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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fifty-ninth Session of the Committee will be chaired by Mr. Björn Merrell (Sweden) who has been elected as Chairperson for 2025.

Item 2 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document CRF(LIX)/1]

The Committee may consider the Provisional Agenda and adopt it for the session. On the organization of work, it is to be noted that the schedule of meetings for the work of the Committee will be determined after usual consultations. The Committee may also constitute the usual informal open-ended working group(s) to assist in the consideration of specific matters related to the Agenda. Items 4, 5, 7 and 10(A) of the Agenda will be considered at a joint session of the Committees.

Item 3 - Admission of Observers

The Committees may admit those observers as approved by the Council to attend the session as observers.

Item 4 - ITTO Annual Market Discussion – 2025

This item will be taken up in the joint session of the Committees, as part of a Trade and Markets Day during the session (an agenda for the proposed Trade and Markets Day will be circulated prior to the session). The theme of the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2025 as proposed by the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) is “The Timber Industry Reimagined: Lessons from Market Struggles and Sustainability Efforts”. An information note detailing the schedule and speakers for the ITTO Annual Market Discussion - 2025 will be circulated prior to the session.

Item 5 - Policy Work

ITTC policy work assigned to Committees, pursuant to ITTC Decision 4(XXV) include:

- Restructure the agendas of the Committees to include a separate agenda item for policy work;
- Consider the current ITTO Strategic Action Plan, the ongoing and proposed ITTO Biennial Work Programmes (BWPs), the findings of completed projects and Council Decisions as the primary basis for identifying relevant items for policy development; and
- Decide during each session of each Committee those subjects which will be discussed under the agenda item “Policy Work” during its next session and agree upon the way to prepare for such a discussion in the Committee.

The Secretariat will report on the following ITTO BWP 2024-2025 Activities and may consider the progress in their implementation:

- (i) Monitor Progress in the Application of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management
[Activity 5, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]

Adapting the 2006 ITTO Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management to African context / Dissemination and information sharing in ITTO member countries in Africa
[Activity 5, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]

- (ii) Revision of the ITTO Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests
[Activity 7, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (iii) Developing and Operationalizing ITTO's Policy Guidelines to Members
[Activity 8, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
 - a) Dissemination of the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics
[Activity 8 (b), ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
 - b) Support for Women's Groups with Gender Empowerment and Forest Landscape Restoration in Togo [Activity 8 (c), ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (iv) Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity / Programme document 2024–2025 in relation to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
[Activity 9, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (v) Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others
[Activity 10, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]
- (vi) Collaboration on Criteria and Indicators for SFM
[Activity 11, ITTO BWP 2024-2025]

Item 6 - Biennial Work Programme of the Committees for 2026-2027

In accordance with the recommendation by the Council, the Committee may wish to review the draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2026-2027, as contained in document ITTC(LXI)/7, particularly the sections pertaining to the strategic policy activities of the Committees.

Item 7 - Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

[Document ITTC/EP-60]

The report of the Sixtieth Expert Panel, which was convened virtually, is contained in document ITTC/EP-60. Pursuant to Annex B of ITTC Decision 4(XXV), the general observations of the report produced by the Expert Panel shall be considered under this item in a joint session of the Committees.

Item 8 - Projects and Pre-projects newly approved by EP

[Document ITTC/EP-60]

The Committee may note the following projects which have been approved under the time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel ratings in accordance with the ITTC Decision 6(XLIII) in two steps as follows: (1) for provisional version (with a caveat statement on the cover page) on 10 October 2025; and (2) for final versions on 24 October 2025. The recommendations of the 60th Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals are contained in document ITTC/EP-60.

The Category 1 rating of the 60th Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals, concerning project proposals currently under the Committee's consideration, is as follows:

Category 1: The Panel concluded that the proposal could be commended to the Committee with incorporation of amendments.

