

Sixth Session of the Assembly
29-30 March 2022, Virtual

Agenda Item 4

Final Update for the AFoCO engagement at the XV World Forestry Congress and Related Events

I. Background

1. In reference to document A-21-5-16 reported at the 5th Session to the Assembly, this item presents the final update for the AFoCO engagement at the XV World Forestry Congress (WFC) and related events.
2. Convened every six (6) years by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Forestry Congress (WFC) is one of the world's largest global gatherings of foresters. Postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the upcoming 15th session of the WFC will be held on **2-6 May 2022 at COEX, Seoul, Republic of Korea**. It is expected to attract thousands of participants around the globe and from a wide range of sectors.
3. In the context of recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and thrusts towards meeting global sustainable development agenda, the theme of the 15th WFC is set out as **“Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests.”** This overarching theme is further supported by and elaborated into the following 6 subthemes:
 - Sub-theme 1: Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation
 - Sub-theme 2: Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation
 - Sub-theme 3: The green pathway to growth and sustainability
 - Sub-theme 4: Forests and human health: revisiting the connections
 - Sub-theme 5: Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
 - Sub-theme 6: Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation
4. Among other international conferences, the upcoming session of the WFC is expected to provide geographical and strategic advantages for AFoCO to promote itself in an international forum and build partnerships and momentum to visualize the organizational missions and goals.

II. Strategic directions

5. The 15th session of the WFC is strategically configured to promote roles of forests in multiple global development agenda – 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Global Forest Goals (GFGs), the Paris Agreement on climate change, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, among others. Considering that AFoCO has served as a facilitator for its Member Countries to accomplish their environmental and developmental goals set against these global agenda, AFoCO's engagement in the WFC is highly relevant and necessary.

6. In assessing and prioritizing the opportunities towards the WFC, the extent to which the identified opportunity may contribute to the expected outcomes has been considered. The expected outcomes for the AFoCO's engagement with the XV WFC are:

- Building momentum to launch regional initiatives or programs
- Developing partnerships to facilitate the delivery of impact from on-going or new programs
- Promoting AFoCO as a model for intergovernmental forest cooperation and an effective partner to attain the global and regional aspirations

7. In addition to organizing events and exhibition, the secretariat will promote effective participation of member countries by:

- Preparing and sharing agenda to be discussed in the events
- Facilitating attendants from the member countries to participate in the event organized and contributed by AFoCO
- Disseminating key messages delivered through the 6 subthemes

III. Engagement plan

8. Guided by the strategic directions above, the strategic entry points to the WFC have been identified and being pursued in consultation with the FAO and the host government as below:

- Co-organizing the main events of the WFC
- Speaking at the plenary session, special session or other main events of the WFC
- Shaping up sub-theme sessions of the WFC with sub-theme leaders of FAO
- Organizing a pre-congress event, named "Asian Forest Forum"
- Exhibition

9. Currently, the Secretariat is involved in preparation of the following sixteen (16) events and the exhibition at the WFC. Detailed programs and schedules of the events appear in **Annex**. (Partners Meetings will be held upon requests from the partners between the WFC sessions)

A. Events organized by AFoCO:

(A1) Asian Forest Forum, pre-congress event, 30th April 2022

(A2) AFoCO Ministerial Meeting, outside WFC, 3rd May 2022

(A3) Landscape Partnership Asia: Restoring Asian Drylands and Drought-Prone Areas, side event, 2nd May 2022

(A4) Forest Fire Forum, special event, 4th May 2022

(A5) Green Partnership for 20 years between ASEAN and ROK, side event, 3rd May 2022

(A6) International Drylands Greening Network, side event, 5th May 2022

(A7) Annual Technical Workshop on Project Management and Performance Review, outside WFC, 29th April, 2022

B. Events where AFoCO contributes as a partner:

- (B1) Session 4 of the Subtheme 1**, parallel session for subtheme 1, 4th May 2022
- (B2) Session 4 of the Subtheme 6**, parallel session for subtheme 6, 4th May 2022
- (B3) Building Healthy and Resilient Landscapes through FLR: Forest-based solutions for climate, biodiversity, and livelihoods**, side event, 3rd, May 2022
- (B4) Peace Forest Initiative**, special event, 3rd May 2022
- (B5) Forestry Education in the New Normal: Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions**, side event, 5th May 2022
- (B6) Unlocking private green finance to halt deforestation and forest degradation and accelerate climate action**, side event, 4th May 2022
- (B7) Forest biosecurity as a shared responsibility – A global framework**, side event, 5th May, 2022
- (B8) Unleashing the power of research to shape forest governance in Southeast Asia**, side-event, 4th May, 2022
- (B9) International Symposium on AFoCO Experimental Forest**, side event, 6th May 2022

