

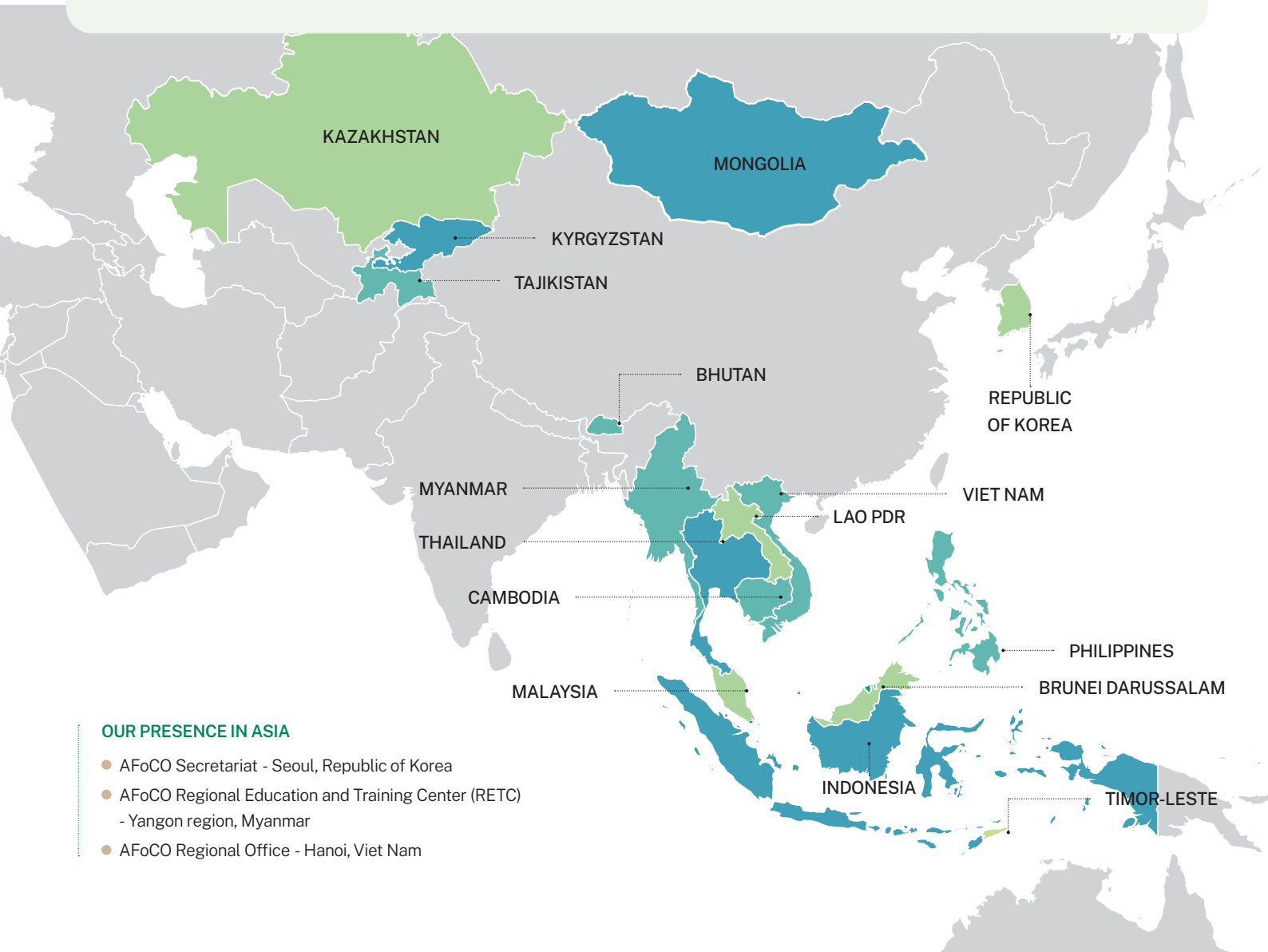


The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that is committed to strengthening forest cooperation and taking concrete actions to promote sustainable forest management and address the impacts of climate change. Through action-oriented practices, AFoCO aims to contribute to the global goals of increasing forest cover and implementing the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC), a specialized subsidiary organ of AFoCO, was established in 2018 in Yangon region, Myanmar, to serve as a platform for capacity development, knowledge transfer and information sharing. The AFoCO Regional Office in Hanoi, Viet Nam, will play a central role in the coordinating of programs and project activities and strengthening and resource mobilization.

