

ITTO Joint Committee Session
Panama City, Panama, 28 October 2025
(Trade and Markets Day)

09:00 – 11:00	<p>Item 1 – CSAG Panel Discussion ‘Advancing Sustainable Tropical Forest Management: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods under the ITTA and Global Biodiversity Framework (Moderator: Ms. Christine Wulandari, CSAG Indonesia)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “International Timber/NTFP Trade and Its Implications for Biodiversity: Challenges and Opportunities” Ms. Karen Noboa, <i>TRAFFIC</i> 2. “Empowering Women and Youth in Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management: Cases from Cameroon, Togo, and Benin” Ms. Rose Pélagie Masso, <i>REFACOF</i> 3. “Community-Based Landscape Approaches to Biodiversity and Livelihoods: A Model from Panama and Indonesia” Ms. Christine Wulandari, <i>FKKM, Indonesia; Panama speaker tbc</i> 4. “Forests in the Global Biodiversity Agenda: Insights from UNFF Major Groups at CBD SBSTTA-27” Ms. Fernanda Rodrigues, <i>UNFF Women Major Group (Brazil)</i> <p>Q&A, CSAG Statement and Closing (CSAG Chairperson)</p>
11:00 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 13:00	<p>Item 2 – Policy Work under the Committees</p> <p>a) Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring Process in Application of C&I for SFM 2. Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests (presentation of the Tropical IFM Toolkit prototype) 3. Developing and Operationalizing ITTO’s Policy Guidelines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics 3.2. Support for Women’s Groups with Gender Empowerment and FLR in Togo 4. Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity 5. Cooperation and consultation with CPF, UNFF and others 6. Collaboration on C&I on SFM
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 17:00	<p>Item 3 – Annual Market Discussion ‘The Timber Industry Reimagined: Lessons from Market Struggles and Sustainability Efforts’ (Moderators: Ms. Ashley Amidon/Mr. Ivan Tomaselli, TAG Co-Chairs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keynote: “Promoting Sustainable Tropical Timber Products Trade and Changing Consumer Perceptions: A New Phase” Ms. Emily Fripp (<i>Efeca, United Kingdom</i>) 2. “Forest Plantations in Latin America: Contributions to Ensure the Sustainable and Competitive Global Supply of Timber” Mr. Joao Baldasso (<i>CIPEM, Brazil</i>) 3. “The Future of the Tropical Timber Industry in the Central America Region” Mr. Jaime Sotela Montero (<i>Camara Forestal Madera e Industria de Costa Rica</i>) 4. “Learning from Viet Nam: How to Develop the Value-Added Tropical Timber Industry” Mr. Ngo Sy Hoai (<i>Vietnam Timber & Forest Product Association</i>) 5. “The Tropical Forest Industry in Africa: Efforts to Promote Integrated Social, Environmental and Economic Development” Ms. Tulia Baldassarri (<i>Interholco, Switzerland</i>) <p>Q&A, TAG Statement and Closing (TAG Co-Chairs)</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Item 2 – Policy Work under the Committees</p> <p>b) Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legality frameworks 2. Certification, traceability, and transparency 3. EGILAT and ITTO collaboration <p>c) Committee on Forest Industry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion of sustainable wood use in domestic markets
18:00 – 18:30	<p>Item 6 – Other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Opportunities for land restoration and commercial forest plantations in conjunction with large-scale agro-industrial crops" Mr. Eduardo Aza Santillana (<i>Agrovision Corp.</i>) & Mr. Nils Perez Ocupa (<i>La Selva Corp</i>)

*JC Agenda Items 4 (Ex-post Evaluations) and 5 (Report of the Export Panel) will be presented in a separate JC session on Wed, 29 Oct 2025