC CoP29, including hosting a side event with Japan's Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI) on 'Innovations to Maximize Tropical Forest's Contribution to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation'. Along with FFPRI and the Japan Forestry Agency, ITTO will co-host a session at the Japanese Pavilion focused on how rehabilitation and restoration and SFM contribute as nature-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation. ITTO will also showcasing</p>

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			<p>recent publications in a shared booth with CIFOR, IUFRO, and ICRAF in Baku.</p> <p>In addition, ITTO financially contributed toward the Forest Pavilion at CoP29 and will co-lead the Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy for Climate change mitigation and adaptation Day at the Pavilion with FAO and Japan.</p> <p>Collaboration with AFoCO AFoCO and ITTO continued to explore opportunities for further collaboration during 2023-24, including developing a draft concept note for a new joint ITTO-AFoCo Joint Programme: “Advancing Nature Based Climate Solutions through Sustainable Community Based Timber and Forestry Based Enterprises” which will be introduced to Council at ITTC LX for consideration. ITTO also plans on participating in the Mekong-Korea Forest Fire Symposium (MKFF Symposium) (Nov 2024), a platform for an ASEAN-wide discussion on the matter of forest fire management in the region developed under a regional project approved by the ASEAN Working Group (AWG) on Forest Management and AWG on Social Forestry.</p>
<p>11. Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM</p>	<p>This work has been facilitated by similar activities under previous BWPs and will continue in 2024-25. Remaining funds from previous activities together with any new pledges will continue and expand on the work undertaken to date.</p> <p>Funds will be used to allow the Secretariat to participate in international C&I related meetings/discussions/initiatives, including the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest Reporting, initiatives to take advantage of synergies between ITTO and FAO forest reporting (FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$25,000 Year 2025–US\$25,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant meetings attended • collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$25,000 Year 2025 US\$25,000</p> <p>Though no funding was pledged for this activity, ITTO attended the FRA Advisory Group meeting on the sidelines of the 27th Session of COFO. Items discussed included FRA’s work in seeking greater seeking greater clarity/perspectives on the definitions for ‘primary forest’ per forest biomes, and ‘forest degradation’.</p>

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

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12.ITTO communication strategy	Implement various elements of the ITTO communication strategy presented to the Council at its 57th session. Estimated cost: US\$340,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2024–US\$170,000 Year 2025–US\$170,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions aimed at enhancing the branding and outreach of ITTO, elevating its role in the forest dialogue and providing essential thought leadership on policies and practices for sustainable development through SFM 	Funding pledged: US\$25,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$145,000 Year 2025 US\$170,000 The Council welcomed the draft communication strategy (presented to the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16)) as an ambitious plan to improve ITTO's visibility and messaging and support its fundraising efforts, noting that additional resources would be needed for its implementation. At the time of preparation of this report, no funds have been pledged for its implementation. Nonetheless, outreach efforts have been strengthened in 2024, especially around international days; speaking engagements at international fora and in Japan; social media presence; placement of ITTO articles in external publications; and referrals to ITTO in other media outlets as described under activity 14.
13.ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Regular work. Estimated cost: US\$390,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$195,000 Year 2025–US\$195,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to four TFU issues per year published in three ITTO working languages 	Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs The TFU is distributed in hardcopy to about 14 000 individuals and organizations in more than 160 countries and is also available on the ITTO website and via the TFU app (which can be obtained from the App Store and Google Play). At the time of preparation of this report, two editions of the TFU were published in 2024 with production for a third issue to start soon.
14.Public relations, education and outreach	Regular work. Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches a wide audience by conducting: (a) Communication activities: Undertaking regular communication and outreach activities including, inter alia, managing the ITTO website (e.g. postings, and improvements in functionality and appearance); publishing and disseminating ITTO reports and publications (e.g. annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, TFU articles, news stories and events); producing and disseminating public relations materials (e.g. brochures, calendars, infographics,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular website and social media posts on the work of the Organization • Up to two new policy/technical series documents published and disseminated • Up to 8 TFU issues widely distributed • Up to 10 issues of Tropical Forest News newsletter 	Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs <u>ITTO website:</u> The ITTO website has been updated regularly during the reporting period, with a wide-range of information on ITTO's work, including news; calls for proposals; information for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees; publications, including the TFU and the Policy Development and Technical