Sixtieth Expert Panel**Category 1:**

PD/PPD NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTING COUNTRY
PD 930/22 Rev.2 (F)	Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Management of the Sitatunga Valley Natural Community Park in Benin	Benin
PD 939/24 Rev.2 (F)	Generation of Fundamental Information for the Second Cutting Cycle in the Amazon Rainforest	Brazil
PD 942/25 Rev.2 (F)	Developing Silvicultural Management Models for Forest Restoration Based on the Use of Seed Trees for the Establishment of Natural and Artificial Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru	Peru
PD 949/25 Rev.1 (F)	Strengthening Governance Systems and Local Regulatory Frameworks for the Resilience and Sustainability of Municipal and Community Forests in Western Guatemala	Guatemala
PD 950/25 Rev.1 (F)	Support to Local Communities for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Mountain Forests in the Sub-Northern Region of Togo	Togo
PPD 206/25 Rev.1 (F)	Restoration and Sustainable Management of Gallery Forests in the Mono Delta Biosphere Reserve in Benin	Benin
PPD 208/25 Rev.1 (F)	Study for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in the Mô Plain, Togo	Togo

Item 9 - Report on Completed Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities

[Document CRF(LIX)/2]

The Committee may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in document CRF(LIX)/2 on the following project that may be declared complete:

9.1 Completed Pre-project(s)

None

9.2 Completed Project(s)

- 1) PD 836/17 Rev.2 (F) Enhancing Capacity of Local Communities and Forest Administration to Effectively Implement Community Forestry Programme (CFP) in Kratie and Monduliri Provinces of Cambodia (Cambodia)
- 2) PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo – Phase I (Togo)
- 3) PP-A/56-341B Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, Togo – Phase III (Togo) (BWP Activity 8c)
- 4) PP-A/59-351 Community-Based Restoration of Cyclone-Affected Vulnerable Mangrove Forests through the Empowerment of Coastal Communities and Women in the Rewa Delta, Fiji (Fiji)

Item 10 - Ex-post Evaluations

(A) Ex-post Evaluation Report

[Document CRF(LIX)/4 and CRF(LIX)/5]

At its last session, the Committee agreed to conduct an ex-post evaluation on the following projects below utilizing funds from the ex-post evaluation pool. The ex-post evaluation is intended to provide an in-depth analysis of the lessons learned from the implementation of these two projects.

Project ID	Title	Country	ITTO budget (USD)
PD 741/13 Rev.3 (F)	Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Tropical Dry Forests on the North Coast of Peru	Peru	437,478
PP-A/53-323	Capacity building for the Implementation of “Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)” by Key Stakeholders in the Congo Basin Countries	Cameroon C.A.R. Congo D.R. Congo Gabon	315,789

The Committee may consider the results of the ex-post evaluation carried out by two separate consultants, as contained in documents CRF(LIX)/4 and CRF(LIX)/5.

(B) Selection of Projects for Ex-post Evaluations in 2026

[Document CRF(LVIII)/5]

The shortlist of ex-post evaluations 2025-2026, as contained in document CRF(LVIII)/5, was approved by the Committee during its 58th Session. Two projects in this shortlist, PD 741/13 Rev.3 (F) and PP-A/53-323, had been subject to the ex-post evaluation work. Therefore, the planning of the ex-post evaluation, in 2026, will give priority to other completed projects, under the Committee’s consideration and decision.

Item 11 - Review of Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities in Implementation

[Document CRF(LIX)/3]

To further streamline its work, the Committee, in accordance with ITTC Decision 4(XXV), Annex A, Section VI, requested that reporting and discussion during the Session be limited to projects and pre-projects that are:

- having implementation problems;
- requiring additional funds;
- requesting extension in time of more than six months beyond the original duration of the project;
- or
- requesting essential major modifications of the work plan and budget.

