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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024-2025 – DECISION 3(LIX) [Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda]

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 3(LIX), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2024 and 2025. Following the introductory section, the document contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 3(LIX) in the same tabular format, but the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'.

The Reference Table showing the relevance of each activity to objectives/goals of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, ITTA; the Strategic Action Plan, SAP; the Global Forest Goals, GFG and to the Programme Lines is included in Annex I. Annex I also includes information on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' for each activity.

For the detailed terms of reference of each activity, please refer to the BWP 2024-2025 as approved in Council Decision 3(LIX).

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2024-2025, was adopted with Council Decision 3(LIX). All future references in this document will therefore refer to the BWP 2024-2025. It includes 37 activities divided into two parts. Part 1 includes 21 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget, or other sources. The activities under Part 1 have been categorized into five groups according to their nature. Part 2 includes 16 administrative and financial activities that do not require financing. The financing status of the activities under Part 1 is reflected in Table 1.

Table 1: Financing Status of the BWP 2024-2025 (as of 24 September 2025)

	Activity	Funding Status	US\$ pledged
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES			
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Full	3,144,623
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Full	102,252
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Full	1,413,449
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Partial	150,000
5	Criteria and indicators workshops	Partial	30,182
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Partial	65,170
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Full	151,967
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK			
8	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Partial	140,000
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Partial	40,000
	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	135,558
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Partial	20,000
11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Pending	NIL
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK			
12	ITTO communication strategy	Partial	50,000
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Partial	Core
14	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Partial	Core
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	Partial	Core
	c) Translation of ITTO website/relevant PR materials into Japanese	Partial	48,173
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Partial	40,000
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Partial	Core
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Partial	Core
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	235,748
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Partial	Core
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Partial	Core
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Partial	Core

The total funding sought and pledged under the BWP 2024-2025 is reflected in Table 2. Pledges of US\$3,144,623 from IPIM Macao for Activity 1, and of US\$ 1,413,449 for Activity 3 from BMLEH, Germany had already been informed to the 60th ITTC. US\$2,000,000 have been approved under core operational costs. At the time of preparing this report, voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$5,906,464 have been pledged.

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2024-2025 (as of 24 September 2025)

Year	US\$ sought	US\$ pledged
2024	3,409,639	2,820,374
2025	3,599,946	3,086,090
Total	7,009,585	5,906,464

Due to the shortfall in members' payments of their assessed contributions to the administrative account the activities approved under core budget are indicated as partially funded.

In 2024 and 2025 voluntary contributions to this BWP were received from Germany, USA, Japan, Canada and Australia. Non-member contributions were received from the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR of China, Soka Gakkai, Dr. Hwan Ok Ma and from Kisso-an. The voluntary contributions pledged to date by donor are summarized in Table 3. The table also includes a pledge from the Korea Forest Service for the secondment of a KFS Programme Officer.

Table 3: Voluntary Contributions to the BWP 2024-2025 by donor (as of 24 September 2025)

Members	US\$
Germany	1,413,449
USA	645,000
Japan	297,214
Canada	91,728
Australia	43,982
Unearmarked funds & BPF	107,878
Subtotal (a)	2,599,251
Non-members	
Macao Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)	3,144,623
Soka Gakkai	139,543
Dr. Hwan Ok Ma	20,000
Kisso-an	3,047
Subtotal (b)	3,307,213
Total (a + b)	5,906,464
Secondment Korea Forest Service	*772,537

** Cooperation Agreement Korea Forest Service*

In summary, out of the 21 activities requiring financing, four activities (Activities 1, 2, 3 and 7) have received full funding, one activity (Activity 11 – Collaboration on C&I for SFM) is pending finance and all other activities have received partial funding, including from core budget.

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BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024-2025

Part 1 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING FINANCING

GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
1. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of legality and sustainability, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Under the BWP for 2021-2022 extended into 2023, two sub-activities under this Activity were approved and fully funded by the Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR, China, namely “Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains” and “Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains”. Using remaining funds under the 2021-2023 BWP, the work of building the LSSC-GGSC platform and further developing the Timber Trade Portal (TTP) website as well as other events and activities will continue into 2024-2025. The improvement of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to provide multi-dimensional service (Phase II&III) and establishing and testing a simulation platform for cross-border timber traceability based on the blockchain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed for up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives/entities with • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/ private sector entities 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$3,144,623 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>Enhancing and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform for Promoting the Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains (3rd Phase of GTI Activity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded in August 2024 and the implementation commenced in September 2024. • The implementation was on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 pilot countries as well as more than 260 enterprises actively participated in activities of the GTI platform. ○ 12 GTI monthly reports issued; 12 specialized indexes, GTI-Producers and GTI-Wood-based Panel released. ○ Functions of GTI Platform have been further enriched with the GTI report redesigned, and a new sub-index (market expectation) added. ○ The GTI website and database have been updated and improved. ○ Information sharing and dissemination among GTI pilot countries and sample enterprises are enhanced. 4 best practices from the pilot countries were developed and released.

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	<p>technology (Phase II&III) will be funded by voluntary contributions from IPIM, Macao.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$3,131,136</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>Year 2024-US\$100,000 (LSSC-GGSC platform & TTP)</p> <p>Year 2025-US\$100,000 (LSSC-GGSC platform & TTP)</p> <p>Voluntary Contributions from IPIM, Macao</p> <p>Year 2024–US\$1,465,568 (for GTI & Blockchain)</p> <p>Year 2025–US\$1,465,568 (for GTI & Blockchain)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More precise and effective services were provided for GTI sample enterprises, including 5 seminars/trainings conducted and a catalog of supply and demand information disseminated. ○ Achievement release in GLSTF 2024. ● The draft completion report and technical reports for this sub-activity have been submitted and will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans. <p>Upgrading the Platform of Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System and Conducting Application Tests in Practical Operation Scenarios of Legal and Sustainable Timber Traceability (2nd phase of BTTS Activity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This sub-activity was approved and funded in August 2024 and the implementation commenced in September 2024 respectively. ● The implementation was on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BTTS platform is updated and developed with performance and functionality further optimized, new modules added, technical capabilities enhanced, and improvements achieved in efficiency and data security. ○ The application testing of the BTTS Platform was carried out in practical operation scenarios, with an application testing plan formulated and 3 rounds of practical business scenario tests organized and verified. ○ A handbook on the application testing of BTTS Platform was developed and disseminated, an application testing coordination group meeting was convened.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BTTs platform related promotion and dissemination activities were conducted. ● The completion report and technical reports for both sub-activities have recently been submitted, and will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans. <p>The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2024 was organized with the Macao IPIM in collaboration with the GGSC on 11-12 September 2024 in Macao SAR, China</p> <p>As part of the LSSC Program, ITTO and Macao IPIM in collaboration with the GGSC, co-organized the GLSTF on yearly basis to improve the legality and sustainability of tropical timber supply chains.</p> <p>The GLSTF 2024, which was organized on 11–12 September 2024 at the MGM Cotai, Macao SAR, has achieved collaborative and substantial outcomes in further promoting legal and sustainable timber supply chains. The milestone event brought together nearly 800 participants from 40 countries, representing timber industry stakeholders from governments, industries, associations, companies, international organizations and academia. During GLSTF 2024, a variety of activities have been organized, such as the main forum, specialized sub-forums, achievements release, side events, B2B matchings, bilateral meetings, and an industry exhibition.</p> <p>The theme of the GLSTF 2024 was “Together Towards Reliable and Effective Global Timber Supply Chains”. The main forum discussed topics related to reliable and</p>