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	<p>pamphlets, posters, videos and photographic images) to convey the work of the Organization; and other ad hoc initiatives, including in collaboration with other partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$450,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$225,000 Year 2025–US\$225,000</p>	<p>widely distributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New videos, posters, and pamphlets published • Two annual reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced 	<p>series; the statistical database; the Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation; the Market Information Service; information on the ITTO Fellowship Programme; vacancies; forthcoming events; project work (with a comprehensive search engine); a photo gallery; and quick links to various areas of the site.</p> <p><u>Social media:</u></p> <p>ITTO has a longstanding presence across major social media platforms with regular postings and updates highlighting the Organization's work. At the time of preparation of this report, there were over 7,600 followers on Facebook, 1,164 on Instagram, 2,303 on LinkedIn, 1,100 on X and 1,160 on YouTube.</p> <p><u>Videos:</u></p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, a total of 147 videos were available on ITTO's YouTube channel, showing various aspects of the Organization's work.</p> <p><u>Promotional materials:</u></p> <p>Promotional materials including branded eco-bags, , badges, coasters, brochures, flyers and posters have been produced or reprinted and widely distributed at various fora in Japan and overseas. At the time of preparation of this report a new brochure on the ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative was printed and distributed at CBD COP 16, the 2025 edition of the ITTO calendar was under production. The monthly e-newsletter <i>Tropical Forest News</i> is distributed to around 2,700 subscribers.</p> <p><u>Annual report and project/activity reports:</u></p> <p><u>ITTO and United Nations University published the report <i>Advancing Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics: Experiences and Lessons for Socio-</i></u></p>

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			<p><i>Ecological Resilience and Empowerment of Women in ITTO Projects</i> in January 2024. The policy brief <i>Encouraging greater domestic use of legal and sustainable tropical wood</i> was also published in January 2024. At the time of preparation of this report a new Technical Series publication and the ITTO annual report 2023 were under production.</p> <p>ITTO Technical Series No. 52 “Tropical Timber Trends” was released in October 2024.</p> <p><u>Public relations, media, referrals:</u></p> <p>ITTO placed articles in renowned international publications, including FAO’s <i>State of the World’s Forests 2024</i>, <i>A Better World</i> and <i>International Forestry Review</i>. ITTO’s work has also been reference in external media outlets, noteworthy examples include <i>The Macau Daily</i>, <i>The Star</i>, <i>Seikyo</i> newspaper, <i>IUFRO TV</i>, <i>PEFC International</i>, <i>ATIBT</i> newsletters, X account of Japan’s Forestry Agency, <i>wildlifeday.org</i>, and <i>nature.com</i>.</p>
	<p>(b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora): Exhibiting the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium [e.g. IUFRO World Congress; CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs; sessions of UNFF; COFO’s], and other fora not covered under other BWP activities.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$90,000 Year 2025–US\$90,000</p>	<p>Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>ITTO had an active participation at the Global Policy Dialogue Advancing Sustainable Wood Policy and Science for Carbon-neutral and Resilient Economies held in FAO’s headquarters as part of the celebrations for the International Day of Forests 2024; two side-events at the 19th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF19); a keynote message at the Symposium “Conserving the Lungs of the Earth: Understanding the Current State, Challenges and Conservation Strategies of the World’s Three Major Tropical Forests”; a presentation and a both at Carrefour International de Bois; participation and a workshop at the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the Congo Basin Forest Partnership; several presentations, a technical session and a booth at the XXVI IUFRO World Congress; participation and a side event at FAO’s 27th Session of the Committee</p>

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			<p>on Forestry (COFO); presentation at the 10th Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference (10th PRWAC), ITTO coo-organized a session as part of the Forest and Water Day at CBD COP 16; manned a booth at the 13th Asia Smart City Conference.</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, ITTO have planned its participation at the Forest Pavilion during the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29), in addition to co-organizing an official side-event, a seminar at the Japanese pavilion and a presentation at the Indonesian pavilion.</p>
	<p>(c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2024–US\$25,000 Year 2025–US\$25,000</p>	<p>Comprehensive Japanese language coverage of ITTO's work on the ITTO website and other media</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$23,173 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$1,827 Year 2025 US\$25,000</p> <p>The Japanese edition of ITTO's website has been regularly updated with a wide-range of information on ITTO's work, including news; calls for proposals; information for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees; publications, including the TFU and the Policy Development and Technical series; the statistical database; the Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation; the Market Information Service; information on the ITTO Fellowship Programme; vacancies; forthcoming events; project work; and quick links to various areas of the site.</p> <p>The latest ITTO policy briefs have been translated into Japanese.</p> <p>High-level meetings and courtesy calls were held with JICA's President and Soka Gakkai's President, among others.</p> <p>Social media posts in Japanese continue to be regularly published via ITTO's X account providing updates on ITTO's work.</p> <p>Lectures in Japan continued to various schools and universities, including Ushikubo elementary school,</p>