C. Exhibition:

(C1) Exhibition (2-6 May 2022): AFoCO will introduce our work and experiences with the participants to the WFC and explore potential collaboration opportunities for the future. Field-based projects and capacity building programs will be one of main items to be promoted at the AFoCO exhibition. Scheduled presentations and demonstrations may also be considered as in-booth programs to gain more attention and interests.

D. Partners meetings:

(D1) Partners meetings (2-6 May 2022): AFoCO will discuss about on-going efforts and explore potential collaboration opportunities through meetings with delegates of the parties (Norway, Finland, UK), and partner organizations from both public and private sector. The meetings will be organized freely and voluntarily, upon needs and requests from the partners.

10. The ad-hoc communication team will be formed in the Secretariat to support disseminating key messages delivered through the events in the 6 subthemes.

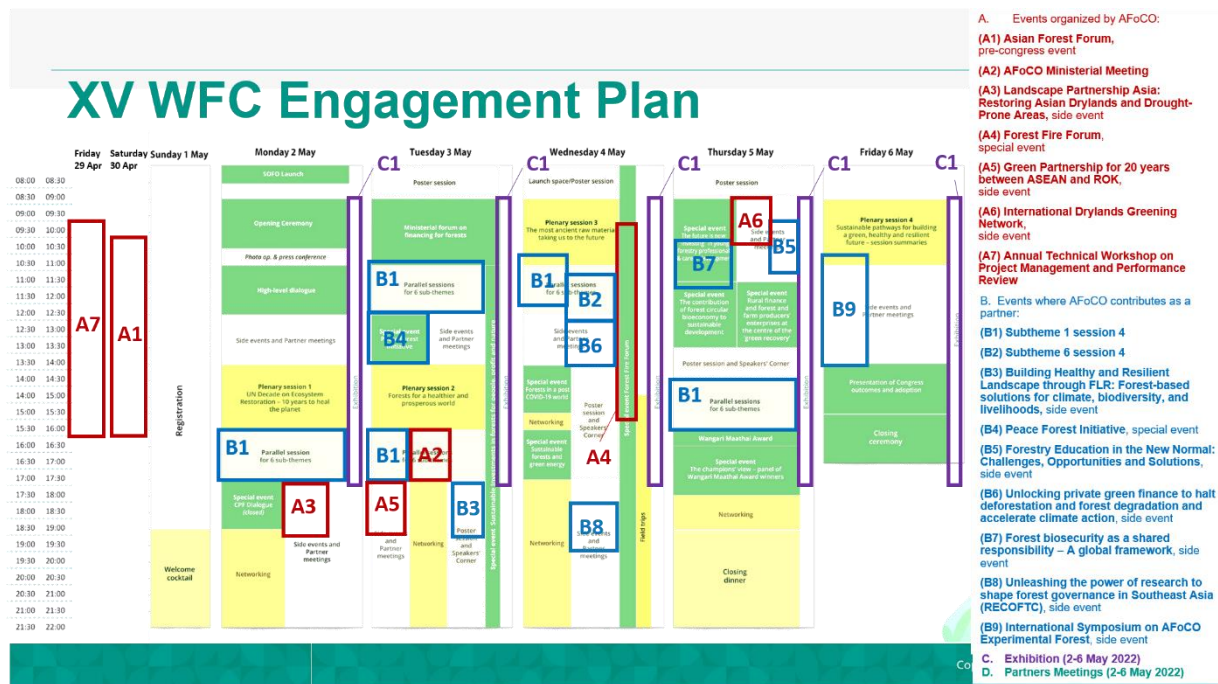
Event title	Staffs in charge
Sub-theme 1: Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation	Donghwan Kim, Sonam Tashi
Sub-theme 2: Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation	Sungho Choi, Aidai Zhumasheva
Sub-theme 3: The green pathway to growth and sustainability	Kikang Bae, Abuov Azamat Kairdyuly
Sub-theme 4: Forests and human health: revisiting the connections	Jiyea Cha, Guilhermino Moniz
Sub-theme 5: Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge	Soozin Ryang, Khin Nyein San
Sub-theme 6: Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation	Emily Marie Lim, Kittayaporn Jaiarree