AFoCO's membership as of November 2023 consists of 14 Parties — Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam — and two Observers — Malaysia and Tajikistan.

- Permanent Observer at the United Nations General Assembly (admitted 2020)
- Enlisted as an international organization eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) under the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) (2021)
- Supporting Partner to the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2022)
- Invested in more than 40 projects and counting on forest land restoration and rehabilitation, climate-change adaptation, forest disaster risk reduction, and community livelihoods, institutional capability enhancement as well as joint research and development projects
- Built capacities in the forest and forestry sector through more than 100 training courses, benefiting more than 11,000 participants across Asia



### OUR PRESENCE IN ASIA

- AFoCO Secretariat - Seoul, Republic of Korea
- AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC) - Yangon region, Myanmar
- AFoCO Regional Office - Hanoi, Viet Nam

In response to the climate crisis, the AFoCO Climate Action Plan(2025-2034) will help Member Countries draw carbon from the atmosphere through restoration of forests and mangroves, and improve local livelihoods through nature-based enterprises and green villages supported with digital innovations in forestry database management and forest disaster risk reduction.

### Asia — and the world — needs urgent action

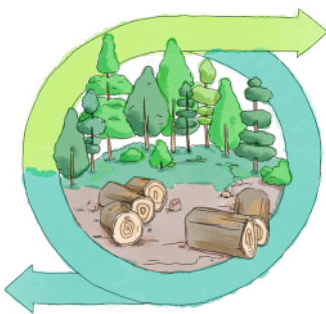
There is “no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place” today, said the Emissions Gap Report 2022 of the United Nations Environment Programme. The Earth is on track to exceed 1.5°C warming within the next decade. Countries’ nationally determined contributions need to be increased by at least 23 gigatonnes of carbon-dioxide equivalents to achieve the world’s 2030 climate target.

Asia and the Pacific, despite covering only 7% of the Earth’s land surface, are home to nearly two-thirds of the world’s floral and faunal diversity, store 68% of carbon stocks, and provide shelter to 85.7 million people. However, between 1990 and 2020, deforestation in Asian tropical forests soared to 15%, with 37.6 million hectares lost — far exceeding the global average of 4%. The potential for restoring these degraded lands is immense, offering large-scale opportunities to sequester atmospheric carbon. An additional 300 million hectares can be repurposed for mosaic-landscape restoration, combining trees and forests with other land uses to enhance carbon capture, livelihoods, and ecosystem health.

### AFoCO Climate Action Plan (2025-2034)

The Climate Action Plan is a program under the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024–2030). The Climate Action Plan puts major effort into assisting Member Countries enhance their contributions to achieving the Paris Agreement’s goals and accelerate efforts to remove large amounts of atmospheric carbon to stabilize global temperatures.

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**Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded terrestrial and coastal forest landscapes, including drylands, peatlands, seasonally flooded and mangrove forests**

2



**Community solutions to support nature-based community forestry enterprises and ‘green’ sustainable villages**

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**Digital innovations and technologies for climate-forest disaster risk-reduction and integrated forest data management**

#### TAKING THE LEAD

- Convene the ‘AFoCO Leaders Forum’ to cohere commitments and plan actions
- Lead high-level dialogues and regional and global discussions to cohere policy solutions and engage in international meetings on climate change, biodiversity and desertification while forging partnerships

#### MAKING FINANCING WORK

- Mobilize bilateral, multilateral and private-sector partnerships through various financing approaches
- Pursue blended financing approaches through the Climate Action Matching Platform (CAMP), which features offline actions and an online marketplace and information center for channeling finance into forest land for carbon sequestration, biodiversity and livelihoods