



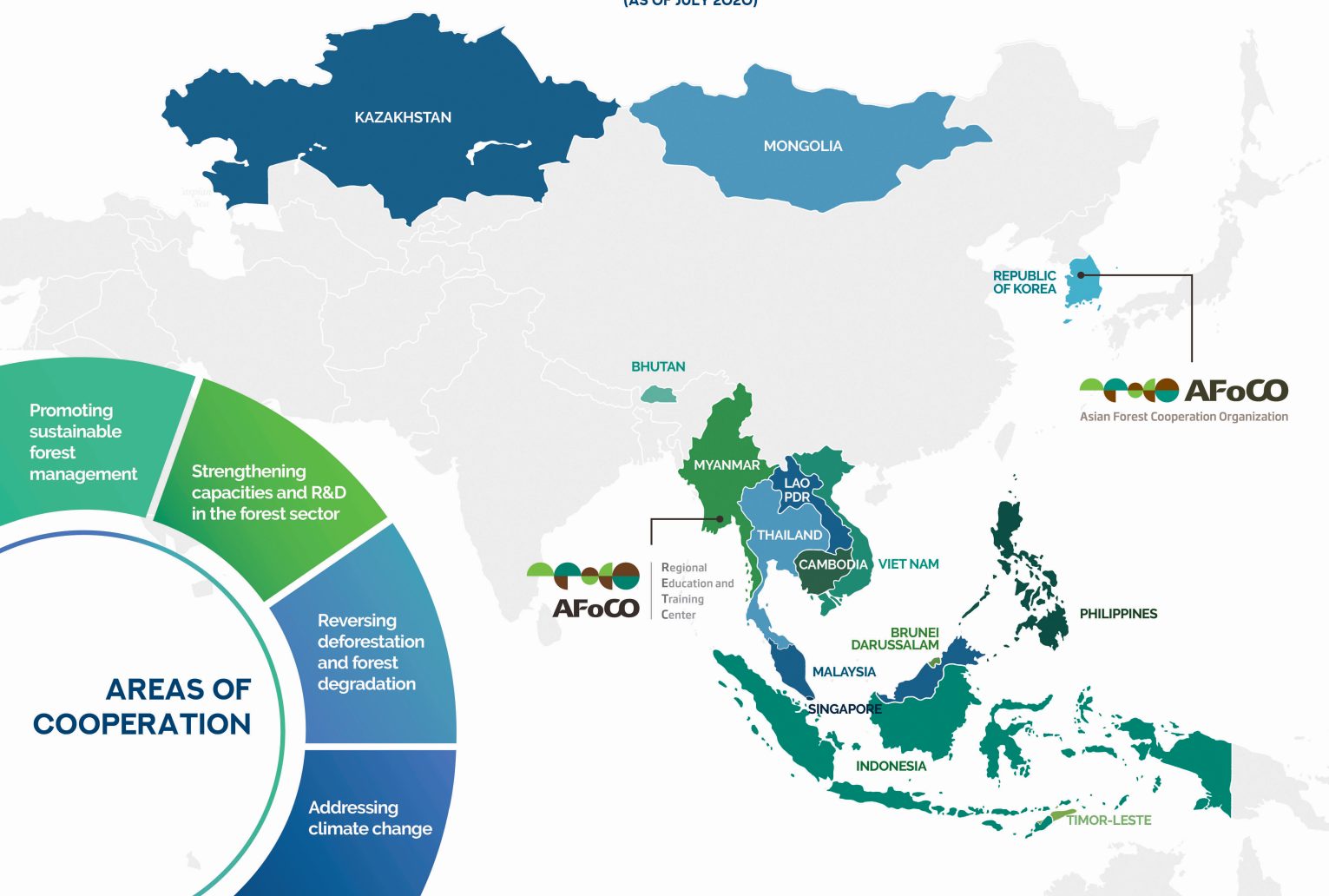
The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is an intergovernmental organization established in 2018 with its headquarters in Seoul, the Republic of Korea. AFoCO aims to strengthen regional forest cooperation by transforming proven forest-related technologies and policies into concrete actions to combat climate change. The Assembly of AFoCO is the highest decision-making body, which meets annually to approve the work plan and budget. The Republic of Korea provides 80% of the operation cost and the remaining 20% consists of contributions from other member countries.

