

Concept Note

A. Event Information

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| Event title | Innovative Approaches to Envisioning Nature-Based Solutions by the ASEAN–AFoCO Living Lab Initiative |
| Venue | ASEAN Pavilion, COP30 |
| Date & Time | 17 November 2025 60 min (In-person Panel Discussion) |
| Background | <p>The ASEAN–AFoCO Living Lab Initiative, endorsed at the 28th ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF) meeting in 2024, aims to transform AFoCO project sites into innovation hubs for piloting and scaling Nature-based and Market-based Solutions (NbS/MbS). The initiative strengthens ASEAN’s contribution to the Paris Agreement and SDGs by promoting climate resilience, sustainable value chains, and green investment through public–private collaboration.</p> <p>As a collaborative ASEAN platform, the Living Lab integrates research, technology, and policy to generate sustainable livelihoods and mobilize blended finance for forest-positive growth.</p> |
| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the ASEAN–AFoCO Living Lab Initiative as a regional NbS/MbS platform. • Explore financing and partnership opportunities for sustainable forest solutions. • Engage ASEAN Member States and private sector in co-designing pilot projects. |

B. Schedule

| Activity | Speaker |
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| Opening & Welcome Remarks | AFoCO |
| Keynote: ASEAN–AFoCO Living Lab Initiative | AFoCO |
| Panel Discussion | ASEAN Member States, research institutions, private sector |
| Interactive Q&A | Moderator & Participants |
| Closing & Way Forward | Moderator |