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## DECISION 1(LX)

### PROJECTS, PRE-PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Having considered at its Sixtieth Session the recommendations of the three Committees on Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities and the Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals for the 2024 project cycle, as contained in documents CEM-CFI(LVIII)/4, CRF(LVIII)/6 and ITTC/EP-59, respectively;

Noting that the time-bound electronic no objection procedures to approve relevant projects taking into account Expert Panel Ratings for Projects and Pre-Projects were conducted during the project cycle for 2024;

Welcoming the expression of interest by donors in several concept notes submitted under the programmatic approach and to be developed into full project proposals for future Council approval and funding, as listed in the annex to this decision;

1. Decides to:

- (i) Endorse the approval obtained through the time-bound electronic no objection procedure for the following Projects and Pre-Projects for the project cycle of 2024:

PD 936/24 Rev.1 (F)	Protection and Restoration of Forest Lands for Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, as a Climate Change Adaptation Measure to Ensure Water Supply for the Guatemalan Population (Guatemala) ITTO Budget \$496,959.10
PD 938/24 Rev.1 (F)	Sustainable Management of Production Forests Driven by Traditional Communities in the Brazilian Amazon (Brazil) ITTO Budget \$678,531
PD 940/24 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening Effective Forest Area Designation and Customary Rights in East Nusa Tenggara Province as a Precondition of Achieving Sustainable Forest Management (Indonesia) ITTO Budget \$599,555
PD 941/24 Rev.1 (F)	Capacity Building for Private and Community Tree Farmers in Relation with the Sustainable Management of Forest Plantations in Southern Benin (Benin) ITTO Budget \$537,712

- (ii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of the Projects, Pre-Project and Activities as listed in the Annex to this Decision; and
- (iii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of all the other approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities as soon as earmarked funds are available in the Special Account or in the Bali Partnership Fund Account.

2. Urges Members to consider financing those approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available,
3. Appeals to Members to make unearmarked contributions to the Thematic Programmes Account and the Special Account,
4. Further appeals to Members to also make voluntary contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund, particularly to the Sub-Account B of this Fund to finance Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities, and
5. Requests the Executive Director to continue consultations with potential donors in order to secure financing for those Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available.

**ANNEX**

**Financing during 2024 for Projects, Activities and Concept Notes**

(i) Projects:	
PD 712/13 Rev.3 (F) Phase II Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Indonesia (Indonesia) – Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$148,154] [Australia \$100,000 (Note 2)]	\$100,000.00
PD 808/16 Rev.5 (F) Phase II Conservation of African Barwood (Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities (Côte d'Ivoire) [Japan \$246,488 (Notes 4 & 5)]	\$246,488.00
PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Phase II Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo (Togo) – Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$232,624] [USA \$50,000 (Note 4)]	\$50,000.00
PD 912/20 Rev.3 (I) Phase II Strengthening Technical and Business Management in the Timber Forest Industry of Peru (Peru) [Korea \$60,000 (Note 2)]	\$60,000.00
PD 933/23 Rev.2 (M) Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India [Japan \$296,000 (Note 2)]	\$296,000.00
PD 935/23 Rev.1 (I) (CN-23025) Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia [Korea \$19,032 (Note 2)]	\$19,032.00
(ii) Activities approved through Decision 2(LIX) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2024-2025:	
PP-A/53-323K Co-hosting the Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$75,000 (Note 2)]	\$75,000.00
PP-A/53-323L Enhancing and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform for Promoting the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains – Phase III (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$1,140,215 (Note 1)]	\$1,140,215.00
PP-A/53-323M Upgrading the Platform of Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) and Conducting Application Tests in Practical Operation Scenarios of Legal and Sustainable Timber Traceability – Phase III (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$325,353 (Note 1)]	\$325,353.00

PP-A/59-357 Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/due care training (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 2 [USA \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$25,000.00
PP-A/52-320 Enhance Cooperation between ITTO and CITES (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 4) [USA \$50,000 (Note 4)]	\$50,000.00
PP-A/60-373 Criteria and Indicators Workshops (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 5) [Japan \$5,181.90 (Note 3), USA \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$30,181.90
PP-A/59-358 Statistical capacity building workshops (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 6) [Canada \$18,493.73 (Note 2), Japan \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$38,493.73
PP-A/59-359 Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 7) [USA \$30,000 (Note 4)]	\$30,000.00
PP-A/59-360 Operationalizing the ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 8(a)) [USA \$50,000 (Note 4)]	\$50,000.00
PP-A/59-361 Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 8(b)) [USA \$20,000 (Note 4)]	\$20,000.00
PP-A/56-341C Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Benin (Phase I) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 8(c)) [Soka Gakkai \$64,180.73 (Note 1)]	\$64,180.73
PP-A/59-362 Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical production forests (ITTO and CBD) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 9) [Japan \$60,000 (Notes 3 & 4), Canada \$18,493.72 (Note 2)]	\$78,493.72
PP-A/59-363 Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 10) [USA \$10,000 (Note 4)]	\$10,000.00
PP-A/59-364 ITTO communication strategy (ENB 2025) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 12) [USA \$25,000 (Note 4)]	\$25,000.00

