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Agenda Item 8.1

Approval of New Projects

I. Submission of Project Proposals in 2023

1. Pursuant to the AFoCO Project Manual and the feasibility study, the four (4) project proposals have been developed and submitted to the Secretariat as follows:
 - Technology and Capacity Enhancement for Massive Production of Quality Planting Materials to Support National Forestation Goals in Kazakhstan (PP-2023-KZ-001)
 - Conservation of useful and rare tree species in Kyrgyzstan through establishment of a seed storage in order to retain significant resource (PP-2023-KG-001)
 - Establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Garden in Lao PDR (PP-2023-LA-001)
 - Establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Garden in Viet Nam (PP-2023-VN-001)

II. Appraisal of Projects

1. The Secretariat organized the Project Appraisal Panel (PAP) consisting of three (3) experts from the expert pool as appointed by the Executive Director of the Secretariat to review each project proposal submitted. According to the appraisal procedures, the PAP members provided the grading scores with the comments and recommendations. After receiving the appraisal grades from the PAP members, revisions were required to all of the four (4) project proposals to consider and incorporate the comments and recommendations of the PAP members. Through the re-appraisal process, the four (4) proposals gave grade A in order to proceed to the next stage.
2. The four (4) project proposals are submitted for the approval by the Assembly subject to confirmation of the Korea Forest Service on financial commitments to support the implementation of respective projects activities. The profile summary of project is provided in **Annex 1**.

Proponent (Registration No.)	Project Title	Project Duration (year)	Budget (USD)		
			AFoCO	National	Others
PP-2023-KZ-001	Technology and Capacity Enhancement for Massive Production of Quality Planting Materials to Support National Forestation Goals in Kazakhstan	2024-2025	USD 978,146 (KRW1,272,568,362)	USD250,000	
PP-2023-KG-001	Conservation of useful and rare tree species in Kyrgyzstan through establishment of a seed storage in order to retain significant resource	2024-2025	USD 978,146 (KRW1,272,568,362)	USD250,000	
PP-2023-LA-001	Establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Garden in Lao PDR	2024-2025	USD 1,152,959 (KRW1,500,000,000)	USD 70,800	
PP-2023-VN-001	Establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Garden in Viet Nam	2024-2025	USD 1,152,959 (KRW1,500,000,000)	USD 100,800	

*AFoCO Fund was committed in KRW by the Korean Government (Exchange Rate: USD 1 = KRW 1,301).

III. Points for consideration

1. The Assembly may wish to:
 - Approve the above-cited project proposals; and
 - Task the Secretariat to facilitate the necessary follow-up actions for project inception in due course.

Annex 1. Summary of Project Proposals

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