Points for consideration

11. The Assembly may wish to:
- Take note on the AFoCO's plan for the XV WFC; and
 - Encourage each Party to render support in the successful implementation of the plan.
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AFoCO Events at the XV WFC Provisional Schedule and Program

1. The XV WFC will be held from 2-6 May 2022, with a day dedicated for the ‘Pre-congress event’ advance to the congress. Shown below are tentative schedules of the AFoCO events, indicated by the red, blue and purple boxes over the WFC program (for the latest version of the WFC program: <https://wfc2021korea.org/sub02/programme.html>).



2. Events organized by AFoCO:

(A1) Asian Forest Forum: Research, capacity development and good governance in Asia

- Type: pre-congress event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Dr. Kang Hosang
- Date & Time: 30th April 2022, 10:00 – 16:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - Head of Forest Research Institute (16)
 - Invited speakers (TBD, 5)
- Synopsis: Capacity building in the forest sector, especially in vulnerable regions, is fundamental to building a resilient future in the forest sector. Capacity building through physically gathering is instrumental and inevitable, especially in the forest sector. However, we are facing challenges such as COVID-19 effects, the decrease in the number of enrollees and graduates in the forest sector, and insufficient and outdated approaches in forest education.

The Asian Forest Forum under the theme of “capacity building for a resilient forest in Asia” will provide the venue to map the current status and needs in forest capacity building and find the practical and applicable way forward which can narrow the gap in Asia.

- Program

Asian Forest Forum: Capacity Building for Resilient Forest in Asia	
Time	Activity / Speaker
10:00	Welcome address FAO and AFoCO
10:10	Session 1: Mapping the current capacity building in the forest sector in Asia (50 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFoCO's Capacity Building Programs, Challenges and Opportunities (TBD) • Forest sector capacity building needs in the sub-regions of Asia (TBD)
11:00	Session 2: Alternative approach in capacity building (50 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of initiatives implemented by international organizations related to blended or alternative learning (TBD) • Success cases and practices in other regions (TBD)
11:50	Session 3: Panel discussion on the way forward for capacity building in the forest sector in Asia (120 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration on the approaches for the capacity building in the forest sector in Asia (TBD) • Recommendation for the way forward (TBD)
13.50	Closing remarks
16:00	

(A2) AFoCO Ministerial Meeting

- Type: Outside WFC
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Sonam, Kittayaporn
- Date & Time: 3rd May 2022, 16:10 – 17:50 (1 hour and 40 minutes)
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - Ministers (16)
 - Delegates (16)
 - Assembly (16)
 - Ambassadors (14)

Synopsis: Following the First AFoCO Ministerial Meeting in October 2019, the Assembly of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization considered to organize the Second AFoCO Ministerial Meeting in 2022. AFoCO will take the opportunity of the XV World Forestry Congress which is the largest global gatherings of foresters to reaffirm high-level commitment and support for the forest sector in Asia.

The First AFoCO Ministerial Meeting was held in October 2019 and the focus of the high-level discourse was the innovative local actions on global targets, future of sustainable capacity development, and way forward of international forest cooperation. In 2021, AFoCO Annual Thematic Dialogue focused on roles of regional entities in unleashing the full potential of forest to meet climate goals and building back better and greener from the COVID-19, and assessment of AFoCO projects impact and best practices.

Building on this past discourses, the Second AFoCO Ministerial Meeting will recall the “Glasgow Leaders’ Declaration on Forests and Land Use” in which 141 countries have endorsed, covering 3.69 billion ha of forest. The AFoCO Ministerial Meeting will provide the venue for the Ministers responsible for forest

- to reaffirm the high-level support for international forest cooperation through AFoCO;
- to review the progress and contribution of AFoCO and its activities;

