

PENDING FINANCE

1. General Description:

ID:CN-25035

Project resulting from this CN: N/A

Note: CNs are developed into project proposals following consultation with donor(s).

1.1 Project Title:

Support to convene the “IX Latin American Forestry Congress – John Leigh Vetter” in Lima, Peru

1.2 Submitting Country/ies:

Peru

1.3 Specific Location & Country/ies/regions/areas benefitting from the project:

Latin American countries

1.4 Endorsement from ITTO Focal Point:

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1.5 Intended Project Duration (in months):

9

1.6 Indicative Budget (in US\$):

ITTO	71,680
Counterpart	90,530
Total	162,210

1.7 Programme Line Focus

Emerging Issues and Innovation

1.8 Project Type

Workshop/meeting/seminar, Other

Project Type - Other (please explain):

Latin American Forestry Congress

1.9 Proposal Summary:

In Latin America there are limited spaces for dialogue and discussion where stakeholders can share forest-related experiences and progress in the region. The Latin American Forestry Congress (CONFLAT) is a regional forum where stakeholders can share and agree on proposals that have an impact on the trends and prospects of the Latin American forest sector, contributing to the social, cultural, environmental and economic development of the region and strengthening the regional forestry culture. Since the beginning of CONFLAT 25 years ago (1999), ITTO has been collaborating with the organizers of these Latin American events, particularly for the I, II, III, IV and V CONFLATS. The main objective of this project is to “contribute to the consolidation and integration of the Latin American forest sector” through the organization of the IX CONFLAT, as an important platform for the sharing of knowledge, experiences, reviews and proposals from forest stakeholders in Latin America for the generation of relevant public policies, improvement of information systems and professional training, through the achievement of the specific objective of “supporting the Ninth Latin American Forestry Congress (IX CONFLAT) - John Leigh Vetter”, to be held in Lima, Peru, on 19-21 November 2025. The beneficiaries of this project include forest sector officials, forestry and related professionals, native and rural communities, schools of forest engineering and related disciplines, NGOs, forestry and related entrepreneurs, forest producers, and political and other stakeholders interested in promoting forestry activities. Intended project outcomes include increased knowledge and potential for cooperation among Latin American stakeholders to overcome barriers and contribute to sustainable forest development in the region, strengthen regional governance, and integrate relevant stakeholders in forest value chains.

2. Proponent Information:

2.1 Executing Agency Information:

Name of Agency/Organization/Institution:

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2.2 Type of Organization:

Civil Society Organization

2.4 Relevant experience of EA:

The CNF is the permanent secretary of CONFLAT and participated in the organization of the I and V CONFLATS, held in 1999 and 2011, respectively. Both congresses were financially supported by ITTO, enabling the participation of senior ITTO officials and representatives of member countries from Latin America. Among other initiatives, the CNF has successfully developed and implemented ITTO projects PD37/88, PD23/00, PD421/06, PD542/09 and PD621/11, and pre-project PPD189/17.

3. Relevance:

3.1 Conformity with ITTO objectives (ITTA, 2006) and priorities (current SAP):

The project is consistent with ITTO's overall objectives (as set out in Article 1 of the ITTA 2006), in particular, providing an effective framework for consultation, international cooperation and policy development among Latin American members with regard to all relevant aspects of the world timber economy (objective a); contributing to sustainable development and to poverty alleviation (objective c); encouraging members to support and develop tropical timber reforestation (objective j); strengthening the capacity of members to improve forest law enforcement and governance (objective n); and identifying and addressing relevant new and emerging issues (objective s). The project is also in line with ITTO's four priorities: Governance and investment (Strategic Priority 1), as the congress is a platform where multiple stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sectors can participate and where good governance and policy frameworks are promoted to enhance financing and investment; Economies and tropical timber trade (Strategic Priority 2), as experiences will be shared to increase the contribution of the tropical forest sector to regional, national and local economies; Resilience, restoration and conservation (Strategic Priority 3), as it will contribute to promoting the reduction of tropical deforestation and forest degradation, enhancing forest landscape restoration and the resilience of forest ecosystems to climate change, and conserving forest biodiversity and ecosystem services; and Statistics and information (Strategic Priority 4), as it will contribute to improving the quality, availability and timeliness of information on tropical forest product markets, supply chains and international trade. Furthermore, the project is geared towards gender equality and the empowerment of women, which are part of ITTO's crosscutting strategies.

