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Update on the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

I. Background

1. In line with Decision 51-IX-23, the Secretariat has developed the plan of action, including Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), key activities, and targets per each Program Priority Area for the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030), in collaboration with prospective AFoCO members and external experts. To facilitate the development process, virtual Technical Workshops were held on 1 August and 22 August 2024, along with individual country meetings conducted throughout August to review and enhance the document.

2. The Secretariat requested final comments on the plan of action by 9 September 2024, and the plan was finalized by circulation as of 16 September 2024.

II. Development of the plan of action for the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

3. A summary of KPIs and targets per each Program Priority Area is presented in the table below. The excerpt from the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030) is attached in **Annex 1**.

Table 1. Summary of KPIs and Targets for AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)

	Key Performance Indicators	Targets
1A. Reforestation and rehabilitation	1. Increased forest area as a proportion of total land area (SDG 15.1.1) and increased forest area net change rate (%) (SDG 15.2.1.2) 2. (Optional) Increased above-ground biomass in forests per hectare (SDG 15.2.1.1)	Take urgent action to maximize implementation, targeting to restore at least 100,000 hectares, including 10,000 hectares of reforestation/rehabilitation (xx tonnes of CO ₂ eq sequestered), contributing to a potential 1 million hectares across all Member Countries and halt deforestation

<p>1B. Conservation of natural forests</p>	<p>1. Increased proportion of important sites for terrestrial biodiversity that are covered by protected areas by ecosystem type, such as forests, wetlands, drylands, mountains (SDG 15.1.2)</p> <p>2. Increased proportion of forest areas with long-term management plans (%) and increased proportion of forest areas within legally established protected areas (%) (SDG 15.2.1.4 and 5)</p> <p>3. (Optional) Increased Red List Index (SDG 15.5.1)</p> <p>4. (Optional) Number of Member Countries that established national targets in accordance with the Kunming–Montreal Biodiversity Target for their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SDG 15.9.1(a))</p>	
<p>2A. Green villages and enterprises</p>	<p>1. No. of communities/people who participate in community-based forest enterprises and green villages</p> <p>2. (Optional) Increased income / average hourly earnings of employees / local communities (SDG 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 8.5.1)</p> <p>3. (Optional) Decreased unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities (SDG 8.5.2)</p>	<p>At least 10,000 participants involved in establishing representative green villages (one per country) and 100 green enterprises across all Member Countries towards achievement of circular bioeconomies in the forestry sector</p>
<p>2B. Rewards for Forest Ecosystem Services' schemes</p>	<p>1. No. of communities/people who participate in PFES / reward schemes</p> <p>2. (For carbon project, optional) Carbon credits generated</p> <p>3. (Optional) Increased income / average hourly earnings of employees / local communities (SDG 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 8.5.1)</p> <p>4. (Optional) Decreased unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities (SDG 8.5.2)</p> <p>5. (Optional) Improved forest economic, environmental, and social values</p>	<p>At least 50,000 participants involved in establishing representative models for PFES (at least one per country)</p>

3A. Disaster control	1. No. of Member Countries that established or improved early warning systems and prediction models for forest fires and pests / diseases 2. (Optional) Reduced number of deaths and missing persons attributed to forest disasters per 100,000 population (SDG 13.1.1) 3. (Optional) Increased proportion of local / central governments that have an implementation structure for disaster risk reduction (SDG 13.1.3)	Establish / improve early warning systems and prediction models for forest fires and pests / diseases per country to develop an intelligent forest disaster control strategy
3B. Disaster response	1. No. of countries that developed forest disaster response strategies for forest fires and pests / diseases for sub-national and/or national levels	Produce one comprehensive publication to assess the current status of forest disasters related to forest fires and pests / diseases in Member Countries

4. To ensure effective implementation, the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030) will be regularly assessed by a committee composed of members from the AFoCO Secretariat, along with national and international experts.

