



Draft Concept Note

**Regional Workshop on  
“Enhancing Smallholder Plantations Towards Quality Timber Production  
of Teak and Other Economic Species and Carbon Neutrality in the  
Tropics”**

18-21 September 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

**Background:**

The project ITTO-BMEL **Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics** (PP-A/54-331A) aims to support the six participating countries' policies and strategic goals in promoting the sustainable management of teak resources and plantation efforts on public and private land. Additionally, the project focuses on the certification and legality of sustainably produced timber, including that from small- and medium-sized enterprises, along with enhanced value chain processes in the wood industry and promoting carbon-supported plantation development. Building on ITTO's comparative advantage, the project leverages the organization's expertise in addressing forestry issues that require strong public, private, and community collaboration. ITTO's proven track record in policy development and capacity-building initiatives in its producer member countries further strengthens the project's foundation.

The development of management models for smallholder value chains in teak and other valuable species plantations and the introduction of supportive finance systems will encourage smallholders and forest communities to plan the sustainable management of plantation resources and quality timber production in longer rotations and efficient timber and timber products processing. Cooperation with smallholder farmers and entrepreneurs will increase livelihood opportunities for local residents and reduce pressures on the unsustainable use of forests. The Project also will assist in the practical application of the certification of sustainability of forest management, and the verification of timber legality. The capacity-building program of the Project will be based on a rapid, participatory training needs assessment that will be implemented in close cooperation with forestry authorities, academic and research institutions, NGOs, and interested development partners.

The project leverages existing experiences and knowledge from relevant ITTO projects on teak and other valuable species through South-South cooperation in the two tropical regions. Field activities in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific and West Africa will focus on smallholder farming systems, integrating valuable native multifunctional species to provide alternate income sources alongside teak planting for long rotations. Key collaborating agencies include the Cambodia Forestry Administration, Thailand's Royal Forestry Department and Kasetsart University, Vietnam Administration of Forestry/Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehra Dun, and the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry. In Togo (West Africa), the University of Lomé will play a pivotal role.

The project also aims at harnessing synergies with other organizations working in the same field such as IUFRO and TEAKNET. A specific collaboration with the Thünen Institute of Forestry will be arranged to carry out feasibility studies for financing schemes for smallholders' teak and other valuable species plantations. The project will explore recent incentive programs and improve smallholders' access to finance and long-term investments to meet market specifications.

Knowledge sharing and outreach efforts for the two tropical regions will be strengthened through webinars and workshops, and participation in important events such as IUFRO World Congress 2024 and the fifth World Teak Conference in 2025.

The first regional workshop on **Enhancing Smallholder Plantations Towards Quality Timber Production of Teak and Other Economic Species and Carbon Neutrality in the Tropics** is being jointly organized by the Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, and ITTO in collaboration of with the six participating countries in Asia-Pacific and West Africa.

### Objectives:

The overall goal of this workshop will focus on the planning and implementation of research and development activities of good quality timber production along with enhanced value chain processes in the wood industry and promoting carbon-supported plantation development, while the specific objectives are to:

- I. Review status of smallholder and community-based teak and other valuable species plantations and management in the Asia-Pacific and West Africa regions
- II. Review policy and institutional arrangements for legal and sustainable supply chains and micro-finance mechanisms for longer restoration and carbon restoration.
- III. Review and share experiences on case studies, good practices and policy options to promote local communities and smallholders in planted teak and other valuable species, and agroforestry systems to support sustainable livelihoods

A post-workshop field excursion to teak wood industries and teak plantations in northern Thailand will be organized.

The outputs of the First Regional Workshop will be shared among the six participating countries in the Asia-Pacific and West Africa, interested individuals and organizations. In

addition, workshop outputs will be shared at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Teak Congress to be held in Kerala, India in 2025. The ITTO-BMEL Teak Newsletter and ITTO TFU will also share the outcomes.

**Language of the Meeting:** English

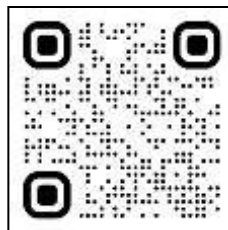
**Sponsorship:**

The ITTO-BMEL Teak Project in Mekong will support invited participants from the participating countries and selected experts.

**Meeting venue (TBC):**

Best Western Nada Don Mueang Airport, Bangkok (SHA+ Certified)

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More detail from QR Code below or <https://www.bwnadadonmueang.com>



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## Annex 1

### Regional Conference on Regional Workshop on “Enhancing Smallholder Plantations Towards Quality Timber Production of Teak and Other Economic Species and Carbon Neutrality in the Tropics”

