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Engagement plan for the 14th Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum in November 2021

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, in coordination with the Korea Forest Service, invited AFoCO to participate in the 14th Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum, particularly on the arrangement of the thematic session on forest and climate change.
 2. Overview of the 14th Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum
 - a. Date and Venue: 29-30 November 2021, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
 - b. Program
 - Plenary session
 - 4 Thematic sessions (forest and climate change, energy, public health, digital technology)
 - c. Field visit and side events
 3. The thematic session on forest and climate change will be a 90-minute session which will highlight the relevant activities in Central Asia and potential of AFoCO in Central Asia. The Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) may share forest policy in the context of addressing climate change and international projects (implemented by international organizations), and cooperation project needs in the forest sector.
 4. AFoCO may share its ongoing activities and projects highlighting its activities in Kazakhstan (including capacity building, FLR, drylands and drought-prone area) in bringing international forest cooperation particularly in the subregion of Central Asia.
 5. Relevant side events under consideration are meetings with Central Asian countries as a prospective Party to AFoCO and meetings with developmental partners working in Central Asia to explore potential collaboration.
 6. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations.
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