

Ninth Session of the Assembly
25-26 October 2023, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Agenda Item 2

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Item 1. Opening of the Session by the President of the Assembly

In accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the President will preside over the session of the Assembly. The incumbent President is Cambodia (Mr. Hang Suntra) and the Vice President is Brunei Darussalam (Ms. Noralinda Haji Ibrahim).

The Parties and Observer Country are invited to address the Assembly. The Representative from Rabobank, subject to agreement among the Parties, is invited to deliver introductory remarks as a collaborating private sector entity.

Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Assembly will be invited to adopt its agenda.

[Document A-23-9-1]

A. Organizational Matters

Item 3. Information on the list of Parties and Observers (Update on Tajikistan)

In accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement and Decision 3-I-18R, the status of Parties and Observers will be updated for information. The Secretariat will update the Assembly on the submission of the letter of intention from Tajikistan to be Party to AFoCO.

[Document A-23-9-2]

Action: The Assembly will take note of the information and welcome the Tajikistan as Observer to AFoCO.

Item 4. Update on Partner Countries and Partner Organization

In accordance with Decision 41-V-21R, the Assembly endorsed the Rules of Procedure on Partner Countries and Partner Organization, whereby formalizing the new category of engagement or participation to AFoCO. The Secretariat will update the Assembly on intention from IUFRO for consideration and endorsement of the Assembly.

[Document A-23-9-3]

Action: The Assembly will take note of the information. The Assembly will consider and endorse prospective partners that have submitted respective letters of intent.

B. Matters on Strategic Plan

Item 5. Adoption of AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 (for Decision)

Pursuant of the Decision 43-V-21R, the Secretariat has been developing the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030. The Secretariat will update the Assembly on the final draft of the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 for consideration and adoption by the Assembly

[Document A-23-9-4]

Action: The Assembly will consider and adopt the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 as appropriate.

Item 6. Adoption of AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan (2025-2034) (for Decision)

Pursuant of the Decision 49-VIII-23S, the Secretariat has been developing the AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan (2025-2034). The Secretariat will update the Assembly on the final draft of the AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan (2025-2034) for consideration and adoption by the Assembly

[Document A-23-9-5]

Action: The Assembly will consider and adopt the AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan (2025-2034) as appropriate.

Item 7. Updates on the implementation and evaluation of projects

The Secretariat will share information and updates on the on-going projects (country-specific and regional/multi-country). The regional/multi-country projects include NTFP project and programs under special funds such as AKCF Project, MKCF Project, SAFE Project. The Parties and Observers will be invited for any supplemental or clarifying statements regarding project implementation.

[Document A-23-9-6]

Action: The Assembly members may provide project highlights and challenges, if necessary. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

Item 8. New Projects

Item 8.1. Approval of new projects (for Decision)

The information on submitted project proposals will be presented.

[Document A-23-9-7]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to consider the project proposals and to adopt a

Decision, as appropriate.

Item 8.2. Introduction to Acorn Platform of the Rabobank

The information on the Acorn Platform of Rabobank will be presented.

[Document A-23-9-8]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

Item 8.3. Updates on the new projects and programs under Climate Action Plan

The information on new project developments including AFoCO-Rabobank Agroforestry in Cambodia and Viet Nam, Woori Bank REDD+ project in Cambodia, proposals to World Bank, KOICA, and collaboration with international partners such as LPA and IUCN will be presented.

[Document A-23-9-9]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

Item 9. Update on Operationalization of the Regional Office

As the follow-up of the 8th Session of the Assembly, the Secretariat will update the selection result of the Regional Office to the Assembly for endorsement.

[Document A-23-9-10]

Action: The Assembly will endorse the selection result of the Regional Office.

Item 10. Updates on Capacity Development Activities and Future Plan

The Secretariat will update the ongoing capacity building activities, Fellowship Program, and other ongoing activities regarding capacity building.

(i) Updates on progress of Capacity Development activities

The Secretariat will *update progress of the* capacity development activities since last Assembly. The Secretariat will update progress of ongoing programs and projects including the Science and Technology Exchange Partnership (STEP) Program, Fellowship Program, NIFoS Research Project, Landmark Scholarship Program, and project(s) sponsored by the third-party. The latest update of the workshop on capacity needs in Central Asia will be included. The bridging program of Landmark Scholarship also will be included.

(ii) Future Plan for Capacity Development

Plan on the finalization for the Capacity Building Roadmap 2023 will be shared.

[Document A-23-9-11]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

C. Administrative, financial, and institutional matters

Item 11. Work Plan of the Executive Director Selection Committee in 2024

In reference to Decision 4-I-18R and Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Agreement, the Secretariat will inform the Assembly on the follow-through activities of the Executive Director Selection Committee.

[Document A-23-9-12]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to consider and endorse the committee to undertake processes related to the extension of the term or selection of a succeeding Executive Director.

Item 12. Work plan and budget 2024 (for Decision)

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of Article 8 of the Agreement, the work plan and budget for the year 2023 and indicative budget for the year 2024 will be presented.

[Document A-23-9-13]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to consider the proposal and to adopt a Decision, as appropriate.

D. Procedural Matters of the Assembly

Item 13. Election of Succeeding Officers

In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the President and Vice President shall be elected from among the Parties following a rotation order established based on the date of deposit of their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Agreement. (Incoming President: Brunei Darussalam, Incoming Vice President: Philippines)

[Document A-23-9-14]

Action: The Assembly will be invited to elect the succeeding officers as appropriate.

Item 14. Date and venue of the next Sessions of the Assembly

In 2024, two sessions of the Assembly is proposed – one as a regular session and the other one as a special session, subject to the decision of the Assembly. 2024 Annual Thematic Dialogue may be organized as a ministerial level dialogue.

Action: The Assembly will be invited to decide on the indicative dates and venue of the sessions.

E. Other matters

- The Secretariat will update on the progress of AFoCO Leader's Forum.

- Brunei Darussalam will share information on the Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition 2024 and Scientific Expedition Exploring Brunei Darussalam's Biodiversity in June 2024.

G. Summary Record of the Session

A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption.

Item15. Closing of the Session

The President will close the Session.