5. The evaluation of the Strategic Plan will take place in two phases: 1) mid-term evaluation in 2027, and 2) final evaluation in 2030. These evaluations will review the alignment of the Strategic Plan with the 1.5°C Paris Agreement goal and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

III. Points for Consideration

6. The Assembly may wish to:
- a. Consider and endorse the plan of action including KPIs, key activities, and targets for the Strategic Plan (2024-2030); and
 - b. Task the Secretariat with establishing a committee to assess the Strategic Plan’s progress and conduct evaluations, reporting to the Assembly on their findings.

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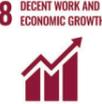
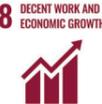
Annex 1 (A-24-11-5, Agenda Item 6)

**Excerpt from the AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)
on
Program Priority Area links to SDG**

4.7 PPA links to SDGs

Program Priority Area	Outcome statement	Key activity	Indicators	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	SDG	Target
1. Forest land restoration and conservation	Expanded forest land under sustainable management through reforestation and rehabilitation of degraded forests, forest conservation and sustainable use of forests (hectares of forest lands under restoration, conservation and sustainable use by 2030)					
<p>■ 1A. Reforestation and rehabilitation</p>	<p>Degraded terrestrial and coastal forest lands, including flooded forest, peat forest and mangroves are reforested or rehabilitated to healthy ecosystems through participatory design, planting, management and monitoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforestation and rehabilitation of degraded terrestrial and coastal forest lands, including flooded forests, peat forests and mangroves • Establishment / improvement of tree nurseries and/ or seed supply (storage) systems to sustainably produce quality seeds / seedlings 	<p>1. Increase in forest cover in Member Countries</p> <p>2. Tonne CO_{2e} sequestered from AFoCO supported-projects by 2030.</p>	<p>1. Increased forest area as a proportion of total land area (SDG 15.1.1) and increased forest area net change rate (%) (SDG 15.2.1.2)</p> <p>2. (Optional) Increased above-ground biomass in forests per hectare (SDG 15.2.1.1)</p>	    	<p>Take urgent action to maximize implementation, targeting to restore at least 100,000 hectares, including 10,000 hectares of reforestation/ rehabilitation (about 1.1 megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO_{2e}) per year), contributing to a potential 1 million hectares across all Member Countries and halt deforestation</p>

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<p>■ 1B. Conservation of natural forests</p>	<p>Natural forests and biodiversity conserved and protected through enhanced management, governance, knowledge and skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of regional REDD+ strategy / target considering Member Countries' conditions • Implementation of REDD+ projects (sub-national or national levels) • Development of national targets in forestry sector in accordance with the Kunming–Montreal Target • Protecting high conservation areas through local communities' / indigenous people engagement • Identification of endangered / threatened trees and other flora / fauna and assist Member Countries to protect them 	<p>1. Increase of natural forests and biodiversity conserved in Member Countries</p>	<p>1. Increased proportion of important sites for terrestrial biodiversity that are covered by protected areas by ecosystem type, such as forests, wetlands, drylands, mountains (SDG 15.1.2)</p> <p>2. Increased proportion of forest areas with long-term management plans (%) and increased proportion of forest areas within legally established protected areas (%) (SDG 15.2.1.4 and 5)</p> <p>3. (Optional) Increased Red List Index (SDG 15.5.1)</p> <p>4. (Optional) Number of Member Countries that established national targets in accordance with the Kunming–Montreal Biodiversity Target for their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SDG 15.9.1(a))</p>	    	<p>Take urgent action to maximize implementation, targeting to restore at least 100,000 hectares, including 10,000 hectares of reforestation/ rehabilitation (about 1.1 megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO_{2e}), contributing to a potential 1 million hectares across all Member Countries and halt deforestation</p>