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			<p>stable timber resource supplies, trust and effectiveness along the timber supply chains, and prospects for revitalizing global timber supply chains. The specialized sub-forums were organized by partner agencies to contribute to this theme. Selected sub-forum topics were timber legality and sustainability; sustainable timber resources, markets and trade; advanced technology and machinery for wood processing; and green finance and innovative facilitating measures.</p> <p>A major achievement of this year's GLSTF was the Action Framework for Promoting Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains, which involves 8 specific fields and actions in enhancing legal and sustainable supply chains. Other achievements included new releases of GTI, BTTS, and the Green Finance for Green Supply Chains (GF4GS) Action.</p> <p>Work under some of the above sub-activities included in the LSSC activity will continue into 2026 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be allocated to relevant LSSC components in accordance with donor instructions.</p>

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2. Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/ due diligence training	<p>ITTO will continue working with the Trade Advisory Group and other partners such as FAO, as well as other major and relevant international and regional organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector associations that are working in this area to pilot and eventually scale up capacity on legality compliance/due diligence. The training model will be based on one that has proven successful – delivered by industry actors, who understand the challenges, needs and vocabulary of businesses and industry in producer countries who are involved in international trade. Training modules were developed and delivered in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru under the 2018-20 and 2021-2023 BWPs; remaining funds pledged to those activities will be used to extend training to an additional country in 2024-25. If additional funds are pledged under this BWP, this work will be extended to other countries/regions and possibly to broaden the scope to consider legality/due diligence aspects associated with forest climate projects/finance.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to an additional five target countries assisted with pilot trainings held for private sector • Technical Assistance provided to target countries by international experts / organizations 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$102,252 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The GLSTF 2024 that took place in Macau in September from 11-12 2024 had significant private sector participation as reported under activity 1.</p> <p>In 2025, two regional conferences on private sector engagements were convened in San Jose, Costa Rica for Latin America Region on 4 April 2025 and Lome, Togo for the West Africa sub-region on 16 May 2025. These two regional conferences brought together the private sector and leading regulators in the timber industry to discuss, trade and markets, the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), Certification, Traceability, CITES regulations on Appendix II species and other contemporary issues. Six ITTO member countries, namely Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali and Togo made up of 45 participants participated in the day long conference and ten countries from the Latin America region, namely Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru had 40 participants from the region bringing to eighty-five (85) total number of participants fully sponsored by ITTO.</p>
3. Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and local community-established plantations	<p>This Activity, continuing work started under the previous BWP, aims to significantly improve the production of quality timber from smallholder and local community-established plantations of teak and other valuable species in Asia-Pacific and West Africa. It involves promoting policies and programs to ensure the availability of high-quality planting material, the adoption of better silvicultural practices, access to financing to promote longer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and programs to promote quality timber production from smallholder plantations established in target countries • Financial schemes developed for high quality teak production and voluntary carbon markets 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 1,413,449 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>ITTO has concluded the Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with six participating countries, namely: Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, India and Indonesia and Togo. The signing of the MOU between</p>

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	<p>rotations, value addition and improved timber legality. Key activities include promoting financial schemes that support high-quality teak production with longer rotations and facilitating access to voluntary carbon markets. Tapping into the carbon credit markets will provide additional incentives and contribute to the global effort for climate change mitigation. It will also encourage regional and international cooperation to support the sustainable development of smallholder plantations. The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) has already committed to funding this Activity over the period 2024-2026.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$1,413,449 Funding sources: Voluntary contributions from BMEL, Germany Year 2024–US\$664,071 Year 2025/26–US\$749,378</p>	<p>accessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and international cooperation enhanced for sustainable smallholder plantation development 	<p>ITTO and the Johann Heinrich Thuenen Institute has been concluded in January 2024. The project has started to implement the activities since the beginning of November 2023.</p> <p>Some activities of the project have been progressed, namely: Improved management of existing seed production areas, seed orchards, and provenance/progeny trials/clonal plantations implemented in Thailand and Togo; Support smallholders and local communities for improved management of existing demonstration plots in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Togo; India and Indonesia are investigating potential sites and engaging with stakeholders. Issued 7 out of 18 bi-monthly newsletter. The 1st PSC meeting was held in Bangkok on 17 September 2024, followed by the 1st Project's Regional Workshop on 18 September 2024. The 2nd PSC meeting will be organized in November 2025. During the 5th World Teak Conference (17-20 September 2025) in Kerala, India, a side event was held for the project.</p>
4. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	<p>Continue to assist Members to implement CITES listings of timber species. Pursuant to Decision 5(XLVI) on "Multi-Donor Mechanism to Facilitate Enhanced Cooperation between ITTO and CITES", ITTO successfully completed implementation of a second grant of approximately US\$6,200,000 (EUR5,000,000) from the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2016. Matching contributions from other donors of over US\$3,000,000 were received by ITTO during the four-year EU/EC grant period. The EU/EC in 2016 decided to provide further funding for work on CITES-listed tree species directly to the CITES Secretariat through its CITES Tree Species Program, which completed activities in 2022. This activity will continue CITES-related work using funds pledged to similar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three countries with projects implemented to improve CITES implementation for listed tree species • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant CITES meetings/ activities • Reduced number of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$150,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$50,000</p> <p>In addition to the ongoing work in Madagascar and Cameroon reported in previous BWP progress reports, ITTO is funding an activity with the University of Adelaide, Australia and La Universidad Agraria La Molina, Peru to establish a scientific reference database for geographic origin determination of recently listed ipê and cumaru tree species. Sample collections for the two species has begun and genetic study has also commenced in the laboratories of the University of</p>

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	<p>activities under previous BWPs. Since the number of tropical tree species being listed in CITES Appendices continues to grow, ITTO donors are encouraged to provide additional funds for ITTO's CITES-related work through this activity to enable ITTO to continue collaborating with the CITES Secretariat and assisting member countries to implement CITES listings of timber species.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$100,000 Year 2025–US\$100,000</p>		<p>Adelaide. The project that commenced in 2024 is expected to be completed within 24 months.</p> <p>The CITES Secretariat received new funding from Germany in late 2023 to continue the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) now dubbed the “CITES Tree Species Project”. ITTO has expressed interest to provide inputs and develop project activities for a joint collaborate work with the CITES Secretariat for project implementation in member countries. A call for proposal to submit concept notes and project proposal was announced by the CITES secretariat and ITTO is awaiting favorable response from CITES Secretariat to participate in screening and evaluating the projects proposal for funding and implementation in member countries.</p> <p>ITTO was represented at the CITES Standing Committee meeting held in Geneva in February 2025 and presented at side events and provided inputs on CITES and Forests and CTSP during plenary.</p> <p>In addition to these, ITTO organized two regional Non-Detriment Findings (NDF) training workshops on CITES appendix II listed species. These training workshops took place in San Jose, Costa Rica for Latin America members and Lome, Togo for West Africa members. The overall objective of the Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) workshop was to train CITES Scientific Authorities, CITES Management Authorities and forest department officials in the two regions on methodologies for determining NDFs for CITES Appendix II timber species by applying the latest version of the 9-step NDF process for tree species and preparing and using data for <i>Dipteryx</i> species for Latin America</p>

