



Draft Concept Note

2nd Regional Workshop on

“Microfinancing support for smallholders and community-based teak farming systems in the tropics towards high quality timber production”

14-16 October 2026, Hotel Grand Zuri, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Background:

The ITTO-BMLEH project entitled **“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 country’s 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 upon 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 pressure on the exploitation of forests for unsustainable use. 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, Vietnamese 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. The specific collaboration and engagement with the Thünen Institute of Forestry was envisaged 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 have been disseminated through a series of webinars and workshops, and participation in important events such as IUFRO World Congress 2024, the first regional workshop on Enhancing Smallholder Plantations Towards Quality Timber Production of Teak and Other Economic Species and Carbon Neutrality in the Tropics in 2024, and the fifth World Teak Conference in 2025.

The second Regional Workshop on **Microfinancing support for smallholders and community-based teak farming systems in the tropics towards high quality timber production** is being jointly organized by the Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia, Kasetsart University, and ITTO in collaboration-with the six participating countries in Asia-Pacific and Togo in West Africa.

Objectives:

The overall goal of this workshop focuses 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 financial mechanisms for longer rotation towards good-quality timber production, and nature positives.
- III. Review and share experiences on project implementations, case studies, good practices and policy options in the Asia-Pacific and West Africa regions to promote local communities and smallholders in planted teak and other valuable species, and agroforestry systems to support sustainable livelihoods

A one day post-workshop field excursion to community-based teak wood industries and teak plantations and agroforestry in Yogyakarta, Indonesia will be organized.

The outputs of the second 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 disseminated at the ITTO and TEKNET websites, ITTO Tropical Forest Update Bulletin, and ITTO-BMLEH Teak Newsletter.

Language of the Meeting: English

Sponsorship:

The ITTO-BMLEH Teak Project will support invited participants from the participating countries and selected resource experts.

Meeting venue:

Grand Zuri Malioboro hotel
Jl. Mangkubumi No.18, [Yogyakarta](#), 55122, [Indonesia](#)
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Hybrid 2nd Regional Workshop on “ Microfinancing support for smallholders and community-based teak farming systems in the tropics towards high quality timber production”

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Draft provisional Agenda

As of 10 July 2026

Date and Time	Topic
Day 1: Wed, 14 October 2026	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09.45	Opening Session (MC: Dr. Rina Kristanti) - Welcome Remarks by Head of Environment and Forestry Agency, Special Region of Yogyakarta - Welcome Remarks by Project Host Country of ITTO PP-A/54-331A (Thailand) - Welcome Remarks by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), Germany (Mr. Stephan Wagner, BMLEH) - Welcome Remarks by Executive Director of ITTO - Opening Remarks by Vice Minister of Forestry, Indonesia Group photo
09.45-10.30	Keynote Presentation (45 minutes) (MC Dr. Rina Kristanti) - Director General of Social Forestry, Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia - Update on 1 billion trees planting initiative by ASEAN Secretariat
10.30-10.45	Coffee Break and Poster Presentation
10.45-11.00	Introduction of ITTO-BMLEH Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantation Project (<i>Prof. Dr. Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Manager</i>)

Date and Time	Topics
Day 1: Wed, 14 October 2026	
11.00-12.00	Technical Session 1: High Quality Germplasm Materials Towards Quality Timber Production (<i>Co-chairs: Dr. Suwan Tangmitcharoen and Dr. Sandeep</i>) • Guest speaker: Production of high-quality teak clones through micropropagation (Dr. Doreen Goh, YSG Bioscape Sdn Bhd, Sabah, Malaysia) • Teak genetic improvement towards higher yield and quality teakwood (Dr. R. Yashoda, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, India) • Growth Assessment of Teak Clones Across Diverse Environmental Conditions (Sompon Khumchompoo, RFD-Thailand) • Cons # 1 Quality Planting Material (Vietnam) • Silviculture Department, Faculty of Forestry, Gadjah Mada University Q&A
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:30-16:00	Technical session 2: Session 2: SMART Silvicultural practices and agroforestry, and mitigation of pests and diseases (<i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Tran Lam Dong and Dr. Yongyut Trisurat</i>)
13:30-14.00	Keynote Presentation: Teak molecular genetics and planting strategies - an Indonesian experience (Dr. Naoki Tani, JIRCAS, Japan)
14:00-15:30	• Pests and Diseases in the Teak Plantations of Bago Yoma (West), Myanmar (Dr. Zar Chi Hlaing, FRI, Yezin, Myanmar) • Productivity of teak provenances and other associated tree plantations in Togo (University of Lome, Togo) • Innovative teak plantation towards good quality timber (FIO, Thailand) • Teak update from Laos (Dr. Simone Vongkhamho, NAFRI-Laos) • Efficient teak wood transportation and processing (Dr. Nopparat Kaakkurivaara, KU-Thailand) Q&A
15.00 – 16.00	Break and preparation for cultural show
16.00 – 21.00	Cultural show and welcome dinner hosted by Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
Day 2: Thursday, 15 October 2026	
09.30-12.00	Technical Session 3: Promoting Micro-financing and Sustainable Value-Chains for Smallholder Teak and other valuable spp. plantations (<i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Tony Rianto and Dr. Sapol</i>)
09:30-10.00	Guest speaker by ICRAF-World Agroforestry Centre on ‘Significance of planted teak for smallholder farmers’ or a similar topic (TBC)
10:00-12:00	• Financial mechanisms to promote high-quality timber (Thunen Institute of Forestry, Germany) • Teak value chains (Dr. Nalin Kumar, Cons # 4, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore, India) • Long-term teak strategy development (Prof. Anto Rimbawanto, BRIN)

	• KEMITRAAN, Indonesia • Teak management in Indonesia from young generation's perspective (Sylva Indonesia) • Global teak trade and trends in major teak producing countries (Dr. PK Thulasidas, TEAKNET, India) Q&A
12.00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-15:30	Technical Session 4: Enabling governance and empowering smallholders' livelihood (<i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Nopparat and Prof. Anto Rimbawanto</i>)
13.00-13.30	Guest speaker: Legality &EUDR (Taiji/IGNES)
13.30-15.00	• Traceability system in Indonesia (EA Indonesia) • Traceability system in Vietnam (Dr. Tran Lam Dong, DDG-VAFS) • Role of TEAKNET in strengthening knowledge and networking (Dr. Sandeep, TEAKNET Coordinator, India) • Empowering smallholders' livelihood in teak management (Faculty of Forestry, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia) • Perum Perhutani: Challenge and the Future of Teak Management by Private Sector Q&A
15.00-15.15	Conclusion and Key Message from the Regional Workshop (<i>Prof. Yongyut Trisurat, Dr. Rina Kristanti and Dr. Thulasidas</i>)
15.15-15.30	Closing remarks ITTO
15.30	Free time
Day 3: 16 October Field Excursion	
08:30-13:00	Field visit on teak plantation & agroforestry
13:00-14:00	Lunch break in wooden mask home industry
14:00-17:00	Small wood industry
18.30-20.00	Dinner
17 October 2026	
Morning	Departure of delegates and participants

Notes: Presentation topic and speaker names will be confirmed.