The Committee may consider the report prepared by the Secretariat as contained in Document CRF(LIX)/3 on the progress or status of projects, pre-projects and activities approved for financing and implementation by the Council. The status of some projects, pre-projects and activities may change from the time this agenda is distributed to the time Document CRF(LIX)/3 is prepared and the time the Session is convened. The report covers the following:

11.1 Projects and Pre-Projects in Implementation

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.3 (F) Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra - Phase I (Indonesia)

- 2) PD 764/14 Rev.3 (F) Enabling Customary Landowners to Participate Effectively in Community Forest Management Schemes Within 6 Pilot Areas of PNG (PNG)
- 3) PD 808/16 Rev.5 (F) Conservation of African Barwood (*Pterocarpus Erinaceus* Poir) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities - Phase I (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 4) PD 849/17 Rev.2 (F) Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- Presentation
- 5) PD 903/19 Rev.3 (F) Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 6) PD 916/21 Rev.2 (F) Pilot Sustainable Management Systems for Secondary Natural Forests in the Collective Afro-descendant Community Territory of the Bajo Calima Community Council, Municipality of Buenaventura, Colombia (Colombia)
- Presentation
- 7) PD 927/22 Rev.2 (F) Development of an Information System on the Potential of Wood and Carbon to Support Sustainable Forest Management in South Kalimantan, Indonesia (Indonesia)
- 8) PD 931/23 (F) Promoting SFM and Local Wood Consumption through Capacity Building and Improving Regulation in the North Zone, Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- 9) PD 932/23 (F) Assessment and Dissemination of Knowledge and Experience for Ex-Situ Conservation and Plantation of Caoba in Northern Coastal Area, Peru (Peru)
- Presentation
- 10) PD 934/23 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening the Conservation of the Critically Endangered Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) in Dakrong Nature Reserve and Dong Nai Conservation Landscape, Vietnam (Vietnam)
- 11) PD 945/25 (F) Emergency Actions to Secure Forest Conservation and Livelihoods of Traditional Communities in the Brazilian Federal Conservation Unit Verde Para Sempre (Brazil)
- 12) PD 946/25 (F) Capacity Building for the Restoration of the SOTA GOUNGOUN Forest Complex and Climate Change Mitigation in Benin (Benin)
- 13) PP-A/56-342A Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality Framework in Myanmar (Myanmar)
- 14) PP-A/59-352 Community Empowerment in Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in Upper Baram, Sarawak Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 15) PP-A/60-367 Critical Upliftment of Local Livelihoods: Urgent Actions for Community-Based Conservation and Development in Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)

- 16) PP-A/60-368 Strengthening the Resilience of Indigenous Mayan Communities in Tropical Forests of the Yucatan Peninsula through the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Context of the Maya Train Project (Mexico)
- Presentation
- 17) PP-A/60-370 Integrated project to Strengthen sustainable management systems and monitoring the miombo forest against degradation processes for food security, rural employment and climate mitigation action (Angola)

11.2 BWP Project-based Activities in Implementation

- 1) PP-A/54-331A Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics (BWP Activity 3)
- Presentation
- 2) PP-A/56-341C Support for Women's Groups with the Restoration of Forest Landscapes in the Departments of Ouémé and Zou, Benin (Benin)
(BWP Activity 8c)

Item 12 - Projects, Pre-projects, and BWP Project-based Activities Awaiting Implementation Agreement

[Document CRF(LIX)/3]

- 1) PD 808/16 Rev.5 (F) Conservation of African Barwood (Pterocarpus Erinaceus Poir) in the Gazetted Forests of La Palee and Boundiali in Northern Côte d'Ivoire with the Participation of Local Communities – Phase II (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 2) PD 944/25 (F) Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of Potential Investment Areas (PIAs) within Forest Land in the Philippines (Philippines)

Item 13 – Projects and Pre-projects Awaiting Financing

[Document CRF(LIX)/3]

In accordance with ITTC Decision 2(X), Council approved projects which have not been funded within a validity period of 20 months may be revised and resubmitted to the (Committee) Council. Failing resubmission, the Project will lose its status as an approved Project and fall under the sunset provision. Projects with an asterisk (*) will become sunset between the 59th and 60th CRF Sessions.

