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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL
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Progress Report on the Implementation of the Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025

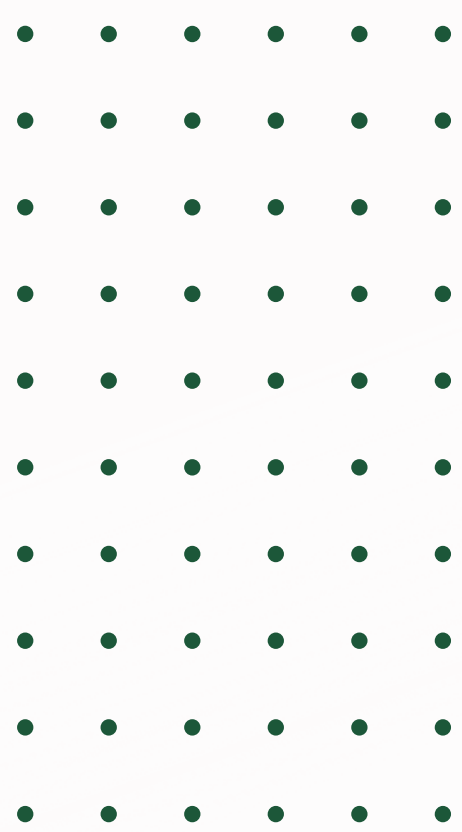
Decisions 9(XXXIV) and 3(LIX)

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BWP 2024-2025



Adopted under Decision 3(LIX), 37 activities

- Part One: 21 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget or other sources

Funding sought: USD 7 009 585 (voluntary contributions)
USD 2 000,000 (approved core budget)

USD 9 009 585

- Part Two: 16 administrative & financial activities not requiring financing

*one additional activity, secondment of a Programme Officer
from the Government of Korea, fully financed by KFS*



PLEDGES TO THE BWP 2024 - 2025

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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



FINANCING STATUS OF ACTIVITIES

GROUP 1: FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES		STATUS	PLEDGES (USD)
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	<i>Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM</i>	Pending	NIL



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GROUP 4: COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK

- 12 ITTO communication strategy
- 13 ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)
- 14 a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)
b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)
c) Translation of ITTO website/relevant PR materials into Japanese

STATUS PLEDGES (USD)

- Partial 50 000
- Partial Core
- Partial Core
- Partial Core
- Partial 48 173

GROUP 5: ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

- 15 Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement
- 16 ITTO Annual Market Discussion
- 17 Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals
- 18 ITTO Fellowship Programme
- 19 ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)
- 20 Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics
- 21 Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation

- Partial 40,000
- Partial Core
- Partial Core
- Partial 235 748
- Partial Core
- Partial Core
- Partial Core



BWP PLEDGES BY DONOR

MEMBERS	USD	NON-MEMBERS	USD
Germany	1 413 449	Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM)	3 144 623
USA	645 000	Soka Gakkai	139 543
Japan	297 214	Dr Hwan Ok Ma	20 000
Canada	91 728	Kisso-an	3 047
Australia	43 982		
Unearmarked	107 878		
Subtotal (a)	2 599 251	Subtotal (b)	3 307 213
		TOTAL (a+b)	5 906 464
			772 537
	Secondment from Korea Forest Service (KFS)		
	*Cooperation Agreement KFS		

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains

Enhancing and Improving the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform

- 2nd Phase; 10 pilot countries (+3) and 260 enterprises (+100); Monthly GTI reports published
- Regular information-sharing mechanism with enterprises established

Upgrading the Platform of Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System and Application Tests

- 2nd Phase; Technical Report & Completion Reports received

ITTO co-organized the 3rd Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) in 2025, Macao SAR, China

- “From Forest to Home – An International Dialogue on Emerging Consumer Trends and Supply Chains Innovation”.
- Collaboration between Macao IPIM, ITTO & GGSC – (last minute) cancellation due to Super Typhoon Ragasa



