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Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA)

I. Background

1. Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA) was launched in 2022, with AFoCO serving as the Secretariat. Since then, collaboration with other members of the LPA Management Team — including CIFOR-ICRAF, the Global EverGreening Alliance (GEA), and IUCN — has expanded, and partners have jointly advanced project development efforts. LPA continues to facilitate coordination and knowledge exchange to accelerate landscape restoration and nature-based solutions across the region.

II. Progress Update

A. Partnership Activities

2. LPA collaborated with regional and global partners, including restoration programs in Africa and biodiversity alliances. Together, the Initiative organized joint outreach and knowledge-sharing activities—such as a side event at UNCCD COP16 and a series of webinars—to promote landscape restoration and nature-positive financing. These activities broadened stakeholder participation across government, civil society, and the private sector; highlighted partners' practical experience; and distilled lessons to inform credible approaches to biodiversity and carbon finance.

B. Project Development

3. In line with LPA's implementation approach—where Management Team members jointly scope and co-develop proposals in response to funding calls, designate a lead agency, and deliver through member organizations and country partners—LPA, together with partners, designed the EU-funded project “Unlocking the Potential of Agroforestry for Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste (AFCLIM-TL)”, a four (4)-year project expected to commence in late 2025. In parallel, a Global Capacity Building Coalition (GCBC) program concept is under development and will proceed under the LPA umbrella upon acceptance. Looking ahead, LPA partners also intend to pursue joint GCF project development aligned with country priorities and LPA's strategic objectives.

III. Plan for 2026

4. AFoCO is positioned to serve not only as the Secretariat but also as a catalyst for resource mobilization. To better align with financing realities and partner roles, the Secretariat proposes revising the LPA Concept Note, which was adopted at the launching in 2022, to incorporate a blended-finance approach.

This will include a clear articulation of financing instruments, investor engagement pathways, and a structured donor and partner outreach plan to support pipeline development across LPA priority geographies.

5. In parallel, the Secretariat will strengthen visibility and knowledge-sharing by showcasing LPA's achievements at key global platforms, including UNCCD COP17 and other partner-led events. By leveraging these opportunities, LPA will highlight tangible results, attract new partners, and reinforce its role as a leading landscape-level Initiative in Asia.

IV. Points for Consideration

6. The Assembly will take note of the information and provide further guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

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