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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL
TIMBER ORGANIZATION

Matters related to Article 15 of the ITTA 2006 on cooperation and coordination with other organizations

Decision 7(LVII)

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ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER BODIES CALLED FOR BY DECISIONS 8(LV) AND 4(LVI)

ITEM		DESCRIPTION	STATUS
1	Engage on GEF Activities/Projects	Contact with select Members throughout 2025 re inclusion of ITTO in GEF discussions/projects	ONGOING
2	Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)	- MoU signed with UNU and RESTEC - Work in progress on operationalizing MoUs with: AFoCO, JICA, UNCCD, UNFF - MoUs in process of being renewed: IGES and CBD	ONGOING
5	Formal accreditation to the GCF	- GCF accreditation completed March 2024 - Work in progress on financing submission - Conceptualizing with countries on potential projects	COMPLETED

IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER DECISIONS

 DECISION	 DESCRIPTION	 STATUS
7(LVII) Article 15 of the ITTA Further pursue measures in international and regional organizations for 2022-23.	UNCCD, AFoCO, JICA, UNFF, FAO, GEF, GCF, CITES, CIFOR-ICRAF, IUFRO, UNEP, COMIFAC, APEC, ADB, Japanese authorities, etc. Engagement with the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI), Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), etc. on potential projects	ONGOING

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER BODIES

- ITTO is continuing to pursue closer collaboration with all partners, including the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and other international organizations.
- The ITTO Secretariat continues to make efforts to increase participation in ITTO's work by the TAG and CSAG, including coordinating funding contributions to advance their work.
- Ongoing collaborative talks with Japan-based agencies (ie, MOE, JAXA, IGES, etc.)



CONFERENCES, STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS, AND SPECIALIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Sustainable Wood Futures in Asia-Pacific

(7 February 2025): Expert consultation on challenges of meeting rising timber demand and the critical role of smallholders.

APEC EGILAT

(26–28 February 2025): Presented ITTO's progress on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains.

International Symposium on Wood Science and Technology

(18 March 2025): Guest address on the power of sustainable forestry to drive economic growth.

UNFF20

(5–9 May 2025): Participated in high-level discussions to reinforce ITTO's contributions to sustainable tropical forestry and collaborative partnerships.

PEFC Forest Forum

(8 May 2025): Keynote address on the forces redefining forest certification and forest-based businesses.

IRG56 Wood Protection

(23 June 2025): Keynote speech on the current situation facing tropical forests.

International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific

(29 July 2025): Panel discussion on building synergies on the road to COP30

TICAD9

(20–22 August 2025): Keynote speech underlining role of international cooperation to advance Africa's decarbonization.

28th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)

(5–8 August 2025): Convened the Working Group on Forest Product Devt and presented in ASOF on collaboration through SFM.



5th World Teak Conference

(17–20 September 2025): Co-organized conference and held side event, participated in panel discussion, and delivered opening remarks.

Upcoming for 2025:

- APFC31/APFW2025
- UNFCCC COP30
- CITES COP20



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PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT JAPAN

- ITTO hosted engagement events with the private sector - exploring opportunities for collaboration.
- Recent activities organized by the Secretariat include networking events in Tokyo, which brought together representatives from private companies to share ITTO's mission and activities and to strengthen networks and foster new partnerships.
 - How to build good partnerships with local communities & discussion on forest carbon credits (28 February)
 - Advancing the circular bioeconomy (30 September)
- ITTO welcomes visitors from private institutions to its Secretariat in Yokohama to introduce the Organization's activities and explore opportunities for collaboration.
 - (i.e. Asia Pulp and Paper, Timber Exporters' Association of Malaysia, among others)



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN

- ITTO is committed to promoting sustainable forest management, economic development, and environmental education through *impactful* outreach initiatives.
- ITTO aims to enhance the understanding of the importance of forests and the environment for *youth and future generations*.
- ITTO has consistently supported Japan's efforts in *sustainable development and environmental education*.
- ITTO fosters *partnerships* with institutions, collaborators, and local stakeholders to achieve shared goals.



EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

City of Yokohama

Workshop to highlight significance of tropical forests

23 JANUARY

Yokohama Flower and Garden Show

Joint exhibition on the beauty and importance of tropical forests

5 MAY

Origami Workshop

Origami workshops to share message of conservation and cooperation.

26 JULY

TICAD9

On-site booth engaging attendees about ITTO's mission

20-22 AUGUST

Yokohama Science Frontier High School

Lecture and workshop on tropical forests and sustainability

19 MARCH

Keio University

Overview of ITTO's mission, projects, and the pressing issues facing forests

4 JUNE

Kodomo Adventure

Workshop introducing children to the importance of tropical forests

6 AUGUST

Global Festa Japan

Booth to share information about ITTO's mandate and projects

27-28 SEPTEMBER





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