- to share the priorities in each countries in realizing to achieve common global goals and commitments;
- to shape the strategic direction to implement the actions identified by the “Glasgow Leaders’ Declaration on Forests and Land Use.” (<https://ukcop26.org/glasgow-leaders-declaration-on-forests-and-land-use/>)

o Program

Time	Program	Speakers
16:10	Arrival of Ministers	
16:10-16:20 (10 min)	Opening Remarks and Congratulatory Remarks Group photo	- AFoCO - tbc
16:20-16:55 (35 min)	Theme 1: Opportunities and Challenges of the forest sector building on the milestones (accomplishments) of AFoCO in the era of post-COVID-19 and the commitments at the COP 26	- Briefing by the Secretariat - Intervention by Ministers
16:55-17:30 (35 min)	Theme 2: Strategic way forward for international cooperation in the Asian region for the forest sector (Capacity building, thematic areas, national priorities for international cooperation, etc) -	- Briefing by the Secretariat - Intervention by Ministers
17:30-17:50 (20 min)	Joint Ministerial Statement	

(A3) Landscape Partnership Asia: Restoring Asian Drylands and Drought-Prone Areas

- o Type: side event
- o Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Aidai / CIFOR-ICRAF, the Alliance
- o Date & Time: 2nd May 2022, 17:30 – 19:00
- o Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - Political Partners from AFoCO member countries (16 Ministers)
 - Donor institutions
 - Implementing organizations
 - LPA technical partners
 - NGOs etc.
- o Synopsis: Landscape Partnership Asia: Restoring Dry Lands and Drought-prone Areas (LPA) aims to 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. The event will unveil LPA’s 10 Year Vision and Roadmap—its regional restoration programs and partners. A keynote message from a distinguished speaker will highlight the critical need for enhanced management and cooperation amongst key stakeholders for turning the tides against colossal degradation of dry ecosystems in this part of Asia. Plenary discussions will be followed by a donors’ meeting.

- Program

Agenda 1	Welcome and Side-Event Introduction
Agenda 2	LPA Video
Agenda 3	Keynote Speech on the significance of restoring degraded lands across Asia
Agenda 4	Speech on how LPA is restoring degraded lands across Asia by AFoCO ED
Agenda 5	Speech on benefits of restoration and the impact LPA on addressing the biggest challenges on the ground by DG of CIFOR
Agenda 6	Speech on scaling up restoration and uniting diverse sectors by CEO of the Alliance
Agenda 7	Response from partners
Agenda 8	Government/Minister Reactions
Agenda 9	Closing Remarks + Catering

(A4) Forest Fire Forum

- Type: special event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Kikang / Juwon Park (WFC Secretariat of KFS)
- Date & Time: 4th May 2022, 9:30 – 16:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - (TBD)
- Synopsis: The objective is to broaden the scope of consideration of wildfires and fire management beyond forests to the full suite of sectors including infrastructure, health, transport, tourism and other sectors impacted by damaging fires. This Forest Fire Forum will also seek to confirm the need for clearer and more relevant data collection on the incidence, causes, sources, motivations and drivers of damaging fires to underpin stronger review and analysis on reducing wildfire risks, the IFDRM, and stimulate and sustain better approaches through Fire Risk Governance.
- Program

Session 1	Opening and setting the scene
Session 2	Where are the Fires? How are we coping?
Session 3	Post-fire
Session 4	Innovation in forest fire management
Session 5	Way forward

(A5) Green Partnership for 20 years between ASEAN and ROK

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Dr. Kang Hosang
- Date & Time: 3rd May 2022, 17:30 – 19:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - AKECOP (5)
- Synopsis: (TBD)
- Program (TBD)

(A6) International Drylands Greening Network

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / (NIFoS)
- Date & Time: 5th May 2022, 9:00 – 10:30
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - Head of Forest Research Institute (2 from KAZ and KGZ)
 - * 3 heads of Forest Research Institute from non-member countries (UZB, TJK, TKM)
- Synopsis: The aim of this project is to establish the work plan for forest cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Central Asian Region. In order to achieve this aim, this project will convene a side event during the 15th World Forestry Congress in Korea, and consultation meetings in person or virtually will be organized by Asia Forest Institute with the following overarching objectives:
 - i. To share the real needs and discuss practical solution in forest sector in CAR;
 - ii. To share the experiences and knowledge in forest restoration of the Republic of Korea;
 - iii. To discuss the ways of cooperation in forest sector between the Republic of Korea and Central Asian Region.
- Program (TBD)