### MILESTONES



### MEMBERS

13 PARTIES AND 2 OBSERVERS  
(AS OF JULY 2020)



Promoting sustainable forest management

Strengthening capacities and R&D in the forest sector

Reversing deforestation and forest degradation

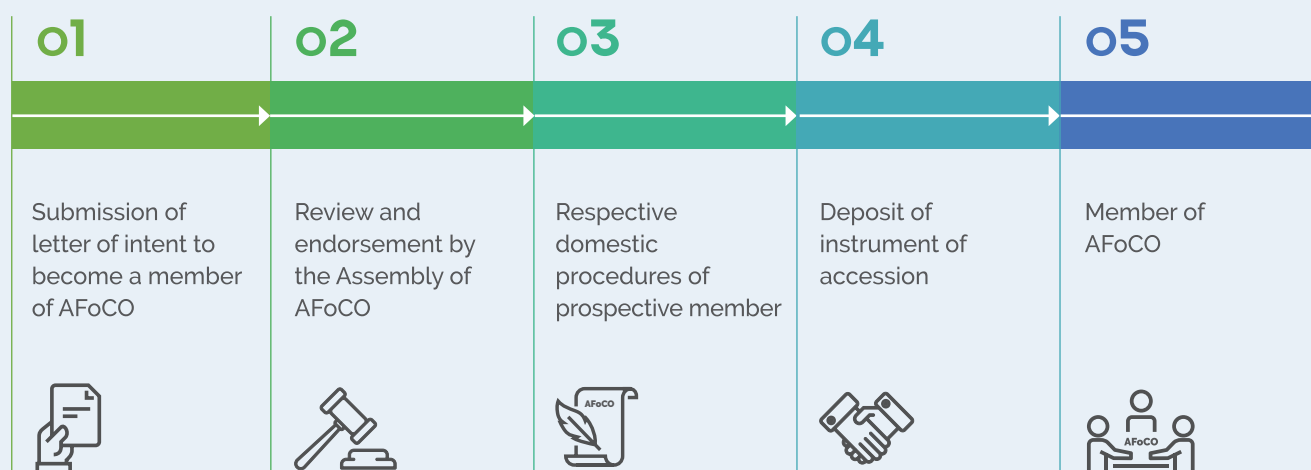
Addressing climate change

### AREAS OF COOPERATION

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership to AFoCO is open to any country which is geographically located in Asia. Application for membership to AFoCO is based on the Agreement on the Establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization. A country intending to become a new member of the organization shall seek approval of its membership from the Assembly of AFoCO prior to its accession to this Agreement. To become a Party to the Agreement, a country should follow the following procedures:

- A country may independently submit a letter of intent to become a Party; or any Party to the Agreement or the Secretariat of AFoCO may propose to invite a country to become a new member of AFoCO.
- The Assembly shall consider and endorse the letter of intent or the proposal to invite based on a no-objection basis.
- Upon concurrence by the Assembly, the Secretariat shall send an invitation letter to submit an Application Form to the Secretariat.
- Unless otherwise requested by the country, countries who have submitted the Application Form shall be given Observer Status without going through the application process for Observer provided for in Rule 6.1.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
- Upon approval of the Assembly on the membership of a country, the Secretariat shall notify the respective country to take necessary domestic procedures for the accession of the Agreement.
- Upon completion of the domestic procedures for accession by the country, the instrument of accession shall be deposited in accordance with Article 18 of the Agreement.
- Once the Agreement takes effect for the country in accordance with Article 19 of the Agreement, the country shall become a Party to the Agreement.



Agreement on the Establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization



Guidelines on the Application of Non-signatory Countries to become Parties & Application Form (Decision 3-I-18R)



Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (Decision 1-I-18R)