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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL
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Progress Report on the Implementation of the Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025

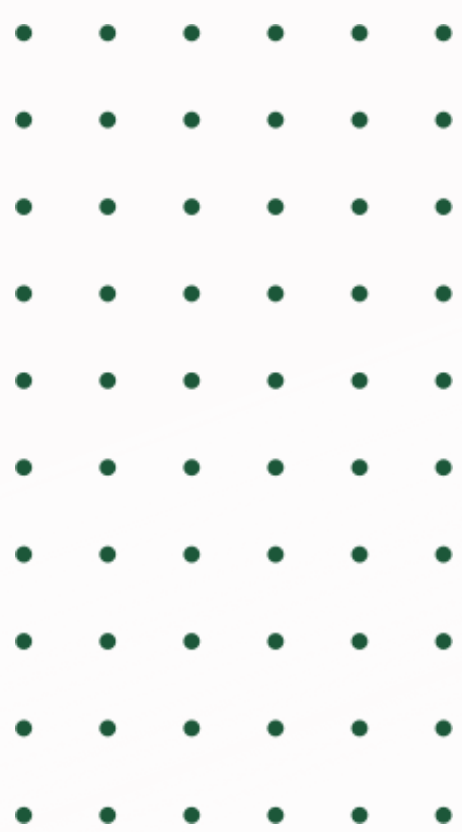
Decisions 9(XXXIV) and 3(LIX)

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BWP 2024-2025



Adopted under Decision 3(LIX), 37 activities

- Part One: 21 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget or other sources

Funding sought: USD 7 009 585 (voluntary contributions)
 USD 2 000,000 (approved core budget)

 USD 9 009 585

- Part Two: 16 administrative & financial activities
 not requiring financing

*one additional activity, secondment of a Programme Officer
from the Government of Korea, fully financed by KFS*



PLEDGES TO THE BWP 2024 - 2025

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Year	\$ sought	\$ pledged
2024	USD 3 409 639	USD 2 820 374
2025	USD 3 599 946	USD 2 363 530
TOTAL	USD 7 009 585	USD 5 183 940



FINANCING STATUS OF ACTIVITIES

GROUP 1: FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES		STATUS	PLEDGES (USD)
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	5182
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



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GROUP 4: COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK

- 12 ITTO communication strategy
- 13 ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)
- 14 a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)
b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)
c) Translation of ITTO website/relevant PR materials into Japanese

STATUS	PLEDGES (USD)
Partial	25 000
Partial	Core
Partial	Core
Partial	Core
Partial	23 173

GROUP 5: ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

- 15 Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement
- 16 ITTO Annual Market Discussion
- 17 Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals
- 18 ITTO Fellowship Programme
- 19 ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)
- 20 Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics
- 21 Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation

Partial	20,000
Partial	Core
Partial	Core
Partial	83,706
Partial	Core
Partial	Core
Partial	Core

BWP PLEDGES BY DONOR

MEMBERS	USD	NON-MEMBERS	USD
Germany	1 413 449	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)	3 069 623
USA	370 000	Soka Gakkai	139 340
Japan	136 855	Dr Hwan Ok Ma	10 000
Canada	36 987	Kisso-an	2 194
Australia	5 456		
Subtotal (a)	1 962 747	Subtotal (b)	3 221 157
		TOTAL (a+b)	5 183 904

Secondment from Korea Forest Service (KFS)
*Cooperation Agreement KFS

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IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SELECTED BWP ACTIVITIES

GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains

Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber

- *ATIBT, as the executing agency, submitted the Guidelines & Recommendations and the Completion Report*

Consolidating and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform

- *2nd phase; 10 pilot countries (+3) and 260 enterprises (+100)*
- *Regular information-sharing mechanism with enterprises established*

Establishing and Testing a Simulation Platform for Cross-border Timber Traceability Based on the Blockchain Technology for Building LSSCs

- *2nd phase; Technical Report & Completion Reports received*

ITTO co-organized & participated at the 1st & 2nd Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) in 2023 & 2024, Macao SAR, China

- *Collaboration between Macao IPIM, ITTO & GGSC*



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

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

- No standalone activity organized in 2024, however substantial private sector engagement in GLSTF 2023 & 2024

Activity 3: Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and local community-established plantations (Teak Phase II)

- Thailand, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Togo, Viet Nam
- MoUs signed
- 1st PSC meeting and regional Workshop held in Sep 2024



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 4: ITTO and CITES cooperation

Continued assistance to member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species, including

- Support implementation of a use-plan and monitoring/tracking of rosewood stockpiles
- Cameroon/Univ. of Adelaide – implementation of DNA tracking and verification tests in supply chains of *Prunus africana* and *Pericopsis elata*
- Peru/Univ. of Adelaide – establish reference database of geographic origin determination (ipê and cumaru)
- Participation in CITES working groups & fora

Activity 5: Criteria & Indicators Workshops

- National C&I workshop in Trinidad & Tobago, Feb 2024
- ITTO C&I for sustainable management of African Tropical Forest published in E & F



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 6: Statistical Capacity Building Workshops

- Mesoamerica regional statistical WS with FAO in Mexico
 - 43 participants, from CR, GUA, HON, MEX, PAN), March 2024
- LA workshop planned for 2025

Activity 7: Forest fire prevention and management

- Ex-post evaluation presented under JC
- Update and revision of ITTO Fire guidelines
- Promotion of awareness and importance of fire initiatives at events