3.2 Relevance to the ITTO Programme Lines:

Since the beginning of CONFLAT (1999), ITTO has collaborated with the organizers in the implementation of these events. Dr. Manoel Sobral, ITTO's Executive Director in 1999, participated in the inauguration of the first CONFLAT held in Peru, giving the keynote speech on "Sustainable forest development in tropical America - ITTO's achievements and challenges". The Organization has also been regularly involved in subsequent editions of the Congress and has promoted the attendance of its Latin American members. In addition to the I CONFLAT, it directly supported the organization of the II CONFLAT (Guatemala, 2002), III CONFLAT (Colombia, 2005), IV CONFLAT (Venezuela, 2008) and V CONFLAT (Peru, 2011). This project is related to Program Line #4: Emerging Issues and Innovation. The implementation of the IX CONFLAT is aimed at assisting ITTO members in Latin America to manage and adapt to the natural, socioeconomic and financial crises affecting the sustainable management of tropical forests and timber production and trade. The project will also leverage ITTO's network and expertise in information and data management in neighbouring countries to respond to emerging and/or urgent issues that have been affecting and threatening the viability of sustainable tropical forest management.

3.3 Relevance to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and other forest related global agenda:

The implementation of this project will address five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), by promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, productive employment and decent working conditions; Climate action (SDG 13), by promoting the management and utilization of existing productive forests to increase carbon sequestration and avoid deforestation and forest degradation; Life on Land (SDG 15), by developing a forum for policy dialogue on the conservation, management, sustainable use and trade of forest resources; Peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16), by promoting sustainable forest management and good forest governance; and Partnerships for the goals (SDG 17), by promoting collective and strategic action to achieve tangible benefits for communities and countries. In addition, the implementation of the project will contribute to the achievement of Global Forest Goals (GFGs) by reducing deforestation and restoring degraded forests through tropical afforestation and reforestation in the Amazon region (1.3); increasing the contribution of the forest industry and improving the quality of life of forest-dependent communities (2.4); enhancing the contribution of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation (2.5); improving the collection and availability of forest-related information (4.5); facilitating governance and law enforcement (5.2); supporting national forest-related policies and programs (5.3); and integrating forests and the forest sector into land-use planning and development (5.4).

3.4 Relevance to submitting country's policies:

The project complies with the principles and objectives of the National Forest Policy, approved in 2013, and is related to Core Area 1 on Institutional Frameworks and Governance, by creating conditions for the establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework that promotes competitiveness (Guideline 2.d) and strengthening the capacities of public and private stakeholders in order to facilitate their informed and proactive involvement in forest and wildlife management (Guideline 2. e); to Core Area 2 on Sustainability, by promoting the diversified and integrated use of the Nation's Forest and Wildlife Heritage (Guideline 1.e), management of forest ecosystems based on landscape management and adaptive management criteria (Guideline 1.b), and awareness and dissemination of the importance of forest ecosystems as well as other wild vegetation ecosystems for climate change mitigation and adaptation (Guideline 1.d); to Core Area 3 on Competitiveness, by creating favourable conditions and incentives to promote private investment in the Forest and Wildlife Sector (Guideline a), development of the forest and wildlife value chain aimed at integrating all processes and stakeholders in the sector's business activity according to the potential of each region (Guideline f) and development of support industries as required to promote value-added of forest and wildlife products at the local, regional and national levels (Guideline g). Furthermore, the project is in line with Forestry and Wildlife Law N° 29763, related to timber forest concessions (Art. 56); non-timber forest concessions (Art. 57); forests in native communities (Art. 75); commercial or industrial use of forest resources on native community lands (Art. 82); promoting the use of chain of custody mechanisms (Art. 127); and research and monitoring of forest and wildlife resources (Art. 138).

3.5 Linkages to previous/ongoing ITTO and other projects/activities (if any):

The project is linked to two previous congresses – I CONFLAT and V CONFLAT, both held in Lima, Peru, in 1999 and 2011, respectively, which facilitated a review of the progress made in the development of the Latin American forest sector between 1999 and 2011, and provided a future vision for forestry development. In addition to the CNF, agencies involved as CONFLAT organizers included AIDER, UNALM, SERFOR and the Peruvian Society of Engineers (CIP). On this occasion, the “IX Latin American Forestry Congress - John Leigh Vetter” will be organized by the CNF, AIDER and UNALM. In 2019, a group of national forestry professionals met online to discuss proposals to improve forest management. Up to 2020, 46 meetings were held, developing an unofficial proposal for a “National Forest Policy for Peru”, which was supported by the CNF. The CNF then secured special support from ITTO to disseminate this proposal through activity PP-A/53-323 “Development of legal and sustainable forest product supply chains”.

