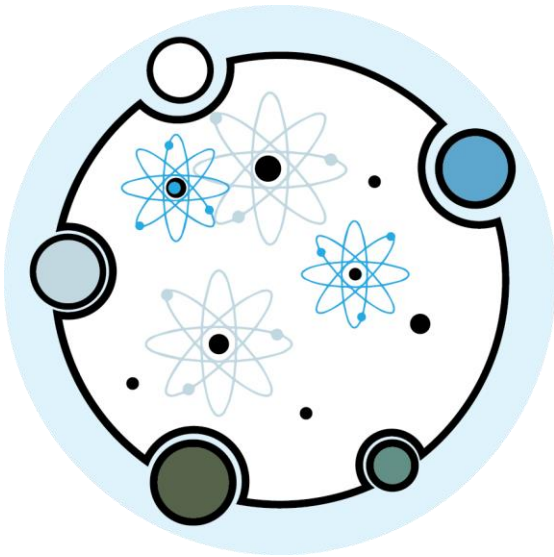




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Renewal of the International Tropical Timber Agreement

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Consultancy Scope

“To assist the ITTA 2006 Preparatory Working Group (PWG) and the Secretariat in the identification of elements to consider for future renegotiation of the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA)”

- Review previous Decisions and documentation
- Review ITTA Member Survey 2023 responses
- Consider previous consultancy content/surveys
- Add supplemental, related research context

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Food Aid Convention [FAC]

Previously named:

Food Assistance Committee of the
International Grains Agreement

Website: foodassistanceconvention.org

Past Treaty Iterations: 1967, 1991, 1995

Headquarters: London, England (UK)

Commodity: Emergency Food Parcels (Grain)

Membership Structure: 16 Nations
(Committee), Presumed to be EXPORTERS

*Ref: Article 3: Paragraphs (a,b,c,d,i,j), Article 4:
Paragraph b (i-iii), Article 5: Paragraph a (i-iii)*

Organisation Mission:

1. Secure ≥ 10 million tonnes of food aid / calendar year or equivalent CASH amount in grain for human consumption
2. Promote intergovernmental cooperation towards the eradication of world hunger and alleviation of food insecurity among most vulnerable populations and in alignment with agricultural development in those countries
3. Enhance capacity of emergency food response through a framework wherein efficient trade of information and trade capital may improve synchronism between food aid operations and policy instruments

*Ref: Preamble AND Article I: Paragraphs
(a,b,c,d)*

Representation of Power:

1. All decisions are made by the committee (16 member nations) with no discernment of EXPORT vs. IMPORT identify.
2. All decisions made by the committee are reached by way of consensus.
3. Presence of delegate nations at mandatory sessions must represent two thirds (66%) of the membership of the commitment in order to meet quorum.
4. There is no discrete voting protocol

*Ref: Articles XV (P a,b,c), XVI (P b), XVIII (P
a,b,c,d), XIX (P a, b) and XX (P b).*

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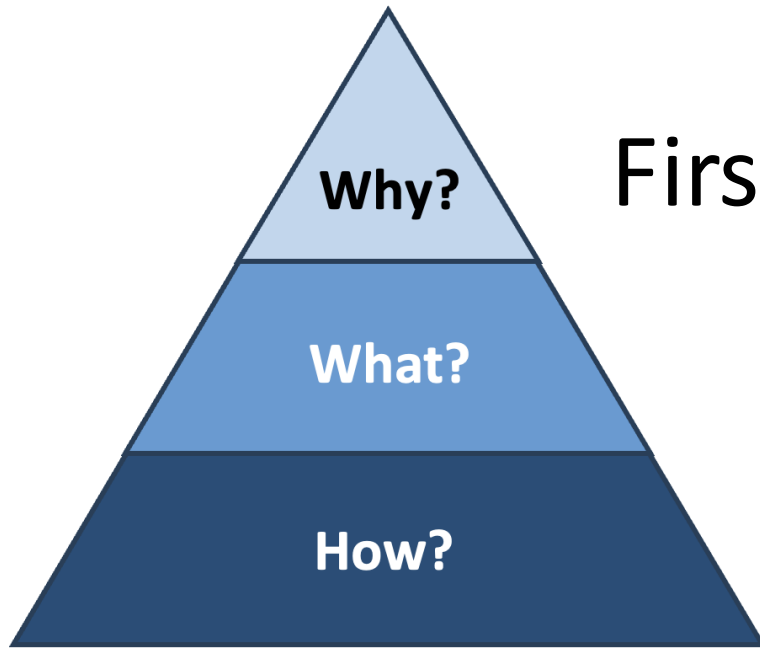
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Why? – What? – How?