18-21 September 2024, Bangkok, Nan and Phrae, Thailand

Co-organizers: ITTO, RFD

#### Draft Provisional Agenda

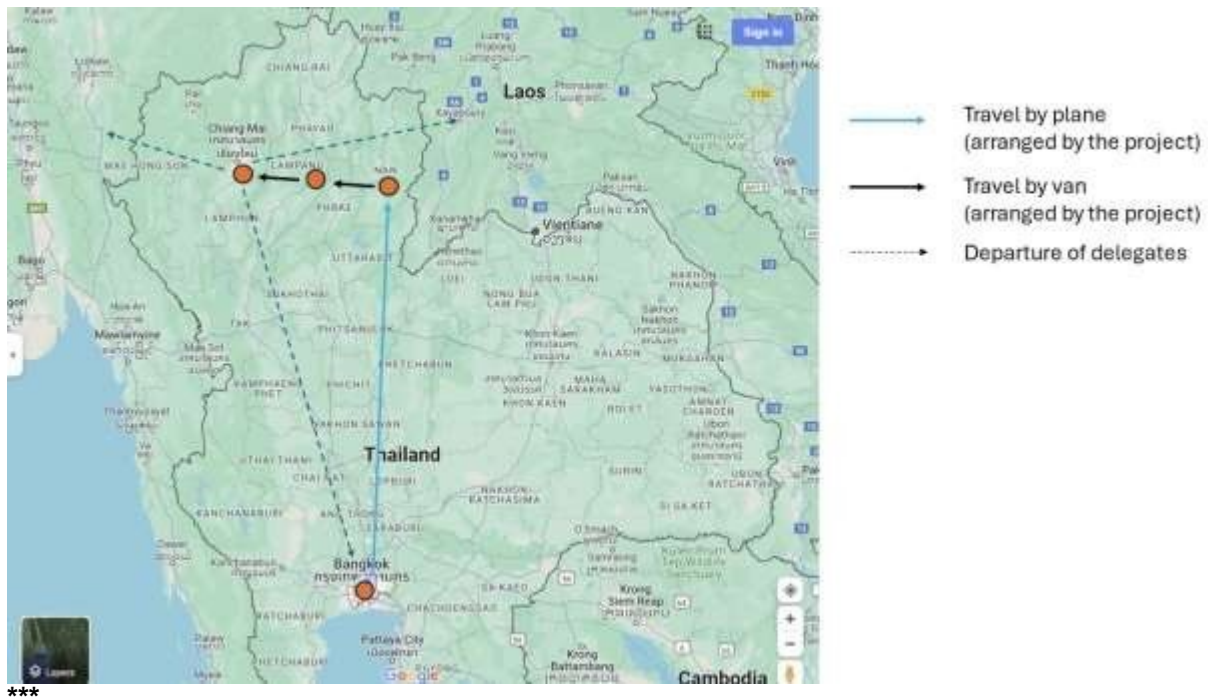
As of 15 August 2024

Date	Topics
<b>Day 1: Wed, 18 September 2024</b>	
<b>0:09-09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<p><b>Opening Session (MC: Mr. Montree Intasen)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by ITTO (<i>Dr. M. Nurudeen Iddrisu, Director of Trade and Industry Division</i>)</li> <li>• Welcome remarks by BMEL (<i>Mr. Stephan Wagner</i>)</li> <li>• Welcome remarks by RFD (Representative of the RFD)</li> <li>• Opening remarks by Kasetsart University (<i>Assist. Prof. Kobsak Wanthongchai, Dean of KUFF</i>)</li> <li>• Introduction of ITTO-BMEL Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantation Project (<i>Prof. Dr. Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Manager</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Group photo</b></p>
<b>09:30-10:15</b>	<p><b>Keynote Presentation (MC: Prof. Yongyut Trisurat)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thai Government Policy on Economic Tree Plantations (<i>Dr. Khwanchai Duangsathaporn, Member of Thailand’s National Boards on Forest Policy and Forest Community Policy</i>)</li> <li>➤ Global Teak Resources and Markets (<i>Dr. P.K. Thulasidas, TEAKNET</i>)</li> <li>➤ ITTO’s Work on promoting sustainable wood use (<i>Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, Projects Manager</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Poster Presentation</b>
<b>10:30-12:00 (15 minutes each)</b>	<p><b>Technical Session 1: Smallholder Plantations Towards Quality Timber Production (Co-chairs: Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi and Mr. Suchat Kalyawongsa)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cambodia’s Forestry Administration (Mr. Dany Chheang, DDG-FA)</li> <li>➤ Long-term Teak Plantations towards good quality timber (FIO)</li> <li>➤ Commercial Teak Plantations using Intensive Silvicultural Practices (<i>Mr. Boonlert Srisuksai, Technical Advisor to Sri Trang Group</i>)</li> <li>➤ Development of smallholder Teak plantation in Vietnam (<i>Dr. Tran Lam Dong, DDG of VAFS</i>),</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Teak plantations in Lao PDR (<i>Mr. Vongvilay Vongkhamsoo, NAFRI</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	<p><b>Keynote Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nature Future Framework: Tool to support desirable futures for people, Nature and Mother Earth (<i>Dr. Osamu SAITO, IGES, Japan</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Afternoon Session</b> <b>13:30-15:30</b> <b>(20 minutes each)</b></p> <p><b>(including tea/ coffee break)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Forest Plantations and Restoration Contributing to Carbon Neutrality and Teak Value Chains &amp; Micro-finance (Co-chairs: <i>Dr. Suwan Tangmitcharoen or P.K. Dr Thulasidas</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enhancing teak value chains: Challenges and opportunities (<i>Mr. Nattawin Phongspetrarat, MD of TPS Garden FurnitureCo., Ltd.</i>)</li> <li>➤ Advancing the sustainability and quality of Thailand’s forest through innovative silviculture and governance (<i>Dr. Michael Jenke, KUFF</i>)</li> <li>➤ Low-Cost UAV as a Tool for Aboveground Biomass Assessment in Teak Plantations: Pros and Cons (<i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pontheap Meunpon, KUFF</i>)</li> <li>➤ Monitoring and prevention of insect pest in teak plantations (<i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Decha Wiwatwitaya, KUFF</i>)</li> <li>➤ Monitoring the health and productivity of teak plantations in Togo: A comparative study of historical and newly introduced provenances (<i>Prof. Adzo Dzifa KOKUTSE, University of Lomé, In Togo (online)</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop summary (ITTO-BMEL Project)</li> <li>• Closing Remarks (ITTO, Director of Trade and Industry Division)</li> </ul>
<b>Field Excursion (Only Invited Delegates)</b>	
<b>16:00 (Evening)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure to Nan Province from Don Mueng Airport (Thai Air Asia FD3558, @17.45 hrs)</li> <li>• Stay overnight in Nan (Ban Nan Hotel)</li> </ul>
<b>19 Sep 2024</b>	
<b>Morning Session</b> <b>09-12.00</b>	Field Visit to Sri Trang’s Teak Plantation at Pua District, Nan Province (by Bus)
<b>Afternoon Session</b> <b>09-12.00</b>	Travel to Prae Province by Bus
	Stayover night in Phrae Province (Huern Kan Thong Hotel)
<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	
<b>Morning Session</b>	Visit: Teak-wood-based industry: Teak sawmill; Teak wood manufacture and furniture ( <i>Hosted by The Federal Of Thai Industries Phrae Chapter</i> )