(A7) Annual Technical Workshop on Project Management and Performance Review

- Type: outside WFC
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Sungho /
- Date & Time: 29th April 2022, 10:00 – 17:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - National Focal Points
 - Project managers and project personnel
- Synopsis: Consistent with Section 10.3 of the AFoCO Project Manual, the Secretariat will organize the 2021 “Annual Technical Workshop (ATW) for Project Management and Performance Review”. In general, the ATW is being conducted as a venue for the discussion of project implementation progress, issues and concerns and sharing of each project’s contemporary cases of good practices both in terms of project management and achievement of outputs.
- Program

Agenda 1	[Session 1: Project Implementation and Management] Presentation on the project evaluation outcomes of 2 completed regional projects (30 min)
Agenda 2	Performance Review of 15 on-going projects (150 min)
Agenda 3	Interactive Panel-led Discussion (40 min)
Agenda 4	[Session 2: Project Development Concerns] Presentation on Program Approach to Project Development (40min)
Agenda 5	Strengthening Country Presence of AFoCO in the Parties (10min)
Agenda 6	Presentation from the Forest Aviation Headquarters (FAH) (10min)
Agenda 7	Interactive Panel-led Discussion (30 min)
Agenda 8	Synthesis and Way Forward (10min)

Events where AFoCO contributes as a partner:

(B1) Session 4 of the Subtheme 1: Addressing deforestation and forest degradation through strengthened governance, and systems that assure legal and sustainable production

- Type: parallel session for subthemes
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Donghwan / Sonam
- Date & Time: 4th May 2022, 10:30 – 12:00
- Lead organizer: FAO
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries:(TBC)
- Synopsis: The big challenges in today’s world can only be addressed through collaboration and partnerships. Partnerships are required among different stakeholders, across multi sectors, across national boundaries, across different geographical scales. This session will focus on the importance of partnerships and collaboration for SFM and will discuss three different dimensions — transboundary cooperation, private-public sector collaboration, multi-stakeholder partnership strengthening decentralization.
- Program

Agenda 1	Welcome / introduction (5min / Mr. Negbalee Werner, Transparency and anti-corruption lawyer, Liberia)
Agenda 2	Keynote speech (15min / Mr Chenko Norbu, former Executive Director of AFoCO)
Agenda 3	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Discussion 1 (25min)● Break, paper presentation (10min / Ms Melissa Blue Sky)● Discussion 2 (25min) (panellists: Mr. Chris Beeko, Forestry Commission, Ghana Mr. José Filadelfo Martínez, Facilitator of the VPA process in Honduras Peter Feilberg, Executive Director of Preferred by Nature The Chairman of ASMINDO or Indroyono Soesilo, chairman of the Association of Indonesian Forest Concessionaires from private sector Indonesia)
Agenda 4	Wrap-up, conclusions, next steps (10min / Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director of ITTO)

(B2) Session 4 of the Subtheme 6: Partnerships and collaboration for SFM

- Type: parallel session for subtheme
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Emily / Kittayaporn
- Date & Time: 4th May 2022, 11:00 – 12:30
- Lead organizer: FAO
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries (TBC)
- Synopsis: The big challenges in today’s world can only be addressed through collaboration and partnerships. Partnerships are required among different stakeholders, across multi sectors, across national boundaries, across different geographical scales. This session will focus on the importance of partnerships and collaboration for SFM and will discuss three different dimensions — transboundary cooperation, private-public sector collaboration, multi-stakeholder partnership strengthening decentralization.

○ Program

11:00	The Forest Dialogue representative will introduce The Forest Dialogue partnership and the Moderator
11:02	Foreword by Moderator and introduction of first partnership (Mr. Gary Dunning, Executive Director, The Forest School and Executive Director, The Forest Dialogue, Yale University)
11:04	Partnerships, preceded by one-minute introductions by Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by AFoCO (11min / Mr. Ricardo L. Calderon, Executive Director of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization) • The Kitchen Connection Alliance (11min / H.E. Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen, Permanent Representative of The Netherlands to United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council and member, Board of Trustees, The Kitchen Connection Alliance; Ms. Earlene Cruz, Founder, Kitchen Connection; Africa representative (TBD)) • Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forests and Agriculture and multistakeholder collaboration in the Brazilian Amazonia region (11min / H.E. Ambassador Everton Vieira Vargas, International Advisor, Government of the state of Pará, Brazil; H.E. Ambassador José Carlos da Fonseca Jr., Executive Director, Brazilian Tree Industry (IBÁ) and facilitator, Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forests and Agriculture) • Forests4Fashion Initiative (11min / Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forest, Land and Housing Division, UNECE; Fashion industry representative (TBD))
11:51	Questions and answers
11:58	
12:00	Key findings and final words by Moderator

