

Building Capacities in Forestry





AFoCO RETC

The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is an intergovernmental organization committed to strengthening forest cooperation and taking concrete actions to promote sustainable forest management and address the impacts of climate change.

AFoCO is also focusing efforts on developing the capacities of Member Countries to deal with pressing forestry and environmental issues such as deforestation, forest degradation and climate change. Under the vision of 'A Greener Asia', the **AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC)** was established to:



- 🌿 Educate and develop leaders to practice good governance in the forestry sector
- 🌿 Provide practical and problem-solving oriented education programs to improve and promote sustainable forest management
- 🌿 Enhance knowledge and practices to promote sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent communities
- 🌿 Serve as a hub for meaningful discourses and the implementation of customized forest restoration and rehabilitation models in Asia

COURSES OFFERED

At the AFoCO RETC, various types of training courses are being organized on a regular basis to cater to policy makers, technical-level officials, researchers, university students, local communities and the general public. Forestry-related education programs and workshops are also co-organized in cooperation with other international organizations, research institutes and universities.

	SHORT-TERM TRAINING COURSE	LONG-TERM TRAINING COURSE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSE	CUSTOMIZED TRAINING COURSE (WORKSHOP)
Duration	1~2 weeks	2 weeks~6 months	Flexible	Flexible
Frequency	4~8 times a year	2~4 times a year	5~10 times a year	Organized upon request
Target Participants	Government officials (policy makers, technical officials & experts)	Government officials & researchers	Leaders & members of local communities	International officials experts, students, etc.
Course Objective	Enhance skills and expertise to implement SFM and exchange knowledge and experiences on best practices	Learn and adopt advance technologies and forest management practices to narrow the development gap in the region	Raise awareness of the importance of forests and learn technical skills to use forest resources to improve livelihoods	Customized to address specific needs

TRAINING COURSES

Our regular **short-term training courses** aim to enhance knowledge and understanding of forest management and provide greater access to advanced technologies. In line with AFoCO's Strategic Priorities, the AFoCO RETC runs regular training courses based on three core training topics:



Forest Rehabilitation & Reforestation

Seed harvesting, seed storage & supply, nursery management, tree plantation, community participation, food security & gender issues



Forest Fire Management

International trends, fire safety & behavior, fire prevention & suppression, fire inspection, fire information systems, drone technology



Community-based Forest Management

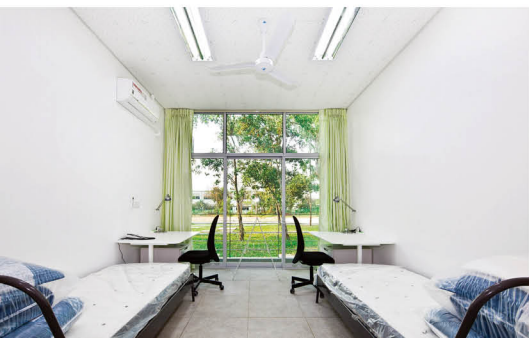
Economical accounting, forest assessment & monitoring, forest resources management, forest-related enterprise development



Community development training courses are targeted at providing alternative income opportunities by training local communities to make handicrafts, furniture, and other products. In-country courses conducted in requesting AFoCO Member Countries will further promote inclusive and effective community participation. In the long run, these courses will help secure sustainable livelihoods, support the development of community forest enterprises and reduce pressures on forest resources.

Customized training courses are carefully designed and delivered in consultation with our team. With contents and schedules tailored to meet the needs of requesting organizations, customized courses offer a unique international experience for diverse trainee groups and impart knowledge relevant to specific regions or countries.





FACILITIES

Located in Hmawbi Township, Myanmar, the AFoCO RETC is equipped with modern training facilities to cater to the space and equipment needs of various training programs and curricula while ensuring the comfort and safety of its guests and trainees. The two-storey training facility is divided into three zones:



Education & Training Zone

Conference hall (1), meeting rooms (2), lecture rooms (3), laboratories (2), multimedia room (1)



Accommodation Zone

Double rooms (14), single rooms (10), laundry rooms (2)



Public & Support Zone

Dining hall (1), gym (1), conference room (1), library (1), lounge area (1), exhibition area (1)



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