



SIXTY-FIRST SESSION
27 - 31 October 2025
Panama City, Panama

DECISION 1(LXI)

PROJECTS, PRE-PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Having considered at its Sixty-first Session the recommendations of the three Committees on Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities and the Report of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals for the 2025 project cycle, as contained in documents CEM-CFI(LIX)/4, CRF(LIX)/6 and ITTC/EP-60, respectively;

Noting that the time-bound electronic no objection procedures to approve relevant projects taking into account Expert Panel Ratings for Projects and Pre-Projects were conducted during the project cycle for 2025;

Welcoming the expression of interest by donors in several concept notes submitted under the programmatic approach and to be developed into full project proposals for future Council approval and funding, as listed in the annex to this decision;

1. Decides to:

- (i) Endorse the approval obtained through the time-bound electronic no objection procedure for the following Projects and Pre-Projects for the project cycle of 2025:

PPD 206/25 Rev.1 (F)	Restoration and Sustainable Management of Gallery Forests in the Mono Delta Biosphere Reserve in Benin (Benin) ITTO Budget \$69,440
PPD 208/25 Rev.1 (F)	Study for the Restoration and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in the Mo Plain, Togo (Togo) ITTO Budget \$98,000
PD 930/22 Rev.2 (F)	Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Management of the Sitatunga Valley Natural Community Park in Benin (Benin) ITTO Budget \$453,376
PD 939/24 Rev.2 (F)	Generation of Fundamental Information for the Second Cutting Cycle in the Amazon Rainforest (Brazil) ITTO Budget \$498,400

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) ITTO Budget \$1,061,040
PD 948/25 Rev.1 (M)	Experimental Commercial Plantations of Caoba (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>) in the Northern Coastal Area of Peru (Peru) ITTO Budget \$494,816
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) ITTO Budget \$459,086.96
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) ITTO Budget \$505,008
PD 952/25 (I) (former CN-25040)	Driving Forest-based Bioeconomy in Viet Nam's Acacia Forestry: Development of Guidance and Dialogue Platform for Cross-Border Vietnamese Acacia Value Chain Stakeholders (Viet Nam) ITTO Budget \$280,000

- (ii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of the Projects, Pre-Project and Activities as listed in the Annex to this Decision; and
 - (iii) Authorize the financing for immediate implementation of all the other approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities as soon as earmarked funds are available in the Special Account or in the Bali Partnership Fund Account.
2. Urges Members to consider financing those approved Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available,
 3. Appeals to Members to make unearmarked contributions to the Thematic Programmes Account and the Special Account,
 4. Further appeals to Members to also make voluntary contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund, particularly to the Sub-Account B of this Fund to finance Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities, and
 5. Requests the Executive Director to continue consultations with potential donors in order to secure financing for those Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities for which funds are not immediately available.

ANNEX

Financing during 2025 for Projects, Activities and Concept Notes

(i) Projects:

PD 943/25 (I) Enhancing Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains in the Wood Industry to Stimulate Good Forestry Governance (Indonesia) [Japan \$225,000 (Note 2)]	\$225,000.00
PD 944/25 (F) Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of Potential Investment Areas (PIAs) within Forest Land in the Philippines (Philippines) [Japan \$160,000 (Note 2)]	\$160,000.00
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) [Japan \$149,877 (Note 2)]	\$149,877.00
PD 946/25 (F) Capacity Building for the Restoration of the SOTA GOUNGOUN Forest Complex and Climate Change Mitigation in Benin (Benin) [Japan \$225,000 (Note 2)]	\$225,000.00
PD 952/25 (I) - Former CN-25040 Driving Forest-based Bioeconomy in Viet Nam's Acacia Forestry: Development of Guidance and Dialogue Platform for Cross-Border Vietnamese Acacia Value Chain Stakeholders (Viet Nam) [Japan \$280,000 (Notes 2 and 5)]	\$280,000.00
PD 905/19 Rev.3 (F) Phase II – balance funds Providing Support for the Sustainable Management of the Fosse-aux-Lions Gazetted Forest in the Savanna Region in Togo (Togo) [Japan \$232,624 (Notes 2 and 5)]	\$232,624.00
PD 912/20 Rev.3 (I) Phase II – balance funds Strengthening Technical and Business Management in the Timber Forest Industry of Peru (Peru) [Japan \$145,706 (Notes 2 and 5)]	\$145,706.00

(ii) Activities approved through Decision 3 (LIX) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2024-2025:

PP-A/53-323K Co-hosting the Global Legal & Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$75,000 (Note 2)]	\$75,000.00
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PP-A/61-379	\$52,252.18
Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 2 [Japan \$52,252.18 (Notes 2 and 3)])	
PP-A/59-358	\$12,772.70
Statistical capacity building workshops (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 6) [Canada \$12,772.70 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/59-359	\$61,967.43
Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 7) [Canada \$41,967.43 (Note 2), Japan \$20,000 (Note 3)]	
PP-A/59-362	\$38,526.00
Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical production forests (ITTO and CBD) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 9) [Australia \$38,526.00 (Note 2)]	
PP-A/52-319	\$11,599.22
ITTO Fellowship Programme (Year 2025) (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 Activity: 18) [Kisso-an (Private) \$1,396.20 (Note 2), Dr. Hwan Ok Ma \$10,000 (Note 2), Soka Gakkai/Seikyo Shimbun \$203.02 (Note 2)]	

(iii) Activities approved through Decision 3 (LXI) Biennial Work Programme for the Years 2026-2027:

PP-A/53-323N	\$1,140,215.00
Enhance the Information Exchange Function of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform to Promote the Development of Legal and Sustainable Timber Markets – GTI Activity Phase IV (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026-2027 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$1,140,215 (Note 1)]	
PP-A/53-323P	\$325,358.00
Developing and Initiating a Trading Platform Based on the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System to Facilitate and Promote Legal and Sustainable Timber Trade – BTTS Activity Phase IV (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026-2027 Activity: 1) [IPIM of Macao SAR, China \$325,358 (Note 1)]	
PP-A/61-380	\$20,000.00
Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical production forests (ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026-2027 Activity: 9) [Japan \$20,000 (Note 4)]	

PP-A/61-381 \$37,078.00
Public relations, outreach, and education (Awareness-raising in the host country Japan)
(ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026-2027 Activity: 14 (c))
[Japan \$37,078 (Note 4)]

PP-A/52-319 \$137,888.50
ITTO Fellowship Programme (Year 2026)
(ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026-2027 Activity: 18)
[BPF-B \$40,902.97 (Note 4), Unearmarked Fund \$96,985.53 (Note 4)]

(iv) Other activities

PP-A/60-374 \$18,588.00
Technical Assistance to inform FAO's work on Cultivating Sustainable Wood Futures in Asia and the Pacific
[FAO \$18,588 (Note 1)]

PP-A/61-378 \$40,000.00
Shaping deforestation-free agricultural and sustainable forestry value chains in the Congo Basin region
[CFC \$40,000 (Note1)]

Total pledges to Projects and Activities confirmed after the Sixtieth Session of the Council to-date: **\$3,389,452.03**

Note 1: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Sixtieth Session of the Council through a funding agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.

Note 2: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Sixtieth Session of the Council (new cash).

Note 3: Inter-sessional pledges received after the Sixtieth Session of the Council by allocating balance funds from completed projects returned to the donor.

Note 4: Pledges received during the Sixty-first Session of the Council (new cash / internal funds).

Note 5: This pledge is conditional upon the recipient member country paying its assessed contribution for 2025 in full.

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