(B3) Building Healthy and Resilient Landscapes through FLR: Forest-based solutions for climate, biodiversity, and livelihoods

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Soozin / (TBD)
- Date & Time: 3rd May 2022, 17:30 – 19:00
- Lead organizer: ITTO & IUFRO
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: Enormous changes have occurred in forest landscapes in recent decades, and large areas—nearly a billion hectares—have become degraded to varying degrees, requiring urgent and site specific restoration efforts that are ecologically sound and responsive to local social inclusion and economic development. Considerable knowledge and experience exist on how to restore degraded forest landscapes, and a number of policy and technical guidelines on forest landscape restoration (FLR) are already in place promoting inclusive and integrated approaches to reverse land degradation, increase carbon storage, help conserve biodiversity and create sustainable livelihoods for local communities. In light of the importance of developing and implementing effective FLR interventions for a green post-COVID 19 recovery, this side event aims at presenting key FLR implementation guidelines, and sharing best practices to accelerate ground-level action for building healthy, resilient, and productive forest landscapes with enhanced climate, biodiversity and livelihood benefits.
- Program: (TBC)

(B4) Peace Forest Initiative

- Type: special event
- Lead organizer: Korea Forest Service
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Kikang / Mr. Song Won Young (KFS)
- Date & Time: 3rd May 2022, 12:30 – 14:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: (TBC)
- Program (TBC)

(B5) Forestry Education in the New Normal: Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions

- Type: side event
- Lead organizer: The Asia Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism (AP-FECM)
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Soozin / (TBD)
- Date & Time: 5th May 2022, 09:30 – 11:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: The COVID-19 pandemic has affected educational systems worldwide, leading to the cessation of normal practices at universities and colleges. As an immediate response to the crisis, universities have switched their in-person teaching into the online learning. Meanwhile, challenges associated with a lack of high quality online educational resources, inexperience with online course development and implementation, and limitations in the support of multi-cultural online classrooms were encountered. The Asia Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism (AP-FECM) has been working with the UBC Faculty of Forestry, the UBC Centre of Teaching and Learning Technology, Beijing Forestry University and many organizations to offer more than 15 open-access online courses with over 2000 students enrolled from the Asia Pacific region since February, 21st, 2020. A weekly Online Teaching/Learning Lecture Series has also been launched for the faculty members around the Asia Pacific region. During this side event, we, along with our partner universities around the Asia Pacific region, would like to present our lessons learned through our online teaching/learning experiences during the pandemic. Several renowned content experts will share their insights about the educational techniques, pedagogical strategies and the valuable experiences for coping with the Covid-19 pandemic. This event will also provide a platform to discuss the challenges, opportunities as well as the solutions in forestry education under the new normal.
- Program

Agenda 1	Opening remarks from FAO and APFECM
Agenda 2	A collaborative research on the forestry education under the new normal (Dr. John Innes, AP-FECM Executive Office, UBC)
Agenda 3	AFoCO education/scholarship program with SE Asia (AFoCO, Dr. Yeongjoo LEE, or Ms. Soozin Ryang)
Agenda 4	Hybrid teaching and learning mode during and post-pandemic (Dr. Liu Yong and Yu Lin, Beijing Forestry University, China)
Agenda 5	Online student engagement and course assessment (Dr. Juan M. Pulhin, UPLB, the Philippines)
Agenda 6	Virtual mobility poses new chances for forestry education and research (Dr. Hoang Van Sam, Vietnam National University of Forestry)
Agenda 7	Sketching future forestry education for Bangladesh in Covid19 pandemic and post pandemic situation (Prof. Dr. M. Al Amin, Chittagong University, Bangladesh)
Agenda 8	Innovative Sustainable Forest Management Education in the Asia Pacific region (Dr. Anil Shrestha, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry, Canada)
Agenda 9	Discussion and closing remarks from APFECM (Dr. Guangyu Wang)

(B6) Unlocking private green finance to halt deforestation and forest degradation and accelerate climate action