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			<p>and <i>Afzelia Africana</i> for the West Africa sub-region respectively. These two species were recently listed under CITES appendix II thereby providing hands on experience in determining NDF for our members. In total seventy-six participants were trained covering the two subregions.</p> <p>Another NDF workshop is scheduled to cover the Asia Pacific region early 2026 under the 2026-2027 BWP activity period.</p>
5. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	<p>Criteria and indicators training workshops have been facilitated by activities under previous BWPs and this work will continue in 2024-25. Using remaining funds from previous BWP activities, this activity will continue and expand on previous work by convening a C&I workshop in a producer member country. If additional funds are made available, this work (which will promote the new ITTO criteria and indicators approved in 2016 and the revised African principles, criteria and indicators approved in 2022 with focus on new member countries) will be extended to provide for 2 regional workshops on C&I. Capacity building will incorporate related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshops.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$75,000 Year 2025–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two regional C&I training workshops convened • International collaboration on C&I for SFM enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$30,182 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$69,818 Year 2025 US\$50,000</p> <p>In 2024, ITTO organized and sponsored a national training workshop on criteria and indicators for sustainable tropical forest management in Trinidad and Tobago which was attended by nearly 30 participants. It was held from 27 February to 1 March 2024, in Port of Spain.</p> <p>Funds were not received in 2025 to carry out further activities. Funds are requested to organize two regional workshops in Africa (one for English and one for French speaking countries) for the promotion of the adapted set of ITTO C&I to the Africa context published in 2022. This training is important to ensure momentum continues in the proper use of C&I and auditing under the Pan-African Certification System (endorsed by PEFC), which is based on the ITTO C&I, to show compliance with many emerging trade requirements in different markets.</p>
6. Statistical capacity building workshops	<p>This activity (which continues work funded under previous BWPs) will provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p>	<p>Up to four country-level and/or regional workshops conducted</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$65,170 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$17,602 Year 2025 US\$17,227</p>

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	<p>Using remaining funds from previous BWPs, a regional workshop for Central America is to be organized in early 2024 in Mexico. If additional funds are made available, workshops in the other two tropical regions will be supported in 2024-25.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>		<p>ITTO convened a regional statistical workshop jointly with the FAO and CONAFOR (Mexico's National Forestry Agency) from 19th to 21st March 2024 in the CONAFOR headquarters in Guadalajara (Mexico). It was attended by 43 forest specialists, technicians, statisticians and academics of five Mesoamerican countries—Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama.</p> <p>The workshop was promoted online on the ITTO website: ITTO–FAO Meso-American workshop.</p> <p>In 2025, ITTO convened a second regional statistical workshop jointly with FAO and SERFOR (Peru's National Forestry Agency) in Lima from the 24th of June to 27th of June. It was attended by over 50 foresters and statisticians from 13 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Suriname, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela and Uruguay).</p> <p>The second workshop was promoted online on the ITTO website: ITTO-FAO-SERFOR Statistical Regional Workshop.</p> <p>Thanks to this second workshop, all the ITTO Latin American and Caribbean members have benefited from the Organization's support for filling the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ) and improving the data submitted.</p> <p>Both meetings were organized around five major activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries presentations of their forest sectors and national statistical systems;

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation of the JFSQ and answering various questions regarding the products definitions of JFSQ; • Group discussions during which problems and solutions are discussed for improving the data quality and submission; • Revision of the long time statistical series in the ITTO and FAO online databases; • A field trip in sawnwood and plywood factories. <p>Statistical workshops remain a critical activity for data improvement and an higher JFSQ submission.</p>
7. Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber producing forests	<p>The Activity (which continues work funded under previous BWPs) aims to review and analyze the technical information and knowledge gained from the implementation of successfully completed ITTO projects as well as the development of Integrated Fire Management (IFM) framework, which promote ecosystem-based solutions, stakeholder engagement, inclusion, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. This analysis includes the Landscape Fire Governance Framework, approved in May 2023 at the 8th International Wildland Fire Conference in Porto, Portugal. Based on the outcome of this analysis, the Activity will update and revise the ITTO <i>Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests</i> (1997) to provide a base for policy makers and managers at various levels to develop programs and projects in which the specific national, socio-economic, and naturally occurring problems related to fire in tropical natural and planted forests. Partners in this analysis and revision of the ITTO Fire Guidelines include the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), which supports various regional forest fire networks in the tropics.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An in-depth analysis of the technical information and knowledge of the integrated fire management framework conducted • ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests (1997) revised with the support of partners 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$151,967 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>Ex-Post Evaluation on Fire Projects In 2024, PP-A/56-340-1 (Indonesia) and PP-A/56-340-2 (Peru) underwent ex-post evaluation(s) The ex-post evaluation provided an in-depth analysis of lessons learned, and also provided input into the revision process of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests.</p> <p>Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests (efforts now reoriented towards an online Tropical Forest Management Toolkit) In 2024, ITTO initiated the process to revise the fire guidelines and contracted a consultancy team, headed by Dr. Johann Goldammer. A first revised draft was provided in July 2024 and an expert workshop on the sidelines of COFO reviewed and provided feedback. The workshop was attended by over 20 fire experts from around the globe. It became clear during that exercise that quite a lot of policy guidelines and frameworks, technical guidelines, and training tools had been</p>

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	<p>Year 2024–US\$30,000</p> <p>Year 2025–US\$70,000</p>		<p>developed since 1997. Every year, a vast amount of information on fire management is published by various international and regional organizations, government agencies, NGOs and private sector. However, for the users with specific needs—in particular policymakers, training experts, and field practitioners—accessing accurate and relevant information is often more difficult than expected. This is because the information is widely scattered, and in some cases, not readily available online. To address this gap, ITTO, as reported and agreed at the CRF 58th session, decided not to pursue updating the 1997 guidelines, and instead focus resources on developing a clearing house concept through its web-based Tropical Forest Fire Management Toolkit.</p> <p>The Tropical Forest Fire Management Toolkit will help close knowledge gaps by compiling and presenting a curated set of guidelines, policy frameworks, and training and decision making tools in an accessible and interactive online website. It aims to support the diverse needs of member countries by centralizing and organizing critical resources in an accessible manner, while at the same time helping them understand the process of an integrated 5R fire approach (Review and Analysis, Risk Reduction, Readiness, Response, and Recovery).</p> <p>The online Toolkit is currently in the initial phases of development and requires further resources for its completion. The aim is to have the first version of the Toolkit developed, tested, and functionally online by the second/third quarter of 2026, if enough resources are received.</p>