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			<p>Yokohama Science Frontier High School, Americayama Garden Academy elementary school, and to YOKE's interns. ITTO has upcoming lecture engagements before the end of 2024, at Soka and Tsukuba Universities.</p> <p>ITTO participated and/or held booths at the Multicultural Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals, Mirai Action Festa, Yokohama Biodiversity Festival and Global Festa.</p> <p>Details are available on ITTO website (www.itto.int/ja/activities_in_japan/).</p>

GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
15. Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	<p>Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$40,000 Year 2025–US\$40,000</p>	<p>At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US \$20,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$20,000 Year 2025 US\$40,000</p> <p>Travel assistance has been provided to TAG and CSAG to participate in ITTC 60. The Trade & Markets Day on 3 Dec 2024 will feature a CSAG panel and the Market Discussion coordinated by TAG.</p>
16. ITTO Annual Market Discussion	<p>Regular work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>	<p>ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2024 and 2025</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>The Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2024 on the theme 'Production and Trade - Rising Costs and Weakening Demand' in conjunction with the Sixtieth Session of ITTC in Yokohama, Japan from 2 to 6 December 2024.</p>
17. Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	<p>Regular work. Convene the meetings of the Expert Panel.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$220,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$110,000 Year 2025–US\$110,000</p>	<p>Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2024 and 2025</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Due to the low number of proposals, the Fifty-ninth Expert Panel was conducted as a virtual review. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-59].</p>
18. ITTO Fellowship Programme	<p>Regular work. The objective of the Fellowship Programme is to develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines, with a view to promoting sustainable management of tropical forests, efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$200,000 Year 2025–US\$200,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-40 fellowships awarded in 2024 and 2025 • Fellowship alumni network maintained 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$83,706 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$116,294 Year 2025 US\$ 200,000.00</p> <p>The Fellowship Selection Panel will be conducted electronically prior to the Sixtieth Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2024 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC(LX)/7) including the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, will be presented to the Council as part of the presentation of the BWP progress report. This activity is expected to continue into 2025 and beyond.</p>

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19. ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$500,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$250,000 Year 2025–US\$250,000</p>	Twenty-three (23) Tropical Timber Market Reports published annually in 2024 and 2025)	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) are scheduled to be published in 2024 and are planned for 2025. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers.</p>
20. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	<p>Regular work. The Secretariat will undertake activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$20,000 Year 2025–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in two meetings of the Intersecretariat Working Group • Updating and refinement of JFSQ 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>In Feb. 2024, the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) was held in Geneva during which ITTO and partners Organizations could update definitions of certain wood products and also implemented new products inside the JFSQ. The next round of the WCO inclusion of new forest products in the Harmonized System was also discussed and planned.</p> <p>One of the major issues discussed during the meeting was the harmonization of the data among the different statistical databases which has been an ongoing work.</p> <p>The next IWGFS will be held in Rome in January 2025.</p> <p>The online data reporting the production and trade of primary and secondary wood products was released on August 2024 in the online statistical database. The next release which will contain the data from the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber 2023-2024 will be released on July 2025.</p> <p>The Activity 20 also financially supported two studies along with some funding from Activity 21. These two studies are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A long-term study on the production and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products in the world since 1990. This study will be released on the website in the Technical Series section as

Part 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

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22. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2024-2025. ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reviewed at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2024 – 2025 under Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LX)/6].
23. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027. [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027 considered at the Sixty-first Session of the Council in 2025 	The draft BWP 2026-2027 will be presented to the Council at the Sixty-first Session in 2025.
24. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Sixtieth Session of the Council and advise on eligibility for funding out of Sub-account B.
25. Make allocations from unearmarked funds available in the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Special Account to fund implementation of eligible approved actions, projects and pre-projects. ITTA, 2006, Article 21; [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations made at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Sixtieth Session of the Council to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.
26. Decide on project work, including financing, taking into account the recommendations made by the Committees on project proposals and on-going and completed approved projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council at its Sixtieth Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.
27. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmatic approach and the four programme lines during the pilot phase period. [ITTC Decision 8(LV)]	The Secretariat will update Council on the implementation of the pilot phase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Report to be considered at the Sixtieth Session of the Council in 2024 	Progress on the implementation of the Programmatic Approach under both Decisions and the four Programme Lines will be reported to Council under Item 16 of the Provisional Agenda. In accordance with Decision 8(LVII) the review/evaluation of the pilot phase 2020-2022 has been postponed until at least 2023. In accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Board at ITTC 58, the review has been conducted in 2024 and will be reported to ITTC 60.