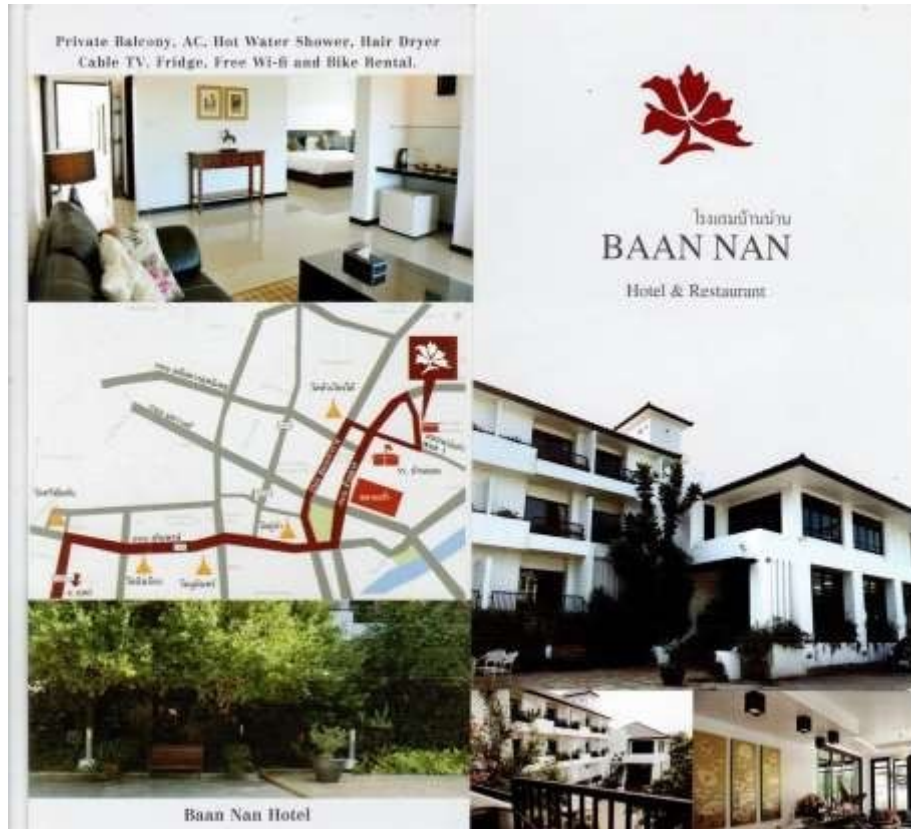
<b>09-12.00</b>	Discuss with Phrae Industry Chamber and wood-based industry owners on Thailand Creative and Learning Wood Industrial Center (by Bus)
<b>Afternoon session</b>	Field visit to FIO's long rotation of teak (Lampang Province - optional) (by Bus)
	Stay overnight in Chiangmai Province (The Nimman Hotel)
<b>21 Sep 2024</b>	
<b>Morning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure of participants</li> </ul>



### Hotels

**Best Western Nada Don Mueang Airport Hotel**  
 235/8 Phahonyothin Road, Anusawari, Bang Khen, Bangkok, Thailand  
 More detail from QR Code below or <https://www.bwnadadonmueang.com>





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## THE NIMMAN HOTEL - Chiang Mai Map