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			<p>Collaboration in different Fire Initiatives</p> <p>Under the CPF Workplan (2025-28), ITTO introduced a new Joint Initiative on “<u>Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests</u>” to raise awareness of the need for greater capacity building in IFM in tropical forests. The initiative also helps facilitate coherence and collaboration amongst different fire initiatives related to the tropics. ITTO leads on the initiative, with FAO, GFMC, RECOFTC and UNFF as partners in the initiative.</p> <p>In 2024, ITTO participated in the FAO 3rd Workshop on Global Fire Management Hub held 28-30 June 2024 in Rome and the Mekong-Korea Forest Fire Symposium (MKFF Symposium) in November.</p> <p>ITTO organized and held a Tropical Fire Side Event during the 2025 Global Fire Management Hub Plenary looking at responding to changing fire dynamics and needs in the tropics. ITTO also participated in the RECOFTC hosted a Southeast Asia Fire Dialogue in May 2025.</p> <p>ITTO continues to participate in the quarterly meetings of the Wildfire International Fire Liaison Committee.</p>

GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK

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8. Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members	<p>(a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women</p> <p>This activity will facilitate operationalization of the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women Guidelines across all ITTO activities and initiatives. Funding will contribute to capacity building, training, an exploratory study on the role of women in forestry/industry and building a network of gender experts with ITTO's collaborative partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$185,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$90,000 Year 2025–US\$95,000</p>	Gender guidelines fully implemented in all of ITTO's operations	<p>Funding pledged: US\$140,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$45,000</p> <p>ITTO's Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering of Women have been incorporated since 2019 into the project formulation process by members submitting project proposals through the Regular Project Cycle where these guidelines need to be taken into consideration. Project submissions evaluated by the ITTO Expert Panel ensure that these guidelines are referred to/considered in proposals being submitted. The same approach is taken with the new concept note approach as of December 2020 and considered where applicable. ITTO is in discussion with collaborating partners on the organization of an international workshop on The Role of Women in the Forest Sector (including primary processing) in 2026, pending further funding being made available.</p>
	<p>(b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics</p> <p>This activity aims to facilitate the production of outreach and communication materials to promote the dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (2020). It also involves participation in key international FLR events and the organization of three regional capacity building workshops in a hybrid format, in each of the three tropical regions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024: US\$60,000</p>	Dissemination of the newly adopted guidelines in ITTO producing member countries	<p>Funding pledged: US\$40,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$40,000 Year 2025 US\$100,000</p> <p>The 'Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics' were developed by ITTO in collaboration with many partners including AFoCO, CIFOR, FAO, IUCN and IUFRO under a joint initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on FLR. The guidelines present six principles of FLR with 32 guiding elements to implement FLR in the field. ITTO encourages the use of these voluntary guidelines as a reference and guiding document in the development of FLR</p>

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	Year 2025: US\$120,000		<p>interventions at the national and subnational levels in tropical countries, in combination with other specific guidelines, tools and approaches. A series of virtual workshops aimed at disseminating the FLR guidelines were conducted from 2021-2023 for the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions. Due to internet availability and connectivity issues in the Africa region, and the targeted audience, it was determined that a virtual workshop was not an effective vehicle in this region for dissemination of and training on the guidelines. Two workshops are needed in the region (one workshop for French speaking countries and one for English-speaking countries).</p> <p>Funds were made available late in 2025 making it difficult to hold the two abovementioned in-person regional dissemination workshops in Africa this year. Therefore, both workshops are planned for 2026.</p>
	<p>(c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo</p> <p>This Activity is funded to contribute to and operationalize the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women (GEEW) and the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (FLR). This activity reflects conformity with some elements under Decision 8(LV) and fits well under the pilot phase of the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture Third Programme Line (PL3) titled "Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods". Additional funds have been mobilized for 2024, with the aim to consolidate and sustain the ground achievements of REFACOF-Togo's women groups realized during the implementation of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 of PP-A/56-341, in Togo's Blitta and Lacs Prefectures.</p>	Putting into practices two ITTO Guidelines (GEEW and FLR)	<p>Funding pledged: US\$139,340</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$ NIL Year 2025 US\$40,659</p> <p>PP-A/56-341B Phase III (Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo), will be reported in detail in Document CRF(LIX)/2 under CRF agenda item 9.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities. It is to be declared, if approved by Committee, as fully completed with the completion report and final financial audit report requirements fulfilled.</p> <p>PP-A/56-341C-Benin (Support for women's groups with the restoration of forest landscapes in the</p>

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	<p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>Year 2024: US\$90,000</p> <p>Year 2025: US\$90,000</p>		<p>Departments of Oueme and Zou, in Benin), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LIX)/3 under CRF agenda item 11.2 dealing with BWP project-based Activities, as it is still operational.</p> <p>Both PP-A/56-341B Phase III and PP-A/56-341C-Benin are funded by Soka Gakkai.</p>

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES

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9. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	<p>In line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted during CBD COP 15 in December 2022, this activity will promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the engagement of the ITTO Secretariat in the Partnerships for Targets 2 & 3 and the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People to support the achievements of forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Assist the participation of selected ITTO biodiversity project team members in CBD COP 16 in 2024 with the organization of a joint side event with CBD to share ITTO experiences and insights in relevant international events. Support the implementation of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative Programme for the years 2024-2025. This support includes the organization of three regional capacity building workshops and dissemination of their outcomes at international biodiversity events. <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$100,000 Year 2025–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of the ITTO Secretariat in the Targets 2 & 3 Partnership of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Participation of ITTO experts in CBD COP 16 supported with a joint ITTO/CBD side event Three regional workshops organized in collaboration with the CBD 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$135,558 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$32,968 Year 2025 US\$31,474</p> <p>The MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in February 2021 and both Secretariats endorsed the programme document for 2024-2025, aimed at implementing the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Implementation on the ITTO projects identified in the programme document continues. The funding for such projects came from donors through the ITTO project and/or programmatic lines funding processes. To strengthen understanding of how these projects directly contribute to the 2030 global targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a brochure illustrating their connection was developed with an updated edition being produced at the time of drafting this report. The brochure produced in 2024 was distributed at CBD CoP16, UNFCCC CoP29 and other relevant meetings and events.</p> <p>The Secretariat(s) continue to explore ways to strengthen collaboration under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative, including jointly developing a draft checklist which further elaborated the criteria for identifying future projects listed under the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative. The Secretariat(s) also exchanged ideas on ways to increase national CBD focal points' awareness of the Collaborative Initiative and future projects under the CI so that the</p>