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28. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)] [ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress (if any) considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	As informed to the 56 th ITTC, in the absence of any new pledges to the Thematic Programmes and given that all funded projects have been reported completed, there is nothing to report under this Activity.
29. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). [ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will receive the Report of the 38 th IAG under Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LX)/2].
30. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Committees presented at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 18 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
31. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). [ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 18 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations on selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
32. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. ITTA, 2006, Article 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, including through the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.
33. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider the ex-post evaluation reports of one thematic group evaluation in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Fifty-eighth Session of the Joint Committees under Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC-JC(LVIII)/1].
34. Review the independent audited statements for the 2023 and 2024 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. ITTA, 2006, Article 23]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of independent auditors disseminated to members and summaries published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2024 and 2025 	The report of the independent auditors on the 2023 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Thirty-ninth Session, [Document CFA(XXXIX)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.
35. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposal for the 2024-2025 biennium. ITTA, 2006, Article 19(4)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget proposal for the 2024-2025 biennium will be included in the Thirty-ninth CFA Report to be presented at the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council in 2023 	The Council approved the Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2024 and 2025 at the 59 th ITTC in Pattaya, Thailand. The Biennial Administrative Budget for the financial years 2026 and 2027 will be presented to the 61 st ITTC for consideration and approval.

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36. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. ITTA, 2006, Article 19(5)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2023 and 2024 presented at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 • Meetings and reports of the investment oversight panel as appropriate 	The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Thirty-ninth Session as part of the regular work.
37. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work program, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it. ITTA, 2006, Article 24(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 presented at the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council in 2023 	The CFA will conduct a review at its Thirty-ninth Session as part of the regular work.

Annex I

Activity relevance and responsible body

Activity		ITTA/ITTC	ITTO SAP	UNSPF	Programme Line	Responsible Body
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES						
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2, SP4	GFG2, GFG5	PL 1	Council, CEM
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	CEM/CFI (L)/4; Report item 9 (IV) and (v); Annex C	SP2	GFG-6	PL 1	Council, CEM, CFI
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)	SP1, SP2	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1, PL 3	CRF
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Article 15; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)	SP2, SP3	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	PL 1, PL 2	Council
5	Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6	PL 1	Council/CRF
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Article 28(5)	SP4	GFG6	PL 1	CEM
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)	SP3	GFG1, GFG6	PL 2, PL 4	CRF
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK						
8	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Decision 2(L)	Crosscutting Strategy 4	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Decisions 7(LV)	SP3	GFG1, GFG6	PL 2, PL 3	CRF
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	Decision 2(L)	Crosscutting Strategy 4	GFG1, GFG2	PL 3	CRF
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES						
9	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)	SP3	GFG3, GFG4	PL 2, PL 3	Council/CRF
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP1 – SP4	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council

11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1, SP4	GFG5, GFG6	Crosscutting	Council, CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK						
12	ITTO communication strategy	Article 1	Crosscutting strategy 2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Articles 27, 28	Crosscutting strategy 2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
14	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Article 1	Crosscutting strategy 2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)					
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese					
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK						
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	Crosscutting	GFG6	NA	Council
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP4	GFG6	NA	Joint Committees
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	Crosscutting	GFG1 - GFG6	Crosscutting	Council and Committees
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	Crosscutting	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP4	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1, PL 4	CEM
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Article 27	SP4	GFG6	PL 1	CEM
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Article 28	SP4	GFG6	PL 1	Council

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP)

SP 1	Governance and investment
SP 2	Economies and tropical timber trade
SP 3	Resilience, restoration and conservation
SP 4	Statistics and information
Crosscutting Strategy	
1	Help build capacity in member countries to advance the SAP 2022-2026
2	Enhance ITTO's operational effectiveness
3	Promote integration of the tropical forest sector in COVID-19 recovery plans, measures and investments
4	Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

GFG 1	Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and enhance the contribution of forests to climate change
GFG 2	Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people
GFG 3	Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests
GFG 4	Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific, technical and technological cooperation and partnerships
GFG 5	Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
GFG 6	Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

ITTO Programme Lines (PL)

PL 1	Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
PL 2	Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
PL 3	Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
PL 4	Emerging Issues and Innovation