

Eleventh Session of the Assembly
30-31 October 2024

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 Brunei Darussalam (Ms. Noralinda Haji Ibrahim) and the Vice President is the Philippines (Mr. Arleigh Adorable).

Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Assembly will be invited to adopt its agenda. **[Document A-24-11-1]***

A. Organizational Matters

Item 3. Information on the List of Parties and Observers (for Decision)

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 Assembly will be further updated on the application submitted by Singapore for Observer status.

[Document A-24-11-2]

***Action:** The Assembly will take note of the information. The Assmby, after consideration of the recommendation from the Secretariat, may decide on the application for Observer status.*

Item 4. Information on Engagement of Partner Organizations and Cooperating Agencies

The Secretariat will update on the information:

A. Information on the list of Partner Organizations

B. Update on the joint activities with Partner Organizations and Cooperating Agencies

- ITTO : The Secretariat received the proposal from ITTO to develop a joint program tentatively titled: Advancing Nature Based Climate Solutions through Sustainable Community-based Timber and Forestry-based Enterprises. The Secretariat will brief the Assembly on the concept note of the program proposed by ITTO and propose the*

plan for follow-up actions.

- UNFF : collaboration as partner of LPA

[Document A-24-11-3]

Action: *The Assembly will be invited to consider and endorse the plan for the development of the joint program with ITTO.*

Item 5. Update on Private Sector Engagement

The Secretariat will update on private sector engagements including the developments of the Friends of Asia and Asian Forests.

The Secretariat will further update on developing new programs with impact investment fund partnered with Artha Network and Economics of Mutuality.

[Document A-24-11-4]

B. Matters on Strategic Plan

Item 6. Update on the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030

Following the adoption of the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 at the 9th Session of the Assembly [Decision 51-IX-23], the action plan for the Strategic Plan 2024-2030 was developed and will be reported for information.

[Document A-24-11-5]

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

Item 7. Update on the Progress of Activities under the AFoCO Climate Action Plan

I. Framework Development for Climate Action Plan Implementation

The information on the Framework Development for Climate Action Plan Implementation, a policy document proposed as a strategic guide for forest carbon-related cooperation under the AFoCO Strategic Plan 2024-2030 and the 10-Year AFoCO Climate Action Plan, will be presented.

II. New Initiatives under the Climate Action Plan

A. Plan for AFoCO's Research and Development Initiative

The Secretariat will report on the plan for AFoCO's new research and development initiative, entitled 'Asian Forest Living Lab.'

B. Forest Fire Management in Asia Initiative

The Secretariat will update on the progress of the joint program between AFoCO and French Government for Forest Fire Management in Asia (FFMA).

C. REDD + Readiness Initiative

The Secretariat will update on donor-driven REDD+ programs in AFoCO Parties and potential

member and partner countries.

D. AFoCO Mangrove Initiative

The Secretariat will update on donor-driven REDD+ programs in AFoCO Parties and potential member and partner countries.

[Document A-24-11-6]

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

Item 8. Updates on the Implementation of Projects

The Secretariat will update the Assembly on the status and progress of on-going programs and projects, including issues identified during the project implementation and management. The summary of 2024 Annual Technical Workshop on Project Management and Performance (ATW) will also be highlighted for information. The Parties and Observers will be invited for any supplemental or clarifying statements regarding project implementation, including project highlights and challenges.

The Secretariat will further update the progress of carbon-focused projects 1) the AFoCO x Acorn agroforestry carbon projects, 2) Mekong REDD+ project-P1, and 3) WorldBank Project

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

[Document A-24-11-7]

Item 9. Development of Projects and Programs

The information on new project developments including AFoCO x Acorn agroforestry carbon project, nature-based carbon project, KOICA project, GCF project and collaboration with international partners such as LPA and IUCN will be presented.

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

[Document A-24-11-8]

Item 10. Evaluation of AFoCO Projects and Development of the Information and Data Platform

The Secretariat will report 10-year evaluation of AFoCO projects and launching of AFoCO Project Dashboard.

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

[Document A-24-11-9]

Item 11. Updates on Capacity Development Activities and Future Plan

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.

[Document A-24-11-10]

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 12. Update on Operationalization of the Regional Office

As the follow-up of the 9th Session of the Assembly, the Secretariat will update the progress of the operationalization of the Regional Office in Mekong.

[Document A-24-11-11]

Action: *The Assembly will take note of the information and provide guidance and recommendation as appropriate.*

Item 13. Report 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.

Based on the discussion during the Executive Director Selection Committee, the Assembly will be requested to consider the term of the Executive Director.

[Document A-24-11-12]

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 14. Human Resources Management and Development Guidelines under the Staff Regulations (for Decision)

Based on the recommendations of the human resources experts, the Secretariat will present on human resources management and development guidelines of the Secretariat. The Secretariat will present on organizational structure of the Secretariat for further consideration of the Assembly.

[Document A-24-10-13]

Action: *The Assembly will consider and endorse the proposed amendments.*

Item 15. Amendment of the AFoCO Project Manual

In accordance with the procedures and schedule for amending the AFoCO Project Manual, as reported at the 10th Session of the AFoCO Assembly, the Secretariat prepared a draft amendment and finalized it in close consultation with member parties, as authorized by the Assembly's Decision 17-II-19S. The Secretariat will brief the Assembly on the progress and key points of Project Manual amendment.

[Document A-24-11-14]

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

Item 16. Reallocation of 2024 Budget for Engagement of Joint Program with UNFF for the Forest Pavilion at UNFCCC (for Decision)

The Secretariat will share information and updates on the Forest Pavilion at the UNFCCC COP as one of the partners and AFoCO's engagement plan at the UNFCCC COP 29 and UNCCD COP16.

[Document A-24-11-15]

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

Item 17. Work Plan and Budget 2025 (for Decision)

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of Article 8 of the Agreement, the work plan and budget for the year 2025 and indicative budget for the year 2026 will be presented.

[Document A-24-11-16]

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

D. Procedural Matters of the Assembly

Item 18. 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: Philippines, Incoming Vice President: Lao PDR)

[Document A-24-11-17]

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

Item 19. Date and Venue of the Next Sessions of the Assembly

In 2025, 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. Unless otherwise decided, the venue will be in Seoul, Korea.

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

E. Other matters

- Korea will share information on plans to build Mangrove Exhibition Hall of 'National Saemangeum Arboretum Project' and seek consideration to engage in collaboration.

- Korea will share information on the 11th International Congress on Education in Botanical Gardens (ICEBG)

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

F. Summary Record of the Session

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

Item 20. Closing of the Session