

Seventh Session of the Assembly
26-27 October 2022, Almaty (hybrid)

Agenda Item 10

Appointment of the Executive Director

Introduction

1. The Fifth Session of the Assembly endorsed resuming the works of the Executive Director Selection Committee in 2022 and tasked the Secretariat to undertake necessary processes.
2. The Committee was reconstituted consisting of 13 Committee members. The 6th, 7th, and 8th Meeting of the Committee was held on 9 June 2022, 13-14 July and 28-29 September 2022, respectively.
3. The 6th Meeting of the Committee adopted the schedule and work plan of the Committee. Following the schedule decided, the 7th Meeting noted and decided to respect the intention of the incumbent Executive Director not to renew his term as the Executive Director. The Committee further agreed to proceed with the selection process of the new Executive Director.
4. The vacancy announcement was open for 44 days. As a result, the Secretariat received application documents from four applicants.
5. The Eighth Meeting of the Committee was held to further deliberate candidates. After undertaking interview deliberation, the Committee by consensus recommends Mr. Park Chongho, the candidate from the Republic of Korea, for the position of the Executive Director for consideration and approval of the Assembly. The letter of the Chairperson addressed to the President of the Assembly is attached as **Annex-1**.

Points for Consideration

6. The Assembly may wish to
 - Acknowledge, with appreciation, the intensive works of the Committee to undertake necessary procedures in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Director Selection Committee;

- Appreciate the applications for the position of the Executive Director;
 - Take note of the recommendation of the Committee;
 - Appoint Mr. Park Chongho as the Executive Director for a period of 2 years, beginning on 1 January 2023 in accordance with Paragraph 6 (b) of Article 8 and Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Agreement;
 - Task the Secretariat to take follow-up actions on arrangement of the appointment including appointment letter from the President of the Assembly and other legal arrangements as required;
 - Task the Committee to conclude its activities; and
 - Extend, notwithstanding the conclusion of Committee's current activity, the validity of the Committee for further consideration.
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DATE: 29 September 2022

REF.NO.: SO-399

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Deputy Director General
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Dear Mr. President,

**Recommendation of the final candidate for the Executive Director of
the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)**

On behalf of the Executive Director Selection Committee, I have the honor to refer to the Fifth Session of the Assembly in which the Assembly endorsed resuming the works of the Executive Director Selection Committee in 2022 and tasked the Secretariat to undertake necessary processes. Accordingly, the Committee was reconstituted consisting of 13 Committee members.

At the 6th Meeting of the Committee, held on 9 June 2022 via videoconference, the Chairperson was unanimously selected, the Schedule and Work Plan of the Committee were adopted.

Following the schedule decided at the 6th Meeting of the Committee, the 7th Meeting was held in hybrid mode on 13-14 July 2022 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. At the 7th Meeting, the Committee noted and decided to respect the intention of the incumbent Executive Director not to renew his term as the Executive Director. The Committee further agreed to proceed with the selection process of the new Executive Director.

The vacancy announcement was open at the official website of AFoCO for 44 days. As a result, the Secretariat received application documents from four member countries. Each of them from the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Mongolia respectively. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Director Selection Committee, the Secretariat reviewed the required qualifications, summarized and circulated the lists of applicants based on result of the preliminary assessment with full documents to all members of the Committee.

The 8th Meeting of the Committee was held in hybrid mode in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 28-29 September 2022 to deliberate further on the four applications. Among the four applicants, the Committee shortlisted to two (Dr. Park Chongho of the ROK and Mr. Marcial C. Amaro Jr of the Philippines) for the interview sessions held at the second day of the Meeting.

After undertaking interview and deliberation, the Committee by consensus recommends Dr. Park Chongho, the candidate from the Republic of Korea, for the position of the Executive Director for consideration and approval of the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,



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