First 0-15% of the Process

Middle 15-40%

Final 60%

- How should we structure to deliver current/future goals?
- How do we decide (voting) between imperfect options?



“Why?” – ITTA 202X

Example – “ITTO is the best organisation to serve communities, ecosystems, and markets by supporting sustainable trade of tropical forest assets.”



Member Survey 2023

Producers

Criteria	Yes	No
Question 1 - Agreement to Extention ?	15	6
Question 2 - Changes needed ?	11	10
Question 2a - OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE	13	8
Question 2b - GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (Art. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)	15	6
Question 2c - MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE (Art. 4, 5)	16	5
Question 2d - VOTING PROCEDURES (Art. 11)	14	7
Question 2e - FUNDING (Art. 18-23)	13	8
Question 2f - POLICY WORK, OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES (Art. 24-26)	17	4
Question 2g - PROJECTS ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION (Art. 25)	9	12
Question 2h - COMMITTEES AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Art. 26)	16	5

Consumers

Criteria	Yes	No
Question 1 - Agreement to Extention ?	32	1
Question 2 - Changes needed ?	32	1
Question 2a - OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE	2	31
Question 2b - GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (Art. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)	30	3
Question 2c - MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE (Art. 4, 5)	1	32
Question 2d - VOTING PROCEDURES (Art. 11)	2	31
Question 2e - FUNDING (Art. 18-23)	33	0
Question 2f - POLICY WORK, OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES (Art. 24-26)	3	30
Question 2g - PROJECTS ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION (Art. 25)	2	31
Question 2h - COMMITTEES AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Art. 26)	3	30

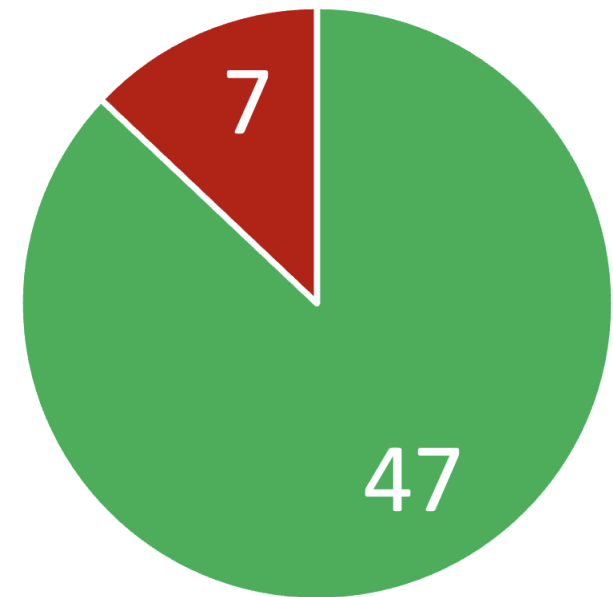
*EU's reply is counted as 27



Structural Themes

Question – “Please state if you agree to a further extension of the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) 2006 from December 2026 until December 2029”

Member Responses - Agreement to Extension to 2029



■ To Extend ■ Not to Extend

“**Remove the distinction** between producers and consumers in membership qualifications,” – Internal ITTO Member

“Current objectives are too much inclined towards wood production and **too dependent on the distinction** between producers and consumers.” – Internal ITTO Member

“Revise Article 9 by **removing distinction** between producers and consumers” – Internal ITTO Member

“The current consumer-producer divide creates an **inefficient dynamic**. While this may be appropriate for apportioning some financial responsibilities and member roles, it is **ineffective at encouraging cooperation** and addressing many contemporary forests issues.” – Internal ITTO Member

“We believe that the **division** between producers on the one side and consumers on the other side is **outdated and does not reflect the changes in this landscape** (i.e. some members are both producers and consumers). As well as it is **creating a polarized dynamic** by design.” – Internal ITTO Member