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 2: Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: industry-led legality compliance/due care training

- 2 regional conferences on private sector engagement back-to-back with two CITES NDF training workshops:
 - San Jose, Costa Rica: 10 countries, 45 participants
 - Lome, Togo: 6 countries, 40 participants
- Substantial private sector engagement through GLSTF

Activity 3: Promoting quality timber production from smallholder and local community-established plantations (Teak Phase II)

- Thailand, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Togo, Viet Nam
- 7 bi-monthly newsletters issued
- Next PSC meeting in Nov 2025
- Side-event at the 5th World Teak Conference in Kerala, India



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 4: ITTO and CITES cooperation

Continued assistance to members in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species

- Ongoing work in Cameroon and Madagascar
- Univ. of Molina, Peru & Univ. of Adelaide – establish reference database of geographic origin determination for recently listed ipê and cumaru species
- Organization of 2 regional workshops on Non-Detriment Findings (NDF) training workshops (Costa Rica & Togo)
- Participation in CITES working groups & fora

Activity 5: Criteria & Indicators Workshops

- National C&I workshop in Trinidad & Tobago, Feb 2024
- ITTO C&I for sustainable management of African Tropical Forest published in E & F
- No additional activities in 2025 (*no \$\$*)
- New funding sought for 2 regional WS in Africa to promote the adapted set of ITT C&I to the African context published in 2022.



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GROUP 1 FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Activity 6: Statistical Capacity Building Workshops

- 2nd regional statistical WS with FAO in Lima Peru, June 2025
50+ participants, from ARG, BOL, BRA, CHI, COL, ECU, GUY, SUR, PY, PE, TT, VE, URU

Activity 7: Forest fire prevention and management

- Ongoing development of the Online Tropical Forest Fire Toolkit with the aim to have the first version developed, tested and functional by second/third quarter of 2026
- Collaboration with other Fire Initiatives
New Joint Initiative 'Integrated Fire Management in Tropical Forests (ITTO, FAO, GPMC, RECOFTC, UNFF)
- Side event during 2025 Global Fire Management Hub plenary



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GROUP 2 NORMATIVE WORK

Activity 8a: Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women

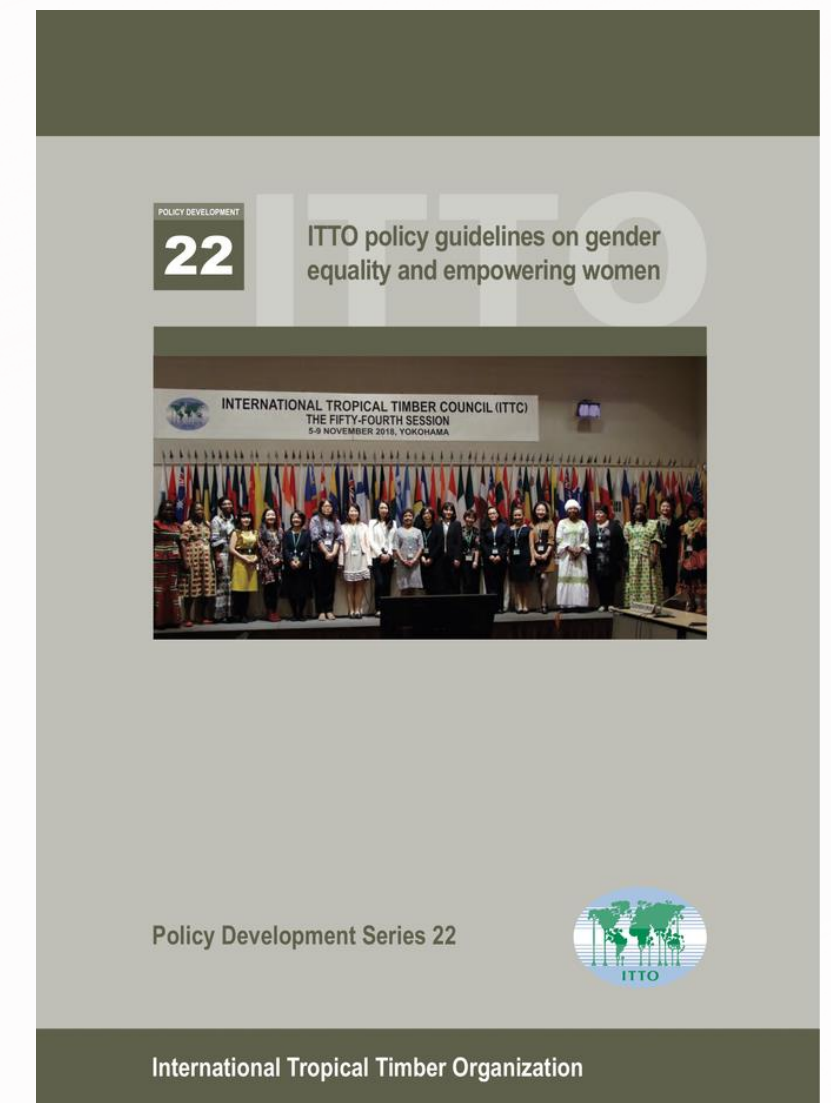
- *Guidelines incorporated in project/CN formulation process*
- *ITTO is in discussion with partners to organize an international workshop on the role of women in the forest sector*

