



IS Interim Secretariat

to the International Tropical Peatland Center (ITPC)

Rationale for International Tropical Peatland Center

In the spirit of international, multi-stakeholder and multi-donor South-South cooperation, the International Tropical Peatland Center (ITPC) is built on the principle of true cross-sector collaboration and integration, building a resilient and holistic platform for science, policy and practice, and attracting the best minds working on research and practice in this field.

The Government of Indonesia with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, the Government of Peru announced a collaboration to form the International Tropical Peatland Center (ITPC) in Jakarta, 30 October 2018.

The launch was the next step after the historic 2018 Brazzaville declaration to promote better management and conservation of the world's largest tropical peatlands, the Cuvette Centrale region in the Congo Basin, also other peatland initiatives.

At this point in time, it is essential to establish an International Tropical Peatland Center in the global South to:

1. Serve as a go-to space for South-South cooperation which supports the dissemination of strategies and practices for tropical peatland management, through coordinating and supporting collaborative international relationships and connecting different stakeholders;

2. Conduct and disseminate scientific research on tropical peatland management for sustainable development;
3. Become a center of excellence for tropical peatland research to support policy development;
4. Provide capacity building and technical services

Representatives of Governments of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, and Republic of Indonesia met in Jakarta on 30 October 2018 in Jakarta to cooperate on establishing the ITPC. The event was preceded by a three-day visit to showcase Indonesia's sustainable peatland management and readiness in fighting forest and land fires.

Representatives from Peru did not attend the launch but are committed to the establishment of the center.

An interim secretariat will be hosted by Indonesia, coordinated by Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

Purposes and Objectives

The Center's main objective is to ensure that policy makers, practitioners and communities have access to sound, credible and legitimate information, analyses, and all other tools needed to design and implement conservation and sustainable management of tropical peatlands.

Purpose of Interim Secretariat to the International Tropical Peatland Center

The Interim Secretariat to the International steering committee of International Tropical Peatland Center (Interim Secretariat) is responsible for the establishment of the International Tropical Peatland Center (ITPC) within a time frame of one year.

The Interim Secretariat to prepare necessary arrangements, including rule of procedures for establishment of ITPC as an entity with appropriate status and arrangements.

To invite other countries (particularly with peatlands), international organizations, private sectors, and research institutions to contribute and join the works.

Stakeholders with relevance to the International Tropical Peatland Center include governments, international organizations, universities and research centers, the private sector, civil society, donors and practitioners.

Objectives

The Interim Secretariat will be responsible for organizing, planning, coordinating and providing other administrative support to establishment of ITPC. Its primary functions will include:

1. Interim secretariat hosted by Indonesia responsible for the establishment of the International Tropical Peatland Center (ITPC) within a time frame of one year,
2. The Interim Secretariat to prepare necessary arrangements, including rule of procedures for establishment of ITPC as an entity with appropriate status and arrangements.
3. to invite other countries (particularly with peatlands), international organizations, private sectors, and research institutions to contribute and join the works;

Output

Within 10 months in 2019, Outputs of IS-ITPC are:

1. ITPC legally established
2. Masterplan of the ITPC that paves the way of South-south Cooperation on science-based strategies and practices of peatland management
3. Roadmap of funding streams and mechanisms
4. Governance system that represents the interests of public, private and academic elements

Organisation



The Interim Secretariat will be comprised of about ten (10) person, including:

1. Senior coordinator (1 people)
 2. Admin and Program (3 people)
 3. Communication and outreach (2 people)
 4. Research and Development (2 people)
 5. Capacity Development (2 people)
- A Coordinator: Responsible to develop and lead of planning, coordinating and providing both technical and administrative
 - Coordinator support team: Responsible for running a collaborative planning, coordinating and providing both technical and administrative services

Reporting

The Interim Secretariat will report on its activities at below levels:

1. The activities of the Interim Secretariat will be reported monthly
 2. Reporting will be facilitated by the Interim Secretariat's Coordinator.
- In addition, a communication plan will be developed by the Interim Secretariat to define further how communicated internally and externally. Part of this plan may include the use of a website to facilitate exchange of information, including through <http://www.tropicalpeatlands.org>

Output

In the next 10 month the IS will deliver:

1. Masterplan of the ITPC that paves the way of South-south Cooperation on science-based strategies and practices of peatland management
2. Roadmap of funding streams and mechanisms
3. Governance system that represents the interests of public, private and academic elements

Plan of Activities

Strategic Priority: Establishment and implementation of a tropical peatland center

No.	Strategic Priority/Outputs	Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Output 1: Secretariat of ITPC is established	Developing ITPC infrastructure, including establishing a secretariat	X											
		Establishing ITPC communications, network and outreach	X											
		Organize a regular meeting with member of IS	X			X			X				X	
		Promoting ITPC in the national, international communities					X						X	
		Eestablishing an international journal on tropical peatlands						X	X	X	X	X		
2	Output 2: Masterplan of the ITPC that paves the way of South-south Cooperation on science-based strategies and practices of peatland management	Developing a short, medium, and long-strategic plans of ITPC, including research agenda		X	X									
		Organize a general meeting with all stakeholders to present the above mapping exercises				X						X		
		Finalize a short term 5 year program and associated priorities								X	X	X		
3	Output 3: Roadmap of funding streams and mechanisms	Identify financial masures for self-sustaining the ITPC in near future		X	X									
		Assess the economic cost of and legal framework for various, alternative long term sustained monitoring systems				X	X	X	X	X	X			
		Decide on an finalize the set-up of the physic facilities of the ITPC											X	
4	Output 4: Governance system that represents the interests of public, private and academic elements	Decide on and formalize the regulations of the functioning and management of the ITPC, including monitoring performance and transparency									X	X		
		Legally establish and launch of the ITPC before the end of 2019												X



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