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			<p>projects are formally recognized as contributions toward respective National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, thus hopefully increasing the chances of leveraging future funding for them.</p> <p>ITTO also participated in the International Youth Biodiversity Conference on Biodiversity (Aug 2024), which was held in Yokohama under the sponsorship of the Japanese Ministry of Environment, City of Yokohama, the Secretariat of CBD and the Japan Biodiversity Fund. Using an origami workshop as a teaching vehicle, ITTO increased participating youth’s understanding of different species at risk and the importance of sustainably managing forests and conserving biodiversity.</p> <p>The ITTO/IUCN guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests were first published in 1993 and were revised and updated in 2009. Since publication, the science, policy frameworks, and conversation on biodiversity conservation have evolved, including establishment of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. To incorporate these new elements, as well other new ITTO policy guidance regarding gender equality and restoration, into the guidelines, ITTO engaged a consultant to assists in the process of updating the guidelines. A first draft was received and an experts’ meeting held in Merida, Mexico on 3–5 June 2025 to review the draft. At the time of preparation of this report, the feedback from the meeting was being integrated into it next iteration for further revision by experts. ITTO and IUCN are planning on organizing</p>

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			<p>another experts' meeting, which most likely will take place in Southeast Asia in early 2026.</p> <p>Renewed MoU between ITTO and CBD At the time of preparation of this report, ITTO is working with CBD to renew the existing MOU which expires at the end of 2025.</p> <p>ITTO participated in the CBD's <u>Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI)</u>'s 'Global Workshop on the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative' (Seoul, Republic of Korea on 27–28 August 2025), which discussed the the next phase of the initiative.</p> <p>CBD Strategic review and analysis and SBSTTA-27 In 2025, ITTO provided input to the CBD's Strategic review and analysis, and a draft update of the current expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</p>
10.Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	<p>Promoting and integrating the role of productive forest and trade in major global processes (UNFF, CPF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UN Environment, and UNCTAD etc.) for achieving SDG and Global Forest Goals through sustainable forest management and legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$75,000 Year 2025–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of ITTO in UNFF19 in 2024 and UNFF 20 in 2025; up to four CPF meetings in 2024 and 2025 • Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2024 and 2025 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$20,000 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$65,000 Year 2025 US\$65,000</p> <p>In 2024, ITTO continued to build strong relationships with different CPF members, including active engagement in the following major forum:</p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding with UNCCD ITTO and the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) signed a memorandum of understanding on 20 February 2024 in Tokyo, Japan, with the aim of to supporting ITTO member countries and Country Parties to the UNCCD in restoring and maintaining tropical forest</p>

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			<p>landscapes while promoting the sustainable production of timber and other products and ecosystem services. The MOU extends cooperation between the two secretariats to the end of 2028. It is the second such agreement, with the first signed in 2011.</p> <p>ITTO held a conference call with the UNCCD Secretariat in March 2025, to explore opportunities in project development.</p> <p>XXVI IUFRO World Congress (Stockholm, Sweden) ITTO had an active participation at the congress, it manned a booth at the exhibition hall which was well-attended and served to distribute most recent ITTO publications. ITTO delivered the keynote presentation “Scaling up the Exchange between Forest Science and Business-Theme: Towards a responsible forest economy” at the Science–Business subplenary; prior to it, ITTO was interviewed by IUFRO TV on the subject. ITTO delivered the presentation “Innovations to maximize the contribution of tropical forests to sustainable development” at the Innovation Stage. The Organization also participated in the Green Jobs Arena, where it delivered the presentation “Outlook and qualifications for green jobs on sustainable forestry” which was followed by a panel discussion. In collaboration with TEAKNET and IUFRO, ITTO co-organized the side-event “Strengthening Teak Forest Management for Sustainable Teakwood Supply Chains and Trade”. Three ITTO Fellows and one project presented posters during the congress.</p>

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			<p>19th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (New York, USA)</p> <p>In addition to participating in open plenary sessions, ITTO sponsored and co-hosted two side events at UNFF19. The first side event, in collaboration with the Korea Forest Service, India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Portugal's Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management (AGIF), and FAO was focused on principles and strategies for Integrated Landscape Fire Management through collaborative governance.</p> <p>The second ITTO sponsored side event explored different country experiences in certification and timber tracking to mainstream legal and sustainable supply chains of tropical wood products for responsible production and consumption.</p> <p>20th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (New York, USA)</p> <p>ITTO actively participated in relevant agenda items at the plenary and on various side-events as follows (detailed information is available from the ITTO website):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side-event '<i>Unlocking the Potential of Timber and Bamboo in International Trade through Sustainable Forest Governance</i>'. • Agenda item 3 (i) on '<i>Contributions of the CPF and its member organizations to achieving the UNFF's thematic priorities</i>'. • Agenda item 3 (c) '<i>Interlinkages of the GFGs and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</i>'. • Side-event '<i>Unlocking the Potential: Public-private Sector Collaboration for Advancing GFGs</i>'.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary presentation under the theme '<i>Promoting Nature's True Economic Value</i>'. • Side-event '<i>Joining Forces for Forests: CPF Joint Action to Advance GFGs</i>'. • Side-event '<i>Scaling Up Integrated Landscape Approaches: Partnerships, Policies, and Finance</i>'. <p>UNFF Country Led Initiatives</p> <p>ITTO presented and moderated the day long CBFM session of the CLI organized by the Government of Morocco from 16 to 18 June 2025, which highlighted the growing importance and effectiveness of community-based forest management to achieve multiple global sustainable development and environmental goals.</p> <p>27th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (Rome, Italy)</p> <p>As well as attendance at plenary, ITTO sponsored an all day Tropical Fire Experts Meeting as a satellite event of COFO, in collaboration with FAO, to review the first update/revision of the ITTO fire guidelines. ITTO participated in the Global Fire Hub's side event as part of a panel addressing integration of Indigenous Peoples' fire management practices with scientific knowledge.</p> <p>ITTO is also a long standing member of the FRA Advisory Group, which held a meeting during COFO27. Items discussed included FRA's work in seeking greater clarity/perspectives on the definitions for 'primary forest' per forest biomes, and 'forest degradation'.</p>

