



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Regional

Access to the International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT) to CAFI Fund

Adopted by mail on 05.03.2026
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Considering:

- Decision [EB.2023.12](#) approving the launch of the Regional Private Sector Window.
- Decision [EB.2023.24](#) approving launch of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Regional Private Sector Facility dated 14 September 2023 (2023/09/private).
- Decision [EB.2024.01](#) inviting ATIBT to develop a project document for a project on innovative approaches to sustainable forest management reducing its proposal's scale to a maximum of USD 5 million as well as reducing its scope to focus on the actions that will lead to the greatest emission reductions and leverage the largest amount of private co-finance from ATIBT member companies; and to submit a 100,000 USD preparation grant request for consideration by the Secretariat. This preparation grant request should include a feasibility study to produce all the information referred to in paragraph 14 of the present decision.
- The provisions established in CAFI's Manual of Operations regarding access to the trust fund (Section II) specifically the requirements on HACT and SEAH assessments, in accordance with MPTFO's Policy for "Engaging NGOs, Civil Society and others as fund recipients - NUNO Direct Access".
- HACT and SEAH Assessments performed by BDO on 15 July 2025 and 16 June 2025 respectively, with registered results of Low Risk for the HACT Micro-assessment, and 8/8 Compliance for the SEAH Assessment, achieving in both the passing marks.
- The risk assessment review issued by MPTFO on 04 November 2025 regarding the HACT Micro-Assessment and audit findings, indicating that the overall risk assessment for ATIBT as Low with no notable significant observations.

The Executive Board:

1. Acknowledges and congratulates the International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT), (referred here as “implementing organization”) on the completion of the HACT (with result as Low Risk) and SEAH assessments (with result scoring as 8 out of 8), achieving in both the defined eligible result ratings, and performed by BDO as commissioned by the Executive Board.
2. Grants the access to ATIBT to the CAFI Fund as recipient and implementing organization for preparatory grant type of project.
3. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to work with the implementing organization on the Quality Assurance plan to incorporate the provisions in the Manual of Operations related to HACT, and SEAH, which the implementing organization is requested to report on accordingly.