“**Overcome the divide** between producer and consumer countries which in a ‘one world’ **concept is outdated**.” – External (CPF) Stakeholder



Recommendations

Extension – Extend the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) 2006 from December 2026 until December 2029

Membership – Include discussions in the renegotiation process to explore options for alternate/unified membership structures



Forests (Flow/Trade and Assets)



People (Industry, Indigenous)



Climate (Carbon, Biodiversity)



Finance (Fees, Contributions)

No.	Country	Question 1: Agreement to Extension?		Question 2: Changes needed?		Question 3: Objectives and Scope		Question 4: Governance Structure (Art. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10)		Question 5: Membership Structure (Art. 4, 6)		Question 6: Voting Procedures (Art. 11)		Question 7: Funding (Art. 24-26)		Question 8: Policy Work, Operations & Activities (Art. 24-26)		Question 9: Project Activities of the Organization (Art. 25)		Question 10: Committees and Subsidiary Bodies (Art. 26)		Question 11: Comments		Question 12: Comments	
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(Flow/
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'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

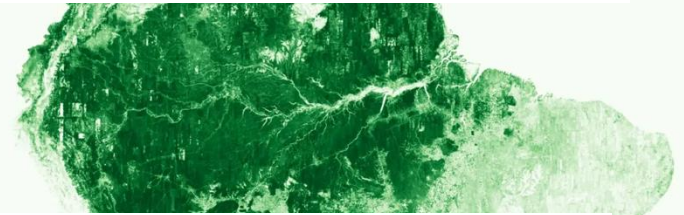
ASSET FLOWS

APRIL 22

Using ~~satellite imagery~~
Map the Earth's Forests

JAMIE TOLAN, CAMILLE COUPRIE, JOHN BRANDT, JUSTINE SPORE, TOBIAS
TIECKE, TRACY JOHNS, PATRICK NEASE

SHARE



'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

ASSET ACCOUNTING

Old Technology

10-30m²

New Technology

1m² (One *Tree*)

‘What’ Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

INDUSTRY LABOUR

‘What’ Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP

Denmark will plant 1 billion trees and

'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

CARBON CAPTURE



'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

BIODIVERSITY



Denmark's Minister for the Green Tripartite Jeppe Bruus, center, and members of the coalition present a political agreement on the so-called green tripartite deal at the ministry in Copenhagen, Denmark, Monday, Nov. 18, 2024. (Ida Marie Odgaard/Ritzau Scanpix via AP)

'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

MEMBERSHIP FEES

'What' Should Be Included in ITTA 202X

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION



“What?” – ITTA 202X

Forest

*Flow
and
Capital*

People

*Industry
and
Indigenous*

Climate

*Carbon
and
Biodiversity*

Finance

*Assessed
and
Voluntary*

“Example – ITTO will consider not just import/export volumes of tropical timber in its governance, policy, membership, and decision-making, but also additional appropriate variables of Natural Capital, People, Climate, and Financing.”



‘Fundamental Changes’

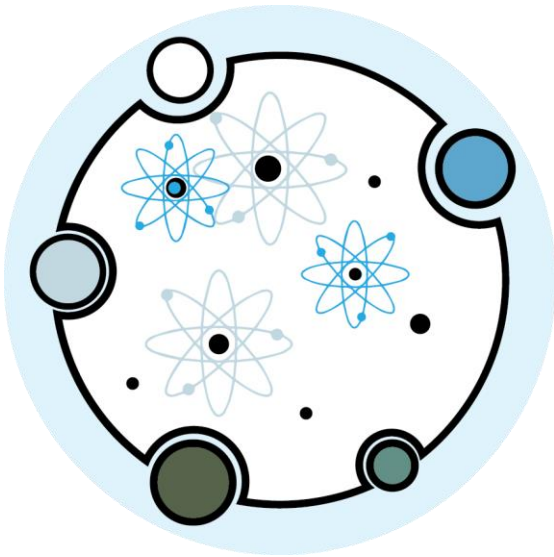
In the 2023 Members Survey,

“[A]round 98% of the responses are saying “we need important and fundamental changes.”

*Background Paper for the Decision 4(LVII)
Working Group on Extension of the
International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) 2006
Page 36, 3.2.A*



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