4. Project synopsis:

4.1 Objectives (reflecting reference to elements within all ITTO Guidelines as applicable):

The overall objective of the project is to bring together a large number of academics, researchers, entrepreneurs, managers, forest policy makers, communities, producers and other stakeholders involved in forestry activities in Latin America, in order to contribute to the strengthening of the Latin American forest sector by providing the necessary spaces for dialogue and discussion to determine the current status of forestry-related knowledge in the region, the achievements made in forest management and industry, forest ecosystem services and prospects for the development of the sector, within a framework of climate change, as a means to ensure the sustainability of the resource for the benefit of current and future generations. The specific objective of the project is to support the implementation of the “Ninth Latin American Forestry Congress (IX CONFLAT) - John Leigh Vetter”, to be held in Lima, Peru, on 19-21 November 2025.

4.2 Key problem(s) to be addressed:

Latin America has 860 million hectares of forest cover, 90% of which is in South America. Furthermore, it accounts for 25% of the world's forest resources and 50% of the world's tropical forests. South America's forests are home to great biodiversity in flora and fauna, providing food and essential raw materials, which have supported the economic development of households and industries throughout the continent; however, they are facing a growing threat of deforestation, the main cause of forest cover loss, which is caused by human activities, mainly promoted by agricultural encroachment, land-use change, illegal logging, and illegal mining, among other factors. In addition to forest loss, the Latin American forest sector has many problems, as it is mainly an exporter of raw materials with a poorly developed processing industry, weak and unstable policies, and limited communication and spaces among stakeholders in these countries to discuss and share forest-related experiences and progress in the region, including forest management, indigenous peoples, governance, forest products and marketing, restoration, ecosystem services, and wildlife, among others. In this context, the IX CONFLAT has become a necessity as a means to consolidate and integrate the Latin American forest sector by creating a Latin American platform for technical, political, social and environmental dialogue related to forestry activities in the region, with the participation of representatives of all stakeholders involved in Latin American forestry activities, who together can identify common and specific problems that can be solved collectively and bring together experiences that can help overcome the region's challenges.

4.3 Main stakeholders and beneficiaries:

Identified stakeholders include: • Professional forest associations • Forest authorities in Latin American countries • Universities offering professional degree programs in forest engineering and related fields • Non-government organizations (NGOs) operating in the forest sector • Policy and decision-making individuals and organizations responsible for legislative and executive decisions on the forest sector and the conservation of forest resources • Organizations of forest concessionaires and other forest producers from the private sector • Indigenous communities involved in forest management. Project beneficiaries include: • Public officials working in the forest sector • Foresters and related professionals, who will have an opportunity to discuss their proposals and learn about new experiences to overcome difficulties • Indigenous peoples who will be able to share their vision of their reality and aspirations • Schools offering forest engineering and related courses, which will have a platform to discuss the current topics of professional training in accordance with the demands of the labour market and production needs • Political stakeholders, who will present their views to find solutions to integrated forest development problems • NGO members, who will share and recognize lessons learned in order to optimize their performance • Private producers such as concessionaires and primary and secondary processing enterprises.

4.4 Key activities:

Key activities will include:

- Promotion of the Congress: The project will develop and implement a communications plan for local, national and international promotion of the IX CONFLAT. At this stage, posters, banners, audiovisual spots, etc. will be produced. Promotion activities will be carried out through digital channels: a web page –a dedicated site for the IX CONFLAT, social networks, forestry meetings, etc.
- Organization of Congress: Sub-activities will be carried out prior to and during the event. Pre-event activities will include setting up committees, sending invitations to forest sector stakeholders, and logistical work, among others. In addition, during the event, ongoing monitoring will be carried out to ensure compliance with the program of the IX CONFLAT, online streaming, and logistic work, among others. Topics to be discussed at the congress include:
 - Forest management, forest plantations, agroforestry and food security
 - Indigenous populations and community forest management
 - Governance, investments and circular economy
 - Forest products and tropical timber trade
 - Wildlife management
 - Partnerships between private enterprises, academia and government
 - Resilience, forest restoration and conservation
 - Forest environmental services
 - Seeking academic exchanges in the training of new professionals
 - Preparation and publication of IX CONFLAT proceedings - An editorial committee will review and support the publication of articles generated during the IX CONFLAT. The articles will be published in the IX CONFLAT forestry journal and website. At the end of the congress, a digital report of the IX CONFLAT will be prepared and published
 - Establish and maintain the coordination of the project - Pre, during and post Congress activities will be carried out by a team of experts, who will be responsible for the fulfillment of the objectives of the IX CONFLAT.

