



We are particularly enthused by the strong commitment from Indonesia and ITTO to hold a conference for Asia on forest Tenure, governance and enterprise Item # 47 of the 2010–2011 biennial work programme, scheduled for July 11–15, 2011, with tentative venue in Lombok, Indonesia. CSAG will be working hard with the ITTO and the Government of Indonesia to prepare for the International Conference that would be jointly sponsored by ITTO, RRI, other partners, and the Government of Indonesia. This conference, like the Rio Branco Conference in 2007 in Brazil and the Yaound é conference in 2009, will facilitate ITTO and its member countries to engage actively with civil society and forest communities in Asia and share lessons on tenure and governance reforms. We encourage ITTO to take up the previous recommendations, together with the governments in the regions by developing relevant activities and project. CSAG is ready to assist in this.

Going forward, we believe that there are many civil society actors and community enterprises and their organizations with proposals of interest to ITTO for support. We see a potential to expand the range of proposals reaching the ITTO and national focal points, including non–timber forest products (NTFP), with a more proactive process of training and communication. We also see a strong role for ITTO regional staff in Africa and Latin America, and the Secretariat in Asia, to provide information sessions and guidance to national focal points, as well as civil society and community organizations on the ITTA, 2006 and funding opportunities under the Thematic Programs. This should be in addition to the already–mandated provision for capacity building, as part of the ITTO projects proposal formulation. Should ITTO funding permit, CSAG is available to assist with orientation of civil society actors to the ITTA 2006.

CSAG continues to **recommend** that ITTO consider expanding its annual market situation analysis to include important non–wood resources from the forest: non–timber forest products (NTFP) like charcoal production, fuel wood, bushmeat, medicinal and aromatic plants, and present expanding trade and market opportunities with multiple environmental and social benefits.

CSAG further **recommends** that ITTO considers commissioning a study on the implications of the decisions recently agreed in October 2010 at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Nagoya, Japan, notably on the *Nagoya (ABS) Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization*, to assess implications of CBD to ITTO for enhancement of sustainable forest management as related to timber and NTFP resources, the trade of commodities hereof, and the implicit role of indigenous and local people and their traditional knowledge herein. CSAG **recommends** that ITTO positively consider the promotion of application of sustainable harvesting standards for wild forest biodiversity that adhere to CBD CoP 10.

We **support** strengthened collaboration of ITTO and CITES, including their work on timber and NTFPs species, and suggest ITTO emphasize its mandate, including drawing on experienced Civil Society Organizations, to help ITTO Parties monitor their implementation of CITES.

Finally, we **encourage** the timely ratification of the new ITTA by member countries, to secure its mandate and work program, and enable full implementation of the new Thematic Programmes. We encourage that funding soon be made available for the gender scoping initiative, Item # 31 in the 2010–2011 Biennial Work programme.

As we have recommended at the last two ITTC sessions, to enhance the effectiveness of CSAG, we strongly **recommend** that the ITTC include a formal presentation by CSAG in the ITTC session, just as is the modality with the Annual Market event organized by TAG. There are excellent opportunities to inform members at the next session in Guatemala, by convening a range of civil society experiences from Mexico and Central America.

We look forward to taking an active role with the Council and Secretariat to ensure the success of ITTO. Thank you for your support and substantive deliberations.

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