Activity 8b: Dissemination of FLR Guidelines

- Some funding received (*late in 2025*)
- Funding sought for 2 workshops in Africa (E & F) in 2026

Activity 8c: Support for women's groups in Togo

- 2 activities in Togo & in Benin reported to CRF



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GROUP 3 COLLABORATIVE WORK

Activity 9: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber producing countries

- ITTO working with CBD to renew MoU
- Participation at CBD Global Workshop on the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, Seoul, Aug 2025

Activity 10: Cooperation and consultation with CPF, UNFF and others

- 20th UNFF Session, New York, USA
- UNFF Country Led Initiatives, Morocco, moderated a 1-day session on community-based forest management
- AFoCO – continuation of collaboration & new joint programme 'Advancing Nature Based Climate Solutions through community-based timber and forestry enterprises'
- In 2025 ITTO revitalized connections with ASEAN, presenting at:
 - 28th ASEAN WG on Forest Management, Brunei
 - 28th ASEAN WG for Forest Product Development, LAO PDR



Activity 11: Collaboration of criteria and indicators for SFM

- No funding but ITTO attended the FRA Advisory Group meeting on the sidelines of COFO27



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GROUP 4 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

Activity 12: ITTO Communication Strategy

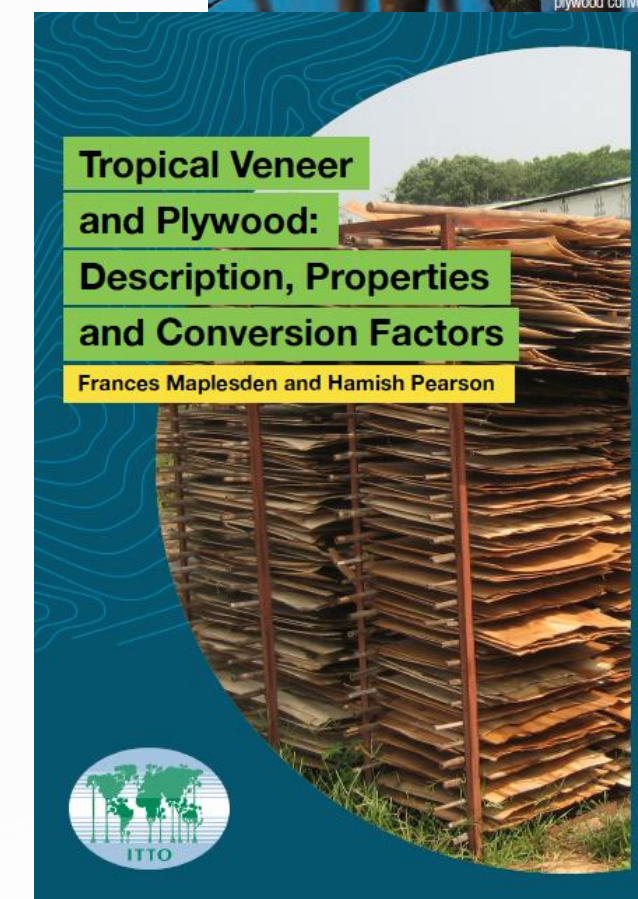
- Continued efforts to strengthen communications and outreach activities (*outlined under Activity 14*)

