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## Agenda Item 7.2

### **Engagement of AFoCO in Global Cooperation**

#### **I. Updates on Engagement in UNs and Other Meetings in 2025**

1. As an intergovernmental organization granted with a Permanent Observer to the United Nations General Assembly in December 2020, the Secretariat is considered the following conventions and relevant meetings in 2025 where appropriate to attend:

- 20th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF), 5-9 May (New York, USA)
- UN High Level Political Forum 2025, 14-23 July (New York, USA)
- 80th Session of the UN General Assembly, 9-23 September (New York, USA)
- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP30, 10-21 November (Belém, Brazil)
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17, TBD in 2026 (Mongolia)

#### **II. Country- and Organization-Led Initiative (COLI)**

2. AFoCO and the Korea Forest Service plan to co-host a Country- and Organization-Led Initiative (COLI), in cooperation with UNFF. The COLI will be organized as a two-day event in conjunction with the AFoCO Assembly in late October 2025. The initiative will focus on implementing Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in the forest sector through public-private partnerships, featuring the 3rd FAAF Forum, a side event, and a field visit. Around 100 participants, including representatives from member countries, companies, and international organizations, are expected to attend.

#### **III. Request for Support from Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN)**

3. To accelerate forest ecosystem restoration in the region, a well-structured and sustainable long-term financing strategy is essential. In this regard, AFoCO seeks technical support from the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) through the UNFF Secretariat to develop a regional financial plan and strategy. This plan will serve as a guiding framework for mobilizing actual funding from multilateral sources such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and others. Ultimately, these efforts will contribute to achieving the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and associated targets.

#### **IV. Forest Pavilion at UNFCCC COP30**

4. As one of the founding partners, AFoCO organized a side event at the Forest Pavilion during UNFCCC COP29, coordinated by the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat. Building on this engagement, the AFoCO Secretariat will continue to work closely with the UNFF Secretariat to organize events at UNFCCC COP30, with a particular focus on enhancing AFoCO's visibility and mobilizing additional resources.

#### **III. Points for Consideration**

5. The Assembly may wish to take note of the information.

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