

**ITTO-JICA Joint Side event for TICAD V**  
**“Efforts to advance sustainable management of African Forests”**

**1. Background and objectives of the seminar**

Forests in Africa occupy about 23% of the total land area. Reflecting the varied climatic, geological and socio-economic conditions, diversified forest ecosystems and landscapes are found throughout the Continent. In each of the unique sub-regional, national and local circumstances, forests provide multiple goods and ecosystem services essential for the livelihood of the people and the development of societies and economies in Africa.

In order to support the efforts of African countries to sustain forests, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have carried out various cooperative and collaborative activities with African countries together with other public and private development partners. Despite the efforts of African countries and the partners, however, deforestation and forest degradation still continues at an alarming rate in Africa.

**2. The objectives of the seminar are:**

- To highlight the efforts of ITTO and JICA together with African countries and stakeholders to pursue sustainable management of African forests through the implementation of various cooperative and collaborative activities; and
- To propose and discuss a new cooperative and collaborative initiative named “TREES Initiative”, which stands for Total Approach for REDD+, Ecosystem Conservation and Sustainable development, to further advance sustainable forest management in Africa.

**3. Key questions to be addressed will include:**

- What is new cooperative and collaboration initiative named “TREES Initiative”?
- How JICA and ITTO implement sustainable forest management project in Africa?
- Share the knowledge from the projects by JICA and ITTO in Africa.

**4. Speakers**

- H.E. Toshiko ABE, Parliamentary Vice-Minister, Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Mr. Emmanuel, Ze MEKA, Executive Director, ITTO
- Dr. Ben E.N., CHIKAMAI, Director, Kenya Forestry Research Institute
- Mr. Nyambe H., NYAMBE, Senior Programme Officer, Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Mr. Olivier AHIMIN, Project Coordinator, ITTO

- Mr. Jean-Pierre AGNANGOYE, Executive Secretary, Network of Protected Areas in Central Africa
- Mr. Collins AHADOME, Officer in Charge of the Division of Operations, ITTO
- Mr. Hiroto ARAKAWA, Vice-President, JICA
- Mr. Hiroki MIYAZONO, Senior Advisor, JICA

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