

AFoCO 2026 OVERVIEW



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The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is an intergovernmental organization established in 2018 to promote sustainable forest management and address climate change in Asia. AFoCO develops and implements projects that focus on forest restoration and conservation, forest-based circular economy, forest disaster risk management, and forest governance, while facilitating policy and technical cooperation, capacity building, and knowledge sharing tailored to national contexts.



2018

- Establishment of AFoCO as an international organization (IO);
- Opening of AFoCO RETC in Myanmar

2021

- Enlisted as an IO eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) under the OECD-DAC;
- Entry-into-force of the HQ Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and AFoCO;
- Accredited as observer IO for participation at Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

2024

- Launch of the 'Friends of Asia and Asian Forests (FAAF)' Initiative

2020

- Granted Permanent Observer status by the United Nations General Assembly;
- Accreditation as an observer IO to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

2022

- Admission as observer IO to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

2023

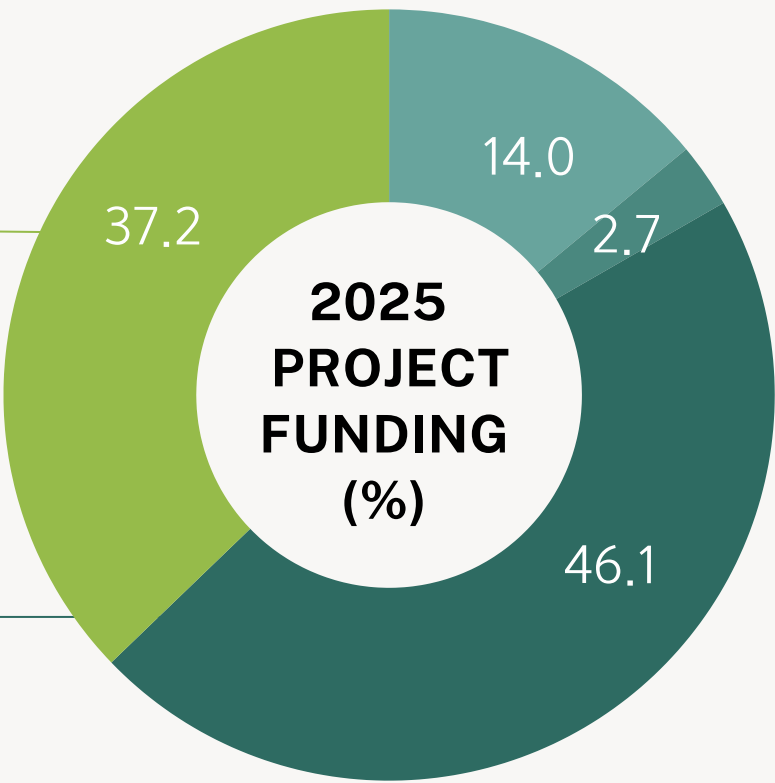
- Implementation of AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030);
- Adoption of 'AFoCO 10-year Climate Action Plan' by the Assembly

2026

- Accreditation as an accredited entity (AE) of the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

BUDGET (2025)

TOTAL BUDGET (UNIT: USD)	13.64 M	KFS	37.2%
Assessed Contributions	3.23 M	*Korea Forest Service	
Voluntary Contributions	10.41M	Partner Contributions	62.8%
*including in-kind contributions		Public Partnership	46.1%
Public Contributions	8.98 M	MDBs	2.7%
Private Sector Contributions	1.43 M	*Multilateral Development Bank	
		Private Sector	14.0%



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2024–2030)



Program Priority Area 1
\$49.2 M (21.3 %)

Forest Land Restoration and Conservation

AFoCO conserves forests vulnerable to climate change and restores degraded forest ecosystems. It supports the restoration of fire-affected areas, tropical forests, and mangrove forests, while promoting the sustainable use of forest resources. These efforts contribute to ecosystem recovery and the expansion of sustainably managed forest areas.



Program Priority Area 2
\$133.1 M (57.5 %)

Community and Circular Bioeconomy

AFoCO enhances the climate resilience and economic self-reliance of forest-dependent communities. To support sustainable income generation for local residents, it develops projects related to non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and agroforestry, while exploring connections with carbon markets.



Program Priority Area 3
\$16.5 M (7.1 %)

Climate-Forest Disaster Risk Management

To effectively manage forest disasters and climate-related risks, AFoCO is establishing risk assessment and response systems. Key efforts include digitalizing forest data, modeling forest fire predictions, and using drones for fire monitoring. These measures help strengthen the climate adaptability and resilience of forests and forest-dependent communities.



Cross-Cutting Themes
\$32.7 M (14.1 %)

Policy, Capacity, Knowledge, Technology

AFoCO strengthens the capacities of its member countries through training, scholarship, fellowship programs, and policy cooperation. With national governments, efforts are made to analyze the impacts of climate change on forests, develop relevant policies, and design field-level demonstration projects.

BUILDING CAPACITIES IN FORESTRY

AFoCO's flagship capacity-building programs — Fellowship Program, Landmark Scholarship Program, and Science & Technology Exchange Partnership (STEP) Program — have also benefitted young professionals forestry stakeholders at the national and local levels across Asia.

44
FELLOWSHIP
OFFICIALS
(2015-2025)



30
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS
10 PhD, 20 MSc
(2015-2025)



64
LIVING LAB
RESEARCHERS
(2019-2025)

TRAINING COURSES (2014-2025)

53
REGULAR
COURSES

GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS
7,090
(23.6%)

78
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
COURSES

MEMBERS OF
LOCAL COMMUNITIES
21,441
(71.5%)

15
CUSTOMIZED
COURSES

RESEARCHERS &
STUDENTS
1,475
(4.9%)

146 COURSES 30,006 PARTICIPANTS

The AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC), a specialized subsidiary organ of AFoCO, was established in Yangon region, Myanmar, in 2018 to serve as a platform for capacity development, knowledge transfer, and information sharing. The RETC operates diverse training and workshops to address capacity development needs in the forest sector.