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			<p>CBD CoP16 (Cali, Colombia) ITTO actively participated at CBD COP16, including in the Biodiversity Capacity Building and Development Forum (19 October 2024) and as co-lead with FAO on the Sustainable Forest Based Economy' Session during the Forest and Water Day (25 October 2024) at the SDG Pavilion. ITTO contributed toward covering the translation costs for Forest and Water Day.</p> <p>UNFCCC CoP29 (Baku, Azerbaijan) ITTO actively participated in UNFCCC CoP29, including (detailed information is available from the ITTO website):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A side-event with Japan's Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI) on <i>'Innovations to Maximize Tropical Forest's Contribution to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation'</i>. • Along with FFPRI and the Japan Forestry Agency, ITTO co-hosted a session at the Japanese Pavilion focused on how rehabilitation and restoration and SFM contribute as nature-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation. • Participated at the <i>'Round Table on the Financing of National Afforestation and Reforestation Programs in Africa and around the World'</i> organized by the Republic of the Congo. • Presented at the session <i>'Orchestration of Preservation-based Production Forest Management'</i> at the Indonesian pavilion. • Panellist at the side-event <i>'EUDR and Beyond, Opportunities and Challenges on Environmental Regulations'</i> at the ISO pavilion.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelist at the side-event '<i>Baku, Belem and Beyond: Forests</i>' held at the WTO pavilion. • ITTO also showcased recent publications, videos and other PR material in a shared booth in the blue zone with CIFOR, IUFRO, and ICRAF. • ITTO arranged for the recording of two interviews for the '<i>Forest Talks</i>' which were published in the CPF YouTube channel. <p>In addition, ITTO financially contributed toward the Forest Pavilion at CoP29 and co-led the '<i>Sustainable Forest-Based Bioeconomy for Climate change mitigation and adaptation Day</i>' at the Pavilion with FAO and Japan.</p> <p>Collaboration with AFoCO</p> <p>During 2024-25, AFoCO and ITTO continued to explore opportunities for further collaboration, under its existing MOU, including the development of a new ITTO-AFoCo Joint Programme: "Advancing Nature Based Climate Solutions through Sustainable Community Based Timber and Forestry Based Enterprises". The joint programme will emphasize co-funding/joint oversight of selected projects that fulfill the following four pillars: (1) a focus on community based forestry enterprises, (2) advancement of tropical timber production and trade, (3) outputs directly contributing to nature based solutions to climate change, and (4) blended private and public sector financing.</p> <p>At the time of writing, the standard operating procedures and working functionalities of how the joint programme will operate are under</p>

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			<p>development between the two Secretariats. A concept note first call was launched in Feb 2025, and seven CNs were received, with two CNs selected for further development into project proposals and piloting under the joint programme. The hope is to secure financing for the two projects and start implementation in 2026.</p> <p>Collaboration with ASEAN In 2025, ITTO revitalized connections with ASEAN and, at ASEAN's invitation, presented on ITTO's current work at the 28th ASEAN Working Group on Forest Management (Brunei, July 2025) and the 28th ASEAN Working Group for Forest Product Development (AWGFPD) in conjunction with the 28th ASEAN Senior Official Meeting (ASOF) (Lao, PDR, Aug 2025).</p> <p>Collaboration with APEC In 2024-25, ITTO continued its engagement in APEC EGILAT. In 2025, ITTO attended the 27th APEC EGILAT plenary in Korea (March 2025) where ITTO presented on its work in supporting the use of sustainably produced tropical timber in domestic markets within Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia. At the 28th APEC EGILAT plenary (July 2025) ITTO presented on several ITTO initiatives supporting legal and sustainable supply chains.</p>
11.Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	<p>This work has been facilitated by similar activities under previous BWPs and will continue in 2024-25. Remaining funds from previous activities together with any new pledges will continue and expand on the work undertaken to date.</p> <p>Funds will be used to allow the Secretariat to participate in international C&I related meetings/discussions/initiatives,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant meetings attended • collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ NIL</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$25,000 Year 2025 US\$25,000</p> <p>Though no funding was pledged for this activity, ITTO attended the FRA Advisory Group meeting on the sidelines of the 27th Session of COFO. Items</p>

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	<p>including the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest Reporting, initiatives to take advantage of synergies between ITTO and FAO forest reporting (FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$25,000 Year 2025–US\$25,000</p>		<p>discussed included FRA’s work in seeking greater seeking greater clarity/perspectives on the definitions for ‘primary forest’ per forest biomes, and ‘forest degradation’.</p>

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

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12.ITTO communication strategy	<p>Implement various elements of the ITTO communication strategy presented to the Council at its 57th session.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$340,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2024–US\$170,000 Year 2025–US\$170,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions aimed at enhancing the branding and outreach of ITTO, elevating its role in the forest dialogue and providing essential thought leadership on policies and practices for sustainable development through SFM 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$50,000</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$145,000 Year 2025 US\$145,000</p> <p>The Council welcomed the draft communication strategy, presented at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16), as an ambitious plan to enhance ITTO's visibility, sharpen its messaging, and bolster fundraising efforts, while noting that additional resources would be required for its implementation. As of the preparation of this report, no funds had yet been pledged. Nevertheless, communication and outreach activities were strengthened in 2025, particularly through the development of project-related communication products and the expansion of outreach efforts outlined under Activity 14.</p>
13.ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$390,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$195,000 Year 2025–US\$195,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to four TFU issues per year published in three ITTO working languages 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>The TFU is distributed in hardcopy to about 15 000 individuals and organizations in more than 160 countries and is also available on the ITTO website and via the TFU app.</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, one issue of the TFU was published in 2025 with production for a second issue ongoing. A new design was also launched this year.</p>

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14. Public relations, education and outreach	<p>Regular work. Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches a wide audience by conducting:</p> <p>(a) Communication activities: Undertaking regular communication and outreach activities including, inter alia, managing the ITTO website (e.g. postings, and improvements in functionality and appearance); publishing and disseminating ITTO reports and publications (e.g. annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, TFU articles, news stories and events); producing and disseminating public relations materials (e.g. brochures, calendars, infographics, pamphlets, posters, videos and photographic images) to convey the work of the Organization; and other ad hoc initiatives, including in collaboration with other partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$450,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$225,000 Year 2025–US\$225,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular website and social media posts on the work of the Organization • Up to two new policy/technical series documents published and disseminated • Up to 8 TFU issues widely distributed • Up to 10 issues of Tropical Forest News newsletter widely distributed • New videos, posters, and pamphlets published • Two annual reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p><u>ITTO website:</u> The ITTO website has been regularly updated during the reporting period, providing a wide range of information on the Organization's work. This includes news, calls for proposals, documents for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees, publications (such as the Tropical Forest Update and the Policy Development and Technical series), the statistical database, the Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation, the Market Information Service, details on the ITTO Fellowship Programme, vacancies, upcoming events, and project information with a comprehensive search engine. The site also features a photo gallery and quick links to key resources.</p> <p><u>Email newsletter:</u> ITTO relaunched its monthly newsletter, <i>Tropical Forests News</i>, in a new format designed to showcase recent Secretariat activities, highlight partners in the field, and provide snapshots of ITTO's market intelligence services and timber reports, etc. The newsletter is distributed via Mailchimp and also available on LinkedIn.</p> <p><u>Social media:</u> ITTO maintains a consistent presence across major social media platforms, with regular posts and updates showcasing the Organization's work. As of the preparation of this report, the Organization had more than 7,900 followers on Facebook, 1,323 on</p>

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			<p>Instagram, 4,033 on LinkedIn, 1,211 on X, and 1,410 on YouTube.</p> <p><u>Videos:</u> As of the preparation of this report, ITTO's YouTube channel featured 170 videos showcasing various aspects of the Organization's work.</p> <p><u>Promotional materials:</u> Promotional materials—including branded wood products, eco-bags, badges, coasters, brochures, flyers, and posters—were produced or reprinted and widely distributed at events in Japan and abroad. At the time of preparing this report, a new brochure on the ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative had been printed and distributed, and production of the ITTO 2026 calendar is underway.</p> <p><u>Annual report and project/activity reports:</u> In 2025, ITTO launched the Tropical Veneer and Plywood: Description, Properties, and Conversion Factors. At the time of preparation of this report, the ITTO annual report 2024 is under production.</p> <p><u>Public relations, media, referrals:</u> ITTO's work has also been reference in external media outlets such as The Macau Daily, Seikyo newspaper, Diario de Yucatan, The Hindu Business Line, The Indian Express, etc.</p>
	(b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora): Exhibiting the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium [e.g. IUFRO World Congress; CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs; sessions of UNFF; COFO's], and other fora not covered under other BWP activities.	Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>ITTO had an active participation at the following events:</p>