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GROUP 2 NORMATIVE WORK

Activity 8a: Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women

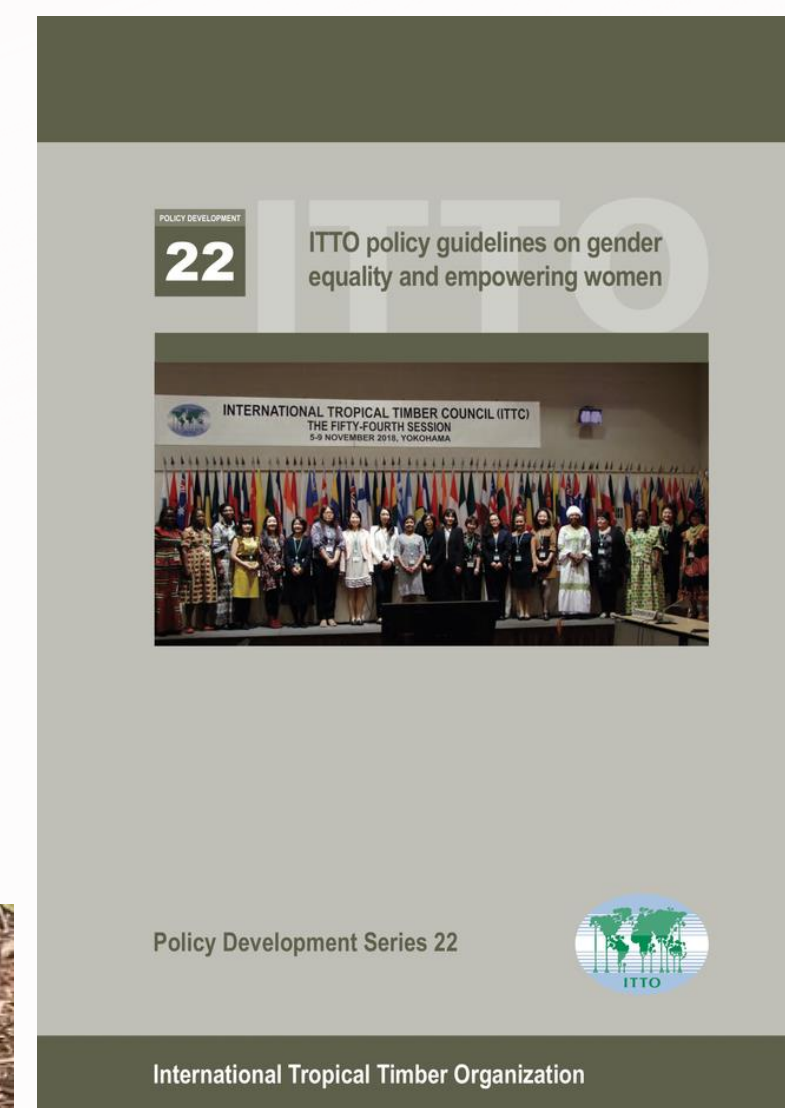
- *Guidelines incorporated project formulation process*
- *ITTO is in discussion with partners to organize an international workshop on the role of women in the forest sector*

Activity 8b: Dissemination of FLR Guidelines

- Funding sought for 2 workshops in Africa, i.e., E & F

Activity 8c: Support for women's groups in Togo

- 2 activities in Togo & in Benin reported to CRF



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GROUP 3 COLLABORATIVE WORK

Activity 9: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber producing countries

- Joint ITTO-CBD brochure distributed at COP 29 in Baku
- International Youth Conference on Biodiversity (Aug 2024)

Activity 10: Cooperation and consultation with CPF, UNFF and others

- MoU with UNCCD
- XXVI IUFRO World Congress, Stockholm, Sweden
- 19th UNFF Session, New York, USA
- 27th of FAO Committee on Forestry, Rome, Italy
- CBD CoP16, Cali, Colombia
- UNFCCC, CoP29, Baku, Azerbaijan
- AFoCO

Activity 11: Collaboration of criteria and indicators for SFM

- No funding but ITTO attended the FRA Advisory Group meeting on the sidelines of COFO27



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GROUP 4 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

Activity 12: ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU) and MIS

- 2 editions of the TFU were published in 2024 and production for a third issue is ongoing.

Activity 13: Public relations, education and outreach

- ITTO website in English, Spanish, French, and Japanese
- ITTO social media channels
- Annual report and project/activity reports
- Multimedia packages (videos, news, etc.)
- Japan: local outreach activities; posters (2 campaigns)



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GROUP 5
ANALYTICAL,
STATISTICAL AND
OTHER RECURRING
WORK

Activity 15: Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement

- CSAG Panel Discussion: 'Restoration strategies and experiences: challenges and lessons learned'

Activity 16: ITTO Annual Market Discussion

- Market Discussion 'Production and Trade: Rising Costs and Weakening Demand'

Activity 17: Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

- Reported to the Joint Committee

Activity 18: ITTO Fellowship Programme

- Fellowship Panel Report by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council

Activity 20: Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics

- ITTO online statistical database is updated regularly
- Long-term study on the production & trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products released in Sep 2024 (TS-52)
- Special study on conversion factors to be released in Jan 2025

Activity 21: Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation

- Biennial Review 2023-2024 will be published and distributed in 2025 at ITTC61



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