

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

09:00 – 11:00	Item 1 – CSAG Panel Discussion ‘Advancing Sustainable Tropical Forest Management: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods under the ITTA and Global Biodiversity Framework (Moderator: Ms. Fany González, CSAG Chairperson) 1. “International Timber/NTFP Trade and Its Implications for Biodiversity: Challenges and Opportunities” Ms. Karen Noboa, TRAFFIC 2. “Global Biodiversity Framework and the Role of Women in Sustainable Forest Management: Cases from Cameroon, Togo, and Benin” Ms. Rose Pélagie Masso, REFACOF 3. “Community-Based Landscape Approaches to Biodiversity and Livelihoods: A Model from Indonesia” Ms. Christine Wulandari, FKMM, Indonesia; 4. “Sustainable Forest Management in Panama’s Production Forests: A Model for Conservation and Improvement of Livelihoods in Indigenous Territories” Mr. Ramon Chiari, MiAmbiente, Panama 5. “Forests in the Global Biodiversity Agenda: Insights from UNFF Major Groups at CBD SBSTTA-27” Ms. Fernanda Rodrigues, UNFF Women Major Group (Brazil) Q&A, CSAG Statement and Closing (CSAG Chairperson)
11:00 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 13:00	Item 2 – Policy Work under the Committees a) Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management (CRF) 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 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	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) 1. Keynote: “Promoting Sustainable Tropical Timber Products Trade and Changing Consumer Perceptions: A New Phase” Ms. Emily Fripp (Efeca, United Kingdom) 2. “Forest Plantations in Latin America: Contributions to Ensure the Sustainable and Competitive Global Supply of Timber” Mr. Joao Baldasso (CIPEM, Brazil) 3. “The Future of the Tropical Timber Industry in the Central America Region” Mr. Jaime Sotela Montero (Camara Forestal Madera e Industria de Costa Rica) 4. “Learning from Viet Nam: How to Develop the Value-Added Tropical Timber Industry” Mr. Ngo Sy Hoai (Vietnam Timber & Forest Product Association) 5. “The Tropical Forest Industry in Africa: Efforts to Promote Integrated Social, Environmental and Economic Development” Ms. Tulia Baldassarri (Interholco, Switzerland) Q&A, TAG Statement and Closing (TAG Co-Chairs)
17:00 – 18:00	Item 2 – Policy Work under the Committees b) Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets 1. Legality frameworks 2. Certification, traceability, and transparency 3. EGILAT and ITTO collaboration c) Committee on Forest Industry 1. Promotion of sustainable wood use in domestic markets
18:00 – 18:30	Item 6 – Other business: • "Opportunities for land restoration and commercial forest plantations in conjunction with large-scale agro-industrial crops" Mr. Eduardo Aza Santillana (Agrovision Corp.) & Mr. Nils Perez Ocupa (La Selva Corp)

*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