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	<p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Year 2024–US\$90,000</p> <p>Year 2025–US\$90,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest management as Nature-based Solution(NbS): Towards Forest-based disaster risk reduction (F-DRR) • 27th plenary meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Trade (APEC EGILAT) • International Symposium on Wood Science and Technology • IWPA's 69th World of Wood Convention • UN University (UNU) Conversation Series • Side events at 20th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF20) • Responding to changing dynamics of fire and Integrated Fire Management (IFM) in the Tropics (side event at the Global Fire Management Hub Plenary 2025) • Initiative led by the Kingdom of Morocco in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests' work • International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG56) • ASEAN Working Group of Forest Management • International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) • TICAD 9: Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (side event and keynote speech) • Global Workshop on Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative • APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Plenary Meeting • 5th World Teak Conference (side event and opening statement) • Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum 2025

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COLI: International Symposium “Wood, health and sound” <p>ITTO plans to be present in the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31st Session Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission • 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 30) • 14th Asia Smart City Conference • 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
	<p>(c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions</p> <p>Year 2024–US\$25,000</p> <p>Year 2025–US\$25,000</p>	<p>Comprehensive Japanese language coverage of ITTO’s work on the ITTO website and other media</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$48,173</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$1,827</p> <p>Year 2025 US\$ NIL</p> <p>The Japanese edition of ITTO’s website has been regularly updated with a broad range of information on the Organization’s work. This includes news, calls for proposals, documents for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees, publications (such as the <i>Tropical Forest Update</i> and the Policy Development and Technical series), the statistical database, the <i>Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation</i>, the Market Information Service, details on the Fellowship Programme, vacancies, upcoming events, project information, and quick links to key sections of the site.</p> <p>High-level meetings and courtesy calls were held with JICA, Soka Gakkai, Forestry Agency of Japan (MAFF), Ministry of Environment, FFPRI, Embassy of Czech Republic to Japan, and Commissioner of the International Horticultural EXPO 2027 (GREEN</p>

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			<p>x EXPO 2027), APP Group, Embassy of Colombia to Japan, and the City of Yokohama.</p> <p>Social media posts in Japanese continue to be regularly published via ITTO's X account providing updates on ITTO's work.</p> <p>Lectures in Japan continued to conduct outreach activities with Yokohama Science Frontier High School, YOKE's interns, Keio University law students, City of Yokohama employees, young children at the Kodomo Adventure Colleague. ITTO has upcoming lecture engagements at Soka and Ritsumeikan Universities.</p> <p>ITTO participated and/or held booths at the International Symposium on Wood Science and Technology in Sendai, Yokohama Flower and Garden Show, TICAD9 (and TICAD9 pre-event), Global Festa, and Asia Smart City Conference (upcoming).</p> <p>Details are available on ITTO website here: Activities in Japan.</p>

GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
15.Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	<p>Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$40,000 Year 2025–US\$40,000</p>	At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025	<p>Funding pledged: US\$40,000</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$20,000 Year 2025 US\$20,000</p> <p>Travel assistance has been provided to TAG and CSAG to participate in ITTC 60 and 61. The Trade & Markets Day on 28 October 2025 will feature a CSAG panel ‘Advancing Sustainable Tropical Forest Management: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods under the ITTA and Global Biodiversity Framework’ and the Market Discussion ‘The Timber Industry Reimagined: Lessons from Market Struggles and Sustainability Efforts’ coordinated by TAG (see Activity 16).</p>
16.ITTO Annual Market Discussion	<p>Regular work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$50,000 Year 2025–US\$50,000</p>	ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2024 and 2025	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>The Secretariat in collaboration with the TAG, convened the 2024 Market Discussion on the theme ‘Production and Trade - Rising Costs and Weakening Demand’, which took place on 3 December 2025 in conjunction with the 60th ITTC Session. The Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion 2025 on the theme ‘The Timber Industry Reimagined: Lessons from Market Struggles and Sustainability Efforts’ in conjunction with the Sixty-first Session of ITTC in Panama City, Panama from 27 to 31 October 2025. This activity is expected to continue into 2026 and beyond.</p>

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17. Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Regular work. Convene the meetings of the Expert Panel. Estimated cost: US\$220,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$110,000 Year 2025–US\$110,000	Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2024 and 2025	Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs Due to the low number of proposals, the Sixtieth Expert Panel was conducted as a virtual review. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-60].
18. ITTO Fellowship Programme	Regular work. The objective of the Fellowship Programme is to develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines, with a view to promoting sustainable management of tropical forests, efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber. Estimated cost: US\$400,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2024–US\$200,000 Year 2025–US\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-40 fellowships awarded in 2024 and 2025 • Fellowship alumni network maintained 	Funding pledged: US\$235,748 Funding pending: Year 2024 US\$116,294 Year 2025 US\$47,959 19 fellowships were awarded in 2024. The Fellowship Selection Panel will be conducted electronically prior to the Sixty-first Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2025 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC(LXI)/6) including the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, will be presented to the Council as part of the presentation of the BWP progress report. This activity is expected to continue into 2026 and beyond.
19. ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Regular work. Estimated cost: US\$500,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$250,000 Year 2025–US\$250,000	Twenty-three (23) Tropical Timber Market Reports published annually in 2024 and 2025)	Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2024 and twenty-three issues are planned for 2025. The report is distributed to over 22,000 registered readers.
20. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Regular work. The Secretariat will undertake activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement	• Participation in two meetings of the Intersecretariat Working	Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs

