



Background:

ITTO renovated its policy guideline for the management of natural tropical forests in 2014, taking into account a wide range of international developments in various forest-related areas. This policy instrument is expected to: (i) constitutes an international reference for the development of national and subnational guidelines; and (ii) provides guidance to forest owners, managers and policy makers on developing policies, managing forests and monitoring the state of forest management.

The WFC will provide an excellent opportunity for those directly involved in forest management practices, to have insight into this renovated policy instrument for tropical forest management and to discuss further for their better implementation at the national and field levels.

Programme:

12:45-12:50	Welcome address by Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director of ITTO
12:50-13:05	Presentation of an overview of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines by Mr. Takeshi Goto, Assistant Director of ITTO
13:05-13:20	Report on the outcomes of a regional training workshop by Dr. Ismail Parlan, Senior Research Officer, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Malaysia
13:20-14:00	Panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities for the better use of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines attended by Mr. Patrick Sieber, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Dr. Parlan, Mr. Adje Olivier Ahimin, ITTO Project Coordinator and Professor Kokou Kouami, Professor Titulaire, University of Lome, Togo, and facilitated by Mr. Goto
14:00-14:15	Launching of the ITTO Voluntary Guidelines by Dr. Abdul Rahman, Director General, Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia, Mr. Sieber and Mr. Ze Meka

Lunch will be provided at the event

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