- Type: side event
- Lead organizer : SK Forest
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Donghwan / Kittayaporn
- Date & Time: 4th May 2022, 12:30 – 14:00
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: Reversing the trends and addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation is a shared responsibility among all public and private sectors and stakeholders at local, national, and international levels. It has been proven that private sector plays a fundamental role in designing, developing and operating at a variety of scales. However, various factors including political, economic, and financial risks as well as lack of common understanding are acknowledged as potential obstacles. In order to overcome them and attract more investment, the government needs to take measures and create a better business environment; by improving policy and legislation, governance, transparency and infrastructure. It is also important for potential investors to have access to credible and reliable information, especially around the availability of suitable land for investments. This event aims to 1) overview the successful stories on involvement of private sectors to conserve forest ecosystem and to share benefit with local stakeholders, 2) trigger active participation of private sector into sustainable forest management by creating both economic and social value.

○ Program

12:30	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview (4min / Moderator) - Welcome remark (3min / Mr. In Bo Chung, CEO, SK Forest) - Congratulatory remark (3min / (TBD), Korea Forest Service)
12:40	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFoCO Climate LINK: Case study in the Philippines (15min / Mr. Ricardo, L. Calderon, Executive Director, AFoCO) - Climate action as a sustainable solutions by connecting finance and sustainability (15min / (TBD), Ecoscurities) - Enhancing accessibility to credible and reliable information for financing Nature-based Solution (15min / (TBD), Ecosystem Marketplace) - Public-Private Partnership (15min / (TBD), Viet Nam)
13:40	Q & A (15min / Moderator)
13:55 14:00	Warp Up (20min / Moderator)

(B7) Forest biosecurity as a shared responsibility – A global framework

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Kittayaporn
- Date & Time: 5th May 2022, 10:00 – 11:30
- Lead organizer : FAO
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: Following the national and organisational examples, FAO in collaboration with partners aims to develop and implement a framework targeting policy makers and regulators, to discuss strategies to increase awareness with and engage the public in biosecurity actions. The framework will facilitate the establishment of a coordinated global Biosecurity framework for Forestry to enlist the world’s citizens in the fight against invasive species in the forest sector. It is expected that the framework, if successful, could be informed other sectors on implementation ‘One Health’ initiatives, integrating plant, animal, human and environmental health outcomes more generally.
- Program

10:00	Welcome address (10min /FAO and AFoCO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose of the meeting : developing a global framework for biosecurity (FAO)
10:10	Current situation of forest biosecurity from diverse perspectives (10mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Zealand’s Biosecurity– successes and challenges (TBC – remote/recorded) - Shared responsibility in biosecurity: Lessons from the Australian experience (Russell Warman) - An industry perspective on forest biosecurity – Ibá Brazil (Patricia Machado) - Forest biosecurity in the Africa– Ghana as an example (Paul Bosu)
10:50	Towards a global framework for forest biosecurity (10 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The biosecurity approach IPPC (TBC) - A draft road map of a global framework for Forest biosecurity (TBC)
11:10 11:30	Panel discussion: Developing a global framework for forest biosecurity?

(B8) Unleashing the power of research to shape forest governance in Southeast Asia (RECOFTC)

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Kittayaporn
- Date & Time: 4th May 2022, 18:00 – 19:30
- Lead organizer: RECOFTC
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries : (TBC)
- Synopsis: In response to this gap, RECOFTC, CIFOR and Sweden are, through Explore, building the research capacity of universities in Southeast Asia to conduct and communicate high-quality research on forest landscape governance in the region. In doing so, Explore aims to support the clarification and security of land tenure and resource rights, reduce poverty and inequality, conserve forests and biodiversity, and spur green and sustainable economic development. Explore is organising a session at the World Forest Congress to better understand how researchers can design and implement research to support policy and decision makers. The session will see academics from the region sharing good practices for informing policy and decision makers, how policy and decision makers want to contribute to research. Finally the session will share how organisations like CIFOR and RECOFTC, AFoCO, and programs and initiatives such as Explore are supporting informed policy and decision making for the governance of Southeast Asia's forest landscapes.
- Program : (TBC)