PP-A/59-365	\$25,000.00
Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 14 (c)) [Japan \$25,000 (Note 4)]	
PP-A/59-366	\$20,000.00
Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 15) [USA \$20,000 (Note 4)]	
PP-A/52-319	\$193,818.74
ITTO Fellowship Programme (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 18) [Kisso-an (Private) \$2,193.47 (Note 2), Japan \$48,291.14 (Notes 2 & 4), USA \$20,000 (Note 4), Australia \$5,456 (Note 2), Dr. Hwan Ok Ma \$10,000 (Note 2), BPF-B \$51,707.68 (Note 4), Unearmarked Fund \$56,170.45 (Note 4)]	
(i) Other activities	
PP-A/53-323H	\$1,420.10
Policy briefs on 3 Sustainable Wood Use (SWU) projects in Southeast Asia [Japan \$1,420.10 (Note 3)]	
PP-A/60-367 (CN-24031)	\$139,039.24
Critical Upliftment of Local Livelihoods: Urgent Actions for Community-Based Conservation and Development in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia [Japan \$139,039.24 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/60-368 (CN-22022)	\$227,097.43
Enhancing Resilience of Mayan Communities in the Tropical Forests of the Yucatan Peninsula through the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity at the Maya Train Juncture [Japan \$227,097.43 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/60-369	\$278,078.48
Strengthening Surveillance and Monitoring to Tackle the Surge in Forest Loss and Land Degradation, Induced by Intensifying Conflict in Thailand's Border Areas [Japan \$278,078.48 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/60-370 (CN-24030)	\$166,847.09
Integrated Project to Strengthen Sustainable Management Systems and Monitoring the Miombo Forest against Degradation Processes for Food Security, Rural Employment and Climate Mitigation Action [Japan \$166,847.09 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/60-371	\$50,000.00
Ex-post Evaluation of PP-A/56-340: Capacity building on forest and land fire management in Indonesia / Forest fire prevention and response in tropical forests and forest plantations in Peru [Japan \$50,000 (Note 3)]	
PP-A/60-372	\$68,504.74
Matters Pertaining to Article 44 of ITTA, 2006 [Decision 5(LIX)] [Japan \$68,504.74 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/60-377	\$45,000.00
Matters Pertaining to Article 44 of ITTA, 2006 [Decision 4(LX)] [USA \$45,000 (Note 4)]	

Total pledges to Projects and Activities confirmed after the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council to-date: **\$3,948,243.90**

(ii) Expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes (Note 6):

CN-21009 \$40,000.00  
Strengthening and consolidating the national process for controlling illegal logging and associated trade in Cameroon (Cameroon)  
– Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$316.00]  
[Korea \$40,000 (Note 2)]

CN-24028 \$90,000.00  
Establishing a Pilot Plantation Forest Information Sharing and Wood Supply Chain Traceability System in Vietnam (Vietnam)  
– Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$296,280.00]  
[USA \$90,000 (Note 4)]

CN-24032 \$160,000.00  
Strengthening the forestry sector value chain through sustainable forest management and utilization in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)  
– Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$352,960.00]  
[Japan \$160,000 (Note 4)]

CN-24033 \$95,000.00  
Conducting Studies in relation with the Sustainable Management of Afzelia africana and Pterocarpus erinaceus in Benin (Benin)  
– Partial funding [Outstanding balance \$26,520.00]  
[USA \$95,000.00 (Note 4)]

Total expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes: **\$385,000.00**

**Grand total of pledges confirmed and expressions of interest in financing Concept Notes after the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council to-date: \$4,333,243.90**

Note 1: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council through a funding agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.

Note 2: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council (new cash).

Note 3: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council by allocating balance funds from completed projects returned to the donor.

Note 4: Pledges received during the Sixtieth Session of the Council (new cash).

Note 5: Pledges received during the Sixtieth Session of the Council by allocating balance funds from completed projects returned to the donor.

Note 6: This list is included hereby to provide an official record of donor expressions of interest in Concept Notes made during 2024.