



## SIDE EVENT

# "Forest-based Solution – A Green Path To Building Back Better"

HOST ORGANIZATION Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)

DATE AND TIME 18 May 2021, 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon (Seoul Time)

## BACKGROUND

P4G, 'Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030', is a global initiative launched in 2017 to address the most imminent challenges that our planet faces: responding to climate change and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The Republic of Korea, while effectively fighting against the pandemic, is also keen on fulfilling our promises to climate action. Korea has doubled its commitment to the Green Climate Fund and updated the NDC to a more ambitious level. Korea's determination for a low-carbon future was also highlighted in the government's recently pledged Green New Deal initiative and the 2050 carbon neutrality goals.

Resonating the success of the inaugural P4G Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Republic of Korea is hosting the 2021 P4G Summit in Seoul. The theme of the 2021 P4G Seoul Summit is "Inclusive Green Recovery towards Carbon Neutrality"

The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) assesses that the upcoming 2021 P4G Summit which is strategically configured to explore global opportunity to accelerate green transformation in the mist of immense upheaval brought by global pandemic and climate crisis, provide golden opportunity for AFoCO and its partners to advocate forest sector solutions for "building back better and greener".

Through AFoCO's side event at the P4G Summit, AFoCO with its partners will explore the role of forests in contributing to the global net-zero emission ambition through a panel discussion and provide an opportunity for state and private sector leaders to better understand the mitigation potential of the global forests and promote investments in the forest sector.

The Side Event will also soft launch the Landscape Partnership Asia Program with its founding partners, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (together: CIFOR-ICRAF) and Global EverGreening Alliance (GEA).

## SPEAKERS

### MC and Moderator



**Ms. Tina Marasigan**

*Journalist, ABS-CBN, Philippines*

### Opening Remarks



**Mr. Ricardo Calderon**

*Executive Director of AFoCO*

### Congratulatory Remarks



**Mr. Ban Ki-moon**

*President & Chair of GGGI  
8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the UN*



**H.E. Mr. Umar Hadi**

*Ambassador of Indonesia to  
the Republic of Korea*



**H.E. Mr. Nguyen Vu Tung**

*Ambassador of Vietnam to  
the Republic of Korea*

### Program Soft Launching for the Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA)



**Mr. Jin Sunpil**

*Vice Executive Director of AFoCO*



**Dr. Robert Nasi**

*Managing Director of CIFOR-ICRAF*



**Mr. Chris Armitage**

*CEO of Global EverGreening Alliance*



**Ms. Maaïke Slotema**

*Global EverGreening Alliance*

### Keynote Speech



**Dr. Dennis Garrity**

*UNCCD Drylands Ambassador  
Chair of the Board of the Global EverGreening Alliance  
Senior Fellow of World Resources Institute*

### Panel Discussion



**Ms. Lee Mira**

*Director General of Forest Policy Bureau,  
Korea Forest Service*



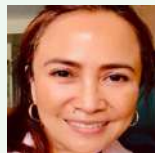
**Mr. Heru Prasetyo**

*Chair of Indonesia Business Links (IBL)  
Board of Patron*



**Mr. Maurice Andres Rawlins**

*Senior Environmental Specialist  
World Bank Group*



**Dr. Delia Catacutan**

*Senior Scientist and Regional  
Coordinator, Southeast Asia Program of  
the World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)*