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2. Community and circular bioeconomy						
Climate-resilient communities with circular bioeconomic livelihoods (No. of communities with circular bioeconomic livelihoods; No. of functioning circular bioeconomic models)						
■ 2A. Green villages and enterprises	Enhanced forest-based value-chains, livelihoods and adaptive capacities of forest-dependent communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development / improvement of community-based forest enterprises Development / improvement of value-added / marketable forest products Establishment of green villages 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of community-based forest enterprises in Member Countries No. of green villages operational in Member Countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of communities/people who participate in community-based forest enterprises and green villages (Optional) Increased income / average hourly earnings of employees / local communities (SDG 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 8.5.1) (Optional) Decreased unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities (SDG 8.5.2) 	     	At least 10,000 participants involved in establishing representative green villages (one per country) and 100 green enterprises across all Member Countries towards achievement of circular bioeconomies in the forestry sector
■ 2B. Rewards for Forest Ecosystem Services' schemes	Rewards for Forest Ecosystem Services' schemes, including carbon and biodiversity, are received by forest-dependent communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development / application of rewards schemes for forest ecosystem services Carbon / biodiversity projects with forest-dependent communities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of schemes developed in Member Countries Tonne CO_{2e} sequestered from AFoCO supported projects by 2030 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of communities/people who participate in PFES / reward schemes (For carbon project, optional) Carbon credits generated (Optional) Increased income / average hourly earnings of employees / local communities (SDG 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 8.5.1) (Optional) Decreased unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities (SDG 8.5.2) (Optional) Improved forest economic, environmental, and social values 	     	At least 50,000 participants involved in establishing representative models for PFES (at least one per country)

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3. Climate–forest disaster risk management						
Reduced risks from climate–forest disasters for forests and communities (No. of countries with climate–forest disaster management plans / strategies; No. of technologies / tools / systems adopted)						
■ 3A. Disaster control	Early warning systems, risk prediction, forecast and models are used by Member Countries to reduce climate–forest disaster risks for forests and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of early warning systems and prediction models for forest fires and pests / diseases Establishment / improvement of central / local government structures dedicated to forest disaster control 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of warning systems and prediction models employed in Member Countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Member Countries that established or improved early warning systems and prediction models for forest fires and pests / diseases (Optional) Reduced number of deaths and missing persons attributed to forest disasters per 100,000 population (SDG 13.1.1) (Optional) Increased proportion of local / central governments that have an implementation structure for disaster risk reduction (SDG 13.1.3) 	  	Establish / improve early warning systems and prediction models for forest fires and pests / diseases per country to develop an intelligent forest disaster control strategy
■ 3B. Disaster response	Disaster response deployed in affected forests and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of forest disaster response strategies for sub-national and/or national levels Mapping areas highly vulnerable to forest disasters Establishment / improvement of local / central government structures dedicated to forest disaster response 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of forest disaster strategies and tactical responses employed by Member Countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No. of countries that developed forest disaster response strategies for forest fires and pests / diseases for sub-national and/or national levels 	  	Produce one comprehensive publication to assess the current status of forest disasters related to forest fires and pests / diseases in Member Countries

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4. Cross-cutting themes: policies, capacity, knowledge, technology	Enhanced governance and capacities in sustainable forest management at various levels to contribute to achieving national, regional and global climate, biodiversity and sustainable development goals					
■ CCT 1. Policies	Forest policies, laws, rules, regulations are developed to transform the forestry sector	• Conduct policy reviews and identify recommendation domains; conduct policy dialogues	1. No. of policies enhanced or created	1. No. of Member Countries that adopt improved policy instruments	    	
■ CCT 2. Capacity development	Member Countries' enhanced capacities lead to achievement of climate, biodiversity and sustainability goals	• Capacity development	1. Improvement in human and institutional capacities	1. No. of Member Countries' trained staff contributing to achievement of forest-related goals		

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■ CCT 3. Knowledge management and learning exchange	An interactive, integrated forest data management system established that captures long-term changes, impacts, issues and achievements of Member Countries with accompanying learning exchange platform		1. Integrated forest data management system operational 2. Learning exchange platform operational	1. No. of Member Countries' constructing integrated systems 2. No. of Member Countries contributing to the learning platform		
■ CCT 4. Technology transfer and application	ICT-based forest and disaster risk management technologies transferred and/or customized to suit the needs and capacities of Member Countries		1. No. of technologies transferred and exchanged 2. No. of technologies customized	1. Country reports or any relevant international reports / publications 2. Project level to compare before and after a project: Project Proposal/Document		