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	<p>in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$20,000 Year 2025–US\$20,000</p>	<p>Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating and refinement of JFSQ 	<p>In February 2024, the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) was held in Geneva during which ITTO and partners Organizations could update definitions of certain wood products and also implemented new products inside the JFSQ. The next round of the WCO inclusion of new forest products in the Harmonized System was also discussed and planned.</p> <p>One of the major issues discussed during the meeting was the harmonization of the data among the different statistical databases which has been an ongoing work.</p> <p>In January 2025, the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) was held in Rome in the FAO headquarters.</p> <p>The improvement of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the cooperation with various external organizations such as the WCO and CIRAD have been an ongoing work of this activity.</p> <p>The online data reporting the production and trade of primary and secondary wood products was released on August 2024 in the online statistical database (Biennial Review Statistics).</p> <p>In July 2025, the online ITTO database was again updated with the latest data from the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Activity 20 also financially supported two studies along with some funding from Activity 21. These two studies are as follows:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A long-term study on the production and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products in the world since 1990. This study was released on the website in the Technical Series section as Technical Series 52 in November 2024; • A study on conversion factors on tropical veneer and tropical plywood which was released on the ITTO website under the Other technical reports section in April 2025. <p>Activity 20 is also funding the revamping of the TROPIX system (TROPIX 7) from CIRAD. The actual TROPIX system is currently a CD-based system. The revamping will port this CD system to an online database freely available on which people will be able to consult the technical properties of around 250 tropical species.</p>
21. Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	<p>Regular work. Preparation of the draft elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2023-2024 in 2024 and publication of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2023-2024 in 2025.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$120,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2024–US\$60,000 Year 2025–US\$60,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft elements of the 2023-24 Review considered at the Sixtieth Session of the Council in 2024 • Biennial review and assessment 2023-24 published in 2025 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>The draft of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2023-2024 was presented to the 60th ITTC in December 2024.</p> <p>Following Council input, further data collection, analysis and editing, the Biennial Review 2023-2024 was released on the ITTO website in August 2025 and will be distributed at ITTC 61.</p>

Part 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
22. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2024-2025. ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reviewed at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2024 – 2025 under Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LXI)/5].
23. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027. [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027 considered at the Sixty-first Session of the Council in 2025 	The draft BWP 2026-2027 will be presented to the Council at the Sixty-first Session in 2025 [Document ITTC(LXI)/7].
24. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Sixty-first Session of the Council and advise on eligibility for funding out of Sub-account B.
25. Make allocations from unearmarked funds available in the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Special Account to fund implementation of eligible approved actions, projects and pre-projects. ITTA, 2006, Article 21; [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations made at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Sixty-first Session of the Council to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.
26. Decide on project work, including financing, taking into account the recommendations made by the Committees on project proposals and on-going and completed approved projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council at its Sixty-first Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.

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27. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmatic approach and the four programme lines during the pilot phase period. [ITTC Decision 8(LV)]	The Secretariat will update Council on the implementation of the pilot phase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Report to be considered at the Sixtieth Session of the Council in 2024 	Progress on the implementation of the Programmatic Approach under both Decisions and the four Programme Lines will be reported to Council under Item 16 of the Provisional Agenda. In accordance with Decision 8(LVII) the review/evaluation of the pilot phase 2020-2022 has been postponed until at least 2023. In accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Board at ITTC 58, the review has been conducted in 2024 and was reported to ITTC 60.
28. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6) [ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress (if any) considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	As informed to the 56 th ITTC, in the absence of any new pledges to the Thematic Programmes and given that all funded projects have been reported completed, there is nothing to report under this Activity.
29. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). [ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will receive the Report of the 39 th IAG under Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LXI)/2].
30. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Committees presented at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 16 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
31. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). [ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 16 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations on selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
32. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. ITTA, 2006, Article 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, including through the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.

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33. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports considered at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 	The Council will consider the ex-post evaluation reports of one thematic group evaluation in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Fifty-ninth Session of the Joint Committees under Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC-JC(LIX)/1].
34. Review the independent audited statements for the 2023 and 2024 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. ITTA, 2006, Article 23]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of independent auditors disseminated to members and summaries published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2024 and 2025 	The report of the independent auditors on the 2024 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Fortieth Session, [Document CFA(XL)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.
35. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposal for the 2024-2025 biennium. ITTA, 2006, Article 19(4)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget proposal for the 2024-2025 biennium will be included in the Thirty-ninth CFA Report to be presented at the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council in 2023 	The Council approved the Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2024 and 2025 at the 59 th ITTC in Pattaya, Thailand. The Biennial Administrative Budget for the financial years 2026 and 2027 will be presented to the 61 st ITTC for consideration and approval.
36. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. ITTA, 2006, Article 19(5)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2023 and 2024 presented at the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Council in 2024 and 2025 • Meetings and reports of the investment oversight panel as appropriate 	The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Fortieth Session as part of the regular work.
37. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work program, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it. ITTA, 2006, Article 24(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 presented at the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council in 2023 	BWP 2024-2025 approved at 59 th ITTC [ITTC Decision 3(LIX)].

Annex I

Activity relevance and responsible body

Activity		ITTA/ITTC	ITTO SAP	UNSPF	Programme Line	Responsible Body
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES						
1	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2, SP4, CS1, CS4	GFG2, GFG5	PL 1	Council, CEM
2	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	CEM/CFI (L)/4; Report item 9 (IV) and (v); Annex C	SP2, CS1	GFG-6	PL 1	Council, CEM, CFI
3	Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and community-established plantations	Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)	SP1, SP2, SP3, CS1, CS4	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1, PL 2, PL 3, PL 4	CRF
4	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Article 15; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)	SP2, SP3, CS1	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	PL 1, PL 2	Council
5	Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1, CS1	GFG5, GFG6	PL 1	Council/CRF
6	Statistical capacity building workshops	Article 28(5)	SP2, SP4, C1	GFG6	PL 1	CEM
7	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)	SP1, SP3	GFG1, GFG4, GFG6	PL 2, PL 4	CRF
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK						
8	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Decision 2(L)	SP1, CS1, CS2, CS4	GFG1, GFG3, GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Decisions 7(LV)	SP3, CS1	GFG1, GFG6	PL 2, PL 3	CRF
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	Decision 2(L)	SP3, CS4	GFG1, GFG2	PL 3	CRF

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES						
9	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)	SP3, CS1, CS2	GFG1, GFG3, GFG4, GFG6	PL 2, PL 3	Council/CRF
10	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP1, SP3, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
11	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP3, SP4, CS1	GFG5, GFG6	Crosscutting	Council, CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK						
12	ITTO communication strategy	Article 1	Crosscutting, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
13	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Articles 27, 28	Crosscutting, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
14	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Article 1	Crosscutting, CS2	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)					
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese					
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK						
15	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	Crosscutting	GFG6	NA	Council
16	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP1, SP2, CS4	GFG6	NA	Joint Committees
17	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	SP1-SP4, CS1-CS4	GFG1 - GFG6	Crosscutting	Council and Committees
18	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	Crosscutting	GFG6	Crosscutting	Council
19	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP4, CS4	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1, PL 4	CEM
20	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Article 27	SP4, CS1	GFG6	PL 1	CEM
21	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Article 28	SP4, CS1	GFG6	PL 1	Council

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP)

SP 1	Governance and investment
SP 2	Economies and tropical timber trade
SP 3	Resilience, restoration and conservation
SP 4	Statistics and information
Crosscutting Strategy	
1	Help build capacity in member countries to advance the SAP 2022-2026
2	Enhance ITTO's operational effectiveness
3	Promote integration of the tropical forest sector in COVID-19 recovery plans, measures and investments
4	Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

GFG 1	Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and enhance the contribution of forests to climate change
GFG 2	Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people
GFG 3	Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests
GFG 4	Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific, technical and technological cooperation and partnerships
GFG 5	Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
GFG 6	Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

ITTO Programme Lines (PL)

PL 1	Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
PL 2	Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
PL 3	Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
PL 4	Emerging Issues and Innovation