(B9) International Symposium on AFoCO Experimental Forest

- Type: side event
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Soozin / Khin
- Date & Time: 6th May 2022, 10:00 – 14:00
- Lead organizer: the Korea Arboreta and Gardens Institute (KoAGI)
- Participants from the Member and Observer countries
 - 6 invited speakers from 6 member countries
 - ◆ Dr. Sokh Heng, Director, Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development, Forestry Administration, Cambodia
 - ◆ Dr. Iskandar Siregar, Director, International Cooperation, IPB University, Indonesia
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 - ◆ Prof. Batkhuy Nyam-Osor, Vice-President, National University of Mongolia
 - ◆ Dr. Rahayu Sukmaria binti Hj Sukri, Institute for Biodiversity and Environmental Research, Universiti Brunei Darussalam
 - ◆ Dr. Ladawan Puangchit, Vice President, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Synopsis: (Note: This side event is hosted by the Korea Arboreta and Gardens Institute (KoAGI), and AFoCO participates in as a partner.) KoAGI, as the main design agency for the AFoCO experimental forest, organizes the international symposium to promote diverse values in the utilization of experimental forests to enhance research capacity in the forest and forestry sector. Prominent researchers and experts from the Asian region will be invited to share their best knowledge of how they endeavor to enhance regional cooperation in long-term forest research, educational programs, network cooperation, sub-regional research center establishment, and so on. In particular, the design concept and basic plan for the AFoCO experimental forest will be introduced to build up prospective research partnerships for the region. This event is expected to promote a long-term partnership in the forest

research sector in Asia by sharing successful cases in utilizing experimental forests in the region. These will further bring on collective and creative ideas for the establishment of the AFoCO experimental forest in Myanmar. Furthermore, taking full advantage of this global and regional networking via XV WFC, future collaboration resources beyond the region will be promoted amongst diverse players, which will eventually contribute to developing a substantial design work of the experimental forest of AFoCO.

○ Program

10:00	Opening Ceremony (KoAGI)
10:10	Presentation 1. Design concept and the Basic Plan for AFoCO Experimental Forest in Myanmar (KoAGI)
10:40	Presentation 2. Establishment of Forest Genetics Research Center for Restoration of Major Timber Species in Cambodia (Dr. Sokh Heng, Director, Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development, Forestry Administration, Cambodia)
11:00	Presentation 3. Research and Education Program in Gunung Walat Experimental Forest in Indonesia (Dr. Iskandar Siregar, Director, International Cooperation, IPB University, Indonesia)
11:20	Presentation 4. Long-term research and education program at Mt. Makiling in Philippines (Prof. Marilyn Combalicer, Professor, University of Philippines at Los Banos)
11:40	Presentation 5. Long-term research at the experimental forests of Vietnam Academy of Forest Science (Prof. Vo Da Hai, President of Vietnam Academy of Forest Science)
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Presentation 6. International Cooperation at experimental forest of National University of Mongolia (Prof. Batkhuy Nyam-Osor, Vice-President, National University of Mongolia)
12:50	Presentation 7. Experimental Forest for Biodiversity Research at Old Growth Tropical Rain Forest in Brunei Darussalam (Dr Rahayu Sukmaria binti Hj Sukri, Institute for Biodiversity and Environmental Research, Universiti Brunei Darussalam)
13:10	Presentation 8. Successful Reforestation on Logging Area at Trat Experimental Forest, Thailand (Dr. Ladawan Puangchit, Vice President, Kasetsart University, Thailand)
13:30	DiscussionPanel discussion: Developing a global framework for forest biosecurity?
14:00	

Exhibition:

(C) Exhibition

- Type: Exhibition
- Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung / Youngju (proposed), Emily (if necessary)
- Date & Time: 2nd – 6th May 2022, 09:00 – 17:30
- Synopsis: A greener Asia with resilient forests, landscapes, and communities with mission to strengthen cooperation in the forest sector and promote action-oriented practices of

sustainable forest management through policy support, capacity development, and inclusive partnerships to address the adverse impacts of climate change.

Partners Meetings:

(D) Partners Meetings

- Type: Voluntary meetings
 - Person-in-charge (lead / support) : Jimyung /
 - Date & Time: 2nd – 6th May 2022, 09:00 – 17:30
 - Synopsis: AFoCO will discuss about on-going efforts and explore potential collaboration opportunities through meetings with delegates of the parties (Norway, Finland, UK), and partner organizations from both public and private sector. The meetings will be organized freely and voluntarily, upon needs and requests from the partners.
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