- 1) PD 712/13 Rev.3 (F) Enhancing the Implementation of Landscape Management of Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve (GSK-BR) in Riau Province of Sumatra Island, Sumatra - Phase II (Indonesia) [\$248,154.00]
- 2) PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo - Phase II (Togo) [\$50,000 pledged at ITTC-60 Session and Outstanding balance is \$282,624.16]
- 3) PD 930/22 Rev.2 (F) Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Management of the Sitatunga Valley Natural Community Park in Benin (Benin) [\$453,376.00]
- 4) PD 936/24 Rev.1 (F)* Protection and Restoration of Forest Lands for Water Catchment, Regulation and Recharge in the Upper Salinas River Watershed, Guatemala, as a Climate Change Adaptation Measure to Ensure Water Supply for the Guatemalan Population (Guatemala) [\$496,959.10]

- 5) PD 938/24 Rev.1 (F)* Sustainable Management of Production Forests Driven by Traditional Communities in the Brazilian Amazon (Brazil) [\$678,531.00]
- 6) PD 939/24 Rev.2 (F) Generation of Fundamental Information for the Second Cutting Cycle in the Amazon Rainforest (Brazil) [\$498,400.00]
- 7) PD 940/24 Rev.1 (F)* Strengthening Effective Forest Area Designation and Customary Rights in East Nusa Tenggara Province as a Precondition of Achieving Sustainable Forest Management (Indonesia) [\$599,555.00]
- 8) PD 941/24 Rev.1 (F)* Capacity Building for Private and Community Tree Farmers in Relation with the Sustainable Management of Forest Plantations in Southern Benin (Benin) [\$537,712.00]
- 9) PD 942/25 Rev.2 (F) Developing Silvicultural Management Models for Forest Restoration Based on the Use of Seed Trees for the Establishment of Natural and Artificial Regeneration in the Province of Tahuamanu, Peru (Peru) [\$1,061,040.00]
- 10) PD 949/25 Rev.1 (F) Strengthening Governance Systems and Local Regulatory Frameworks for the Resilience and Sustainability of Municipal and Community Forests in Western Guatemala (Guatemala) [\$459,086.96]
- 11) PD 950/25 Rev.1 (F) Support to Local Communities for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Mountain Forests in the Sub-Northern Region of Togo (Togo) [\$505,008.00]
- 12) PPD 206/25 Rev.1 (F) Restoration and Sustainable Management of Gallery Forests in the Mono Delta Biosphere Reserve in Benin (Benin) [\$92,640.00]
- 13) PPD 208/25 Rev.1 (F) Study for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in the Mô Plain, Togo (Togo) [\$98,000.00]

Item 14 - Concept Notes Awaiting Expression of Interest by Potential Donors

- 1) CN-24034 Building Resilience Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation by Promoting Community Forest Landscape Restoration in Kratie and Monduliri Provinces in Cambodia (Cambodia)
- 2) CN-25035 Apoyo para la realización del “IX Congreso Forestal Latinoamericano – John Leigh Vetter”, Lima – Perú (Peru)
- 3) CN-25037 Enhancing Sustainable Community-Based Forestry Enterprises for Climate Resilience in the Northern Mountainous Region of Vietnam (Vietnam)
- 4) CN-25038 Promoting Climate-Smart Agroforestry to Enhance Sustainable Community-based Forestry Enterprises in Sumbawa Island, Indonesia (Indonesia)
- 5) CN-25039 Structural study and carbon sequestration for sustainable management and biodiversity conservation in sub-deciduous tropical forest ecosystems in the northern coastal region of Nayarit, Mexico (Mexico)

Item 15 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2026

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2026 will be the subject of consultations within the Council and the Committees.

Item 16 - Dates and Venues of the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Committee

The dates and venues of the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Sessions of the Committee are determined in relation to the dates and venues fixed by the Council for its Sixty-second and Sixty-third Sessions.

Item 17 - Other Business

The Committee may consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

Item 18 - Recommendations to the International Tropical Timber Council

The Committee may consider recommendations to the Council on projects, pre-projects, policy work and any other matters concerning reforestation and forest management.

Item 19 - Report of the Session

The Committee may consider and adopt a report containing recommendations to the Council. The Committee may request the Chairperson to present the report during the Sixty-first Session of the Council for consideration and adoption.

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