

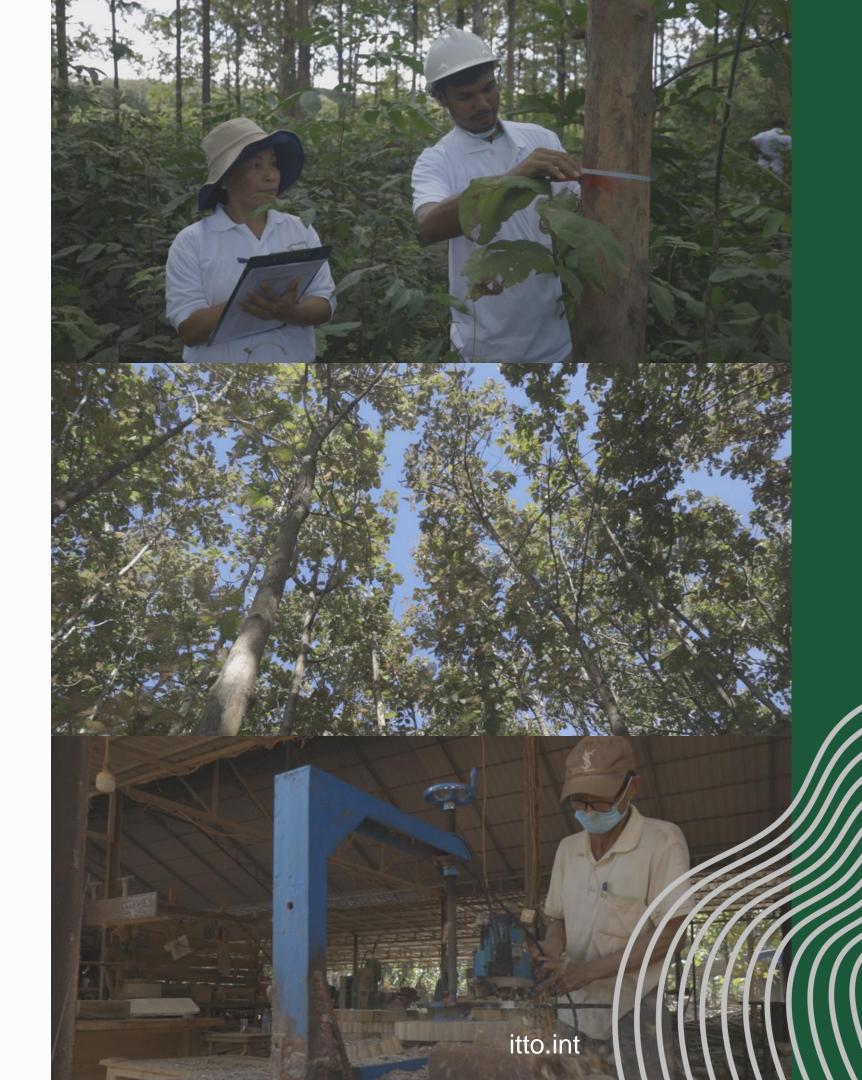
Matters related to Article 15 of the ITTA 2006 on cooperation and coordination with other organizations

Decision 7(LVII)

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60th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council

2-6 December 2024 | Yokohama, Japan



# ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER BODIES CALLED FOR BY DECISIONS 8(LV) AND 4(LVI)

#### **ITEM**

- Engage on GEF Activities/Projects
  - GEF discussions/projects
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)
- Work in progress on operationalizing MoUs with: CBD, AFoCO, JICA, UNCCD, UNFF
- MoU to be renewed: IGES

Contact with select Members

Potential new MoUs: UNU & RESTEC

**DESCRIPTION** 

through 2024 on including ITTO in

- Formal accreditation to the GCF
- ITTO was officially accredited by GCF in March 2024
- Onboarding process ongoing, work in progress on financing submission

STATUS

**ONGOING** 

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COMPLETED



## IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER DECISIONS



### 7(LVII) Article 15 of the ITTA

Further pursue measures in international and regional organizations for 2022-23.



UNCCD, AFoCO, JICA, UNFF, FAO, GEF, GCF, CITES, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, UNEP, COMIFAC, APEC, ADB, Japanese authorities, etc.

Engagement with the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) on potential projects.

Engagement with the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) on potential project partnership under CAFI funding.



**ONGOING** 



# ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER BODIES

• ITTO diligently continues its close collaboration with ALL partners, such as the members of the CPF collectively and individually, and others.

• Examples: FAO, UNFF, CITES, CIFOR-ICRAF, AFoCO, IGES and many

• Secretariat continues efforts to grow the TAG and CSAG participation in the ITTO's work where BOTH need funding contributions to advance their work.

 The establishment of a Youth Group - based on the optimization of the Fellowship Programme Awardees and incorporating other youth organizations – custodians of the future!



## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN

- ITTO is dedicated to *impactful outreach* initiatives that promote sustainable forestry, biodiversity conservation, and environmental education.
- Aim to enhance *future generations* understanding regarding the importance of forests and the environment.
- ITTO has consistently supported Japan's *sustainable development and environmental education* efforts.
- Foster *partnerships* with local institutions, universities, and international stakeholders to achieve shared goals.





# **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

Multicultural Forum on SDGs Highlighted ITTO's role in achieving the SDGs in Yokohama.

17 FEB

Ushikubo Elementary School Engaged students on the importance of tropical forests. Mirai Action Fest: Focused on youth engagement for nuclear disarmament and climate action.

Yokohama Biodiversity
Festival: Conducted 2
origami workshops linking
art and conservation
31 AUG

Origami Workshop at
Zoorasia: Launched an
origami book in cooperation
with the City of Yokohama
and local partners
19 OCT

Yokohama University - Interns Introduced sustainable forestry practices to inspire future leaders.

**14 MAR** 

**20 FEB** 

Yokohama Science
Frontier High School:
Explored the intersection of forestry and SDGs.

19 MAR

**24 MAR** 

Americayama Garden
Academy: Discussed
real-world conservation
challenges and solutions.
15 AUG

Global Festa Japan
Showcased sustainable
forestry, supporting ODA's
role in global peace and
collaboration. 28-29 SEP





# CONFERENCES, STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS; AND SPECIALIZED CONTRIBUTIONS:

### 13th Asia Smart City Conference

(23–24 October 2024): Provided insights on integrating forestry with urban planning to 2,000 participants.

#### Virtual Lecture for JICA Training Program

(5 November 2024): Conducted lecture on "Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Governance in the Tropics."

## Symposium on Tropical Forest Conservation

(20 May 2024): Addressed challenges in Brazil, the Congo, and Indonesia, coorganized with JICA.

#### **Training Programme with JICA**

(23 May 2024): Lecture for the DRC's High-level Officials, led by JICA officers, on ITTO global policies promoting sustainable forest management (SFM) good practices.

#### Panel Discussion at the Indian Embassy, Japan

(21 March 2024): Participated as a panelist on "Application of Geo-Spatial Technology in Forestry" during the International Day of Forests.

## Peace Lecture at Soka University

(8 November 2024): Delivered lecture on "Sustainable Tropical Forestry for Inclusivity, Resilience, and Sustainable Development."

#### Virtual Lecture at Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference

(10 September 2024): Delivered lecture on "Sustainable Forest Management of Tropical Forests and the Role of Wood Science."

## 10th Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference

(10–14 September 2024): Presented ITTO's initiatives on sustainable forestry and wood science.