4.5 Expected outcomes and impacts, including innovation/transformation:

Responses to sustainable forest management issues • Experiences and lessons learned on forest practices and policies in the region, as well as technical and scientific knowledge • Proposals to improve sustainable forest management of forest resources in Latin America • Knowledge of governance in Latin America and the Caribbean • Strengthening of the CONFLAT institutional framework as it will be held for the ninth time, following a cycle of usually three years • Proposals discussed to improve the sustainable management of forest resources in Latin America • The IX CONFLAT has enabled a better understanding and the possibility of cooperation among stakeholders to overcome barriers and contribute to sustainable forest development in Latin America • It has given the opportunity to share proposals and learn about experiences to be replicated in different areas of the region • Approaches to overcome limitations during the development of forest management, processing and marketing of forest products, and development of forest ecosystem services • Strengthened value chains for legally sourced forest products • Contribution to the sustainable development of indigenous peoples through the promotion of community forest management. • Dissemination of successful experiences financed by ITTO, for example, the native community Infierno that has received more than USD 1.5 million for managing community forests just through the sale of forest carbon generated within the framework of a REDD+ project that had the initial support of ITTO (RED-PD 018/09 Rev.1 F).

4.6 Existing funding for (related) initiative(s)/established contacts to potential donors:

Not available

4.7 Any other information deemed necessary/important:

Peru hosted the First Latin American Forestry Congress (I CONFLAT), held in 1999 at the National Agrarian University of La Molina (UNALM). This congress was organized by the Forest Engineers Chapter of the Peruvian Society of Engineers and the National Agrarian University La Molina, in cooperation with the National Forestry Chamber, and its slogan was “Towards integrated and sustainable forest development”. The discussion of topics was organized in six roundtables as follows: Roundtable 1. Forest resources, national economies and development ✓ Roundtable 2. Forest management and private investment ✓ Roundtable 3. Criteria and indicators and new management perspectives ✓ Roundtable 4. Forest resource management – forest concessions ✓ Roundtable 5. Policies, international agreements and forest development ✓ Roundtable 6. Forest engineering and the Third Millennium. The V CONFLAT was also held in Lima, in the main auditorium of the National Agrarian University La Molina (UNALM). It was organized by this university, together with the National Forestry Chamber (CNF), the Association for Integrated Research and Development (AIDER) and the Coordination Unit of Forestry Faculties of Peru (COFAFOPE). Its slogan was “The world's future depends on forests”. The discussion of topics was organized in six roundtables as follows: ✓ Roundtable 1. Forests and climate change ✓ Roundtable 2. Degraded areas and forest plantations ✓ Roundtable 3. Tropical forest management and industry ✓ Roundtable 4. International markets, value-added processing and forest environmental services ✓ Roundtable 5. Forest governance in Latin America.

4.8 Risk mitigation measures:

Identified risks are related to the motivation of non-Peruvian Latin American stakeholders, such as experts, academic researchers, researchers from the public and private sectors and civil society, among others, to travel to Peru due to potential internal problems in the country. The mitigation measures considered are aimed at keeping the potential interested audience informed, through the web page and other means of communication, on the progress of the organization of the IX CONFLAT and the political and national security situation, and providing recommendations to be taken into account.

Pledges/Additional funding

Session	Donor	Pledge	Remarks
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5. Indicative Budget (in US\$):

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Description	ITTO	Counterpart	Total
Personnel	27,460	54,440	81,900
Sub-contracts	0	2,000	2,000
Travel and DSA	19,200	3,520	22,720
Capital Items	0	2,050	2,050
Consumables	0	720	720
Publication / Dissemination	1,340	22,700	24,040
Miscellaneous	2,000	5,100	7,100
Total	50,000	90,530	140,530

ITTO Project Monitoring & Review	10,000	-	10,000
Annual/Final Audit	4,000	-	4,000
ITTO Programme Support	7,680	-	7,680
ITTO Ex-post Evaluation	0	-	0
GRAND TOTAL	71,680	90,530	162,210