Activity 13: ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU) and MIS

- 1 edition of the TFU published in 2025 and production for a second issue is ongoing.

Activity 14: Public relations, education and outreach

- ITTO website in English, Spanish, French, and Japanese
- Relaunch of ITTO monthly e-newsletter
- Consistent presence across major social media channels
- Annual report and project/activity reports including on Tropical Veneer and Plywood
- Multimedia packages (videos, news, etc.)
- Outreach at international events
- Japan outreach activities



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**GROUP 5
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Activity 15: Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement

- TAG & CSAG participation at the session
- TAG Market Discussion (Activity 16)
- CSAG Panel Discussion: 'Advancing Sustainable Tropical Forest Management: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods under the ITTA and Global Biodiversity Framework'

Activity 16: ITTO Annual Market Discussion

- Market Discussion 'The Timber Industry reimaged: Lessons from Market Struggles and Sustainability Efforts' under the Joint Committees

Activity 17: Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals

- Reported to the Joint Committees

Activity 18: ITTO Fellowship Programme

- Fellowship Panel Report presented by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council

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Activity 19: ITTO Market Information Service MIS

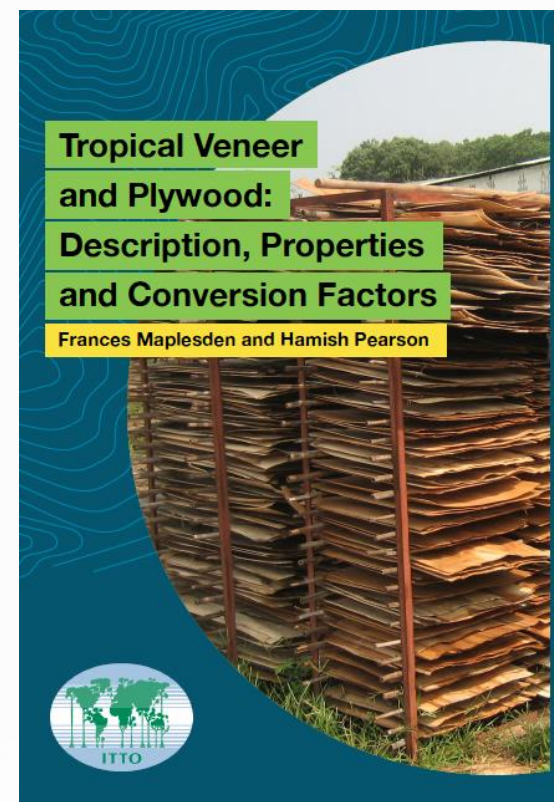
- 23 issues published in 2024 & 2025

Activity 20: Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics

- 2025 Inter-Secretariat WG on Forest Statistics held in Rome
- ITTO Online database with latest data from Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2023/2024
- Special study on conversion factors released in Apr 2025
- Support of the conversion of the CIRAD TROPIX system from CD-based to online

Activity 21: Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation

- Biennial Review 2023-2024 released and published on ITTO website in August 2025





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