# PROGRAM

MC AND MODERATOR

**Ms. Tina Marasigan**, Journalist, ABS-CBN, Philippines

10:00-10:10 (10 mins)	<b>Opening and Congratulatory Messages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening remarks by <b>Mr. Ricardo Calderon</b>, Executive Director of AFoCO</li><li>- Video message from <b>Mr. Ban Ki-moon</b>, President and Chair of GGGI / 8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the UN</li><li>- Video message from <b>H.E. Mr. Umar Hadi</b>, Ambassador of Indonesia to the Republic of Korea</li><li>- Video message from <b>H.E. Mr. Nguyen Vu Tung</b>, Ambassador of Vietnam to the Republic of Korea</li></ul>
10:10-10:30 (20 mins)	<b>Program Soft Launching for the Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction to LPA Soft Launching</li><li>- Intro Video of LPA</li><li>- Chat about LPA</li><li>- Call for LPA support &amp; Conclusion of Soft Launching</li></ul>
10:30-10:50 (20 mins)	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>"Forest-based Solution-A Green path to building back better"</b> <b>Dr. Dennis Garrity</b> <i>UNCCD Drylands Ambassador</i> <i>Chair of the Board of the Global EverGreening Alliance</i> <i>Senior Fellow of World Resources Institute</i>
10:50-11:40 (50 mins)	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>"How can we optimize the roles of forest in bringing net-zero emission ambition?"</b> <b>Ms. Lee Mira</b> , <i>Director General of Forest Policy Bureau, Korea Forest Service</i> <b>Mr. Heru Prasetyo</b> , <i>Chair of Indonesia Business Links (IBL) Board of Patron</i> <b>Mr. Maurice Andres Rawlins</b> , <i>Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank Group</i> <b>Dr. Delia Catacutan</b> , <i>Senior Scientist and Regional Coordinator</i> <i>Southeast Asia Program of the World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)</i>
11:40-11:50 (10 mins)	<b>Wrap-up and Conclusion</b> <b>Mr. Ricardo Calderon</b> , <i>Executive Director of AFoCO</i>

## ABOUT AFoCO

The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is an intergovernmental organization that is committed to strengthening regional forest cooperation and taking concrete actions to promote sustainable forest management and address the impacts of climate change. The initial phase of AFoCO is the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation, which was formalized in 2012 after the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit in June 2009. On a global scale, forests are essential resources that are of inestimable value. However, despite their importance in combatting climate change, sustaining livelihoods and providing various ecosystem services, vast areas of forests continue to be overexploited or degraded. The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the global agenda for forestry requires concerted efforts and intersectoral collaboration. By reaching out to Member Countries across Asia, AFoCO has been concentrating its efforts in addressing emerging forestry issues to contribute to the sustainable management of forests and achieve our vision of a Greener Asia. AFoCO's portfolio has 15 member countries, including 13 Parties and 2 Observers, who cooperate and provide support in the implementation of its programs and projects.



## ABOUT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP ASIA



Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA) is a multi-stakeholder platform that will implement performance-based investments in the restoration of Asian drylands and drought-prone areas through networks of 'engagement landscapes' deploying evidence-based techniques. These investments will mitigate the climate crisis,

build the resilience of forests, rangelands, and agricultural landscapes, and improve livelihoods. This initiative will link to other restoration initiatives — such as the Bonn Challenge, the UN Decade of Ecosystems Restoration and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' Asia-Pacific Forest Landscape Restoration — to create synergies.

### OUR AMBITION

Contribute to national and international targets on the restoration of forests, agricultural drylands, and drought-prone areas in Central, East, South, and Southeast Asia with initial 10 million hectares brought under integrated dryland and drought management by 2032.

# THEME OF 2021 P4G SEOUL SUMMIT

## Inclusive Green Recovery towards Carbon Neutrality

**Inclusive:** As we face the daunting task of overcoming COVID-19 and the economic crisis, it is important to make sure that we do not leave anyone or any country behind in our recovery efforts.

**Green Recovery:** COVID-19 has ironically brought us the opportunity to build back better and greener. Greening our recovery measures will be an important starting point to not only rebuild our economy but also to provide a strong foundation for longer term climate policies and actions.

**Carbon Neutrality:** In line with the recommendations of IPCC as well as the goals set under the Paris Agreement, achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050 will be important to overcome the climate crisis. 2050 Carbon Neutrality is an ambitious target that needs still more political commitments around the globe.