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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE SECTOR  
APPLYING FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE  
FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL AND  
ASSOCIATED SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEES**

**13 – 17 November 2023**

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## **ANNEX**

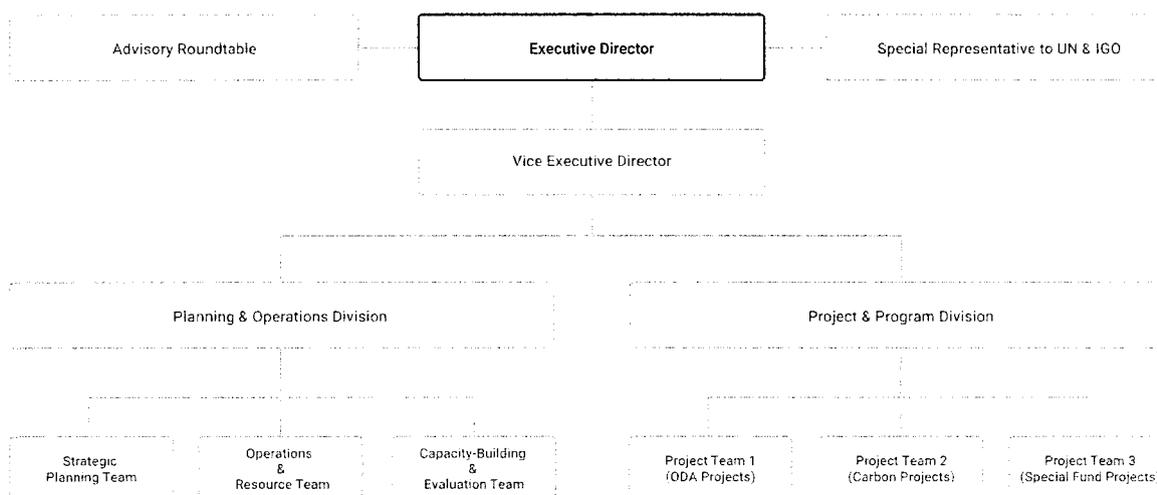
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1. **Official Name**: Asian Forest Cooperation Organization
  
2. **Membership**: AFoCO’s membership consist of 14 Parties and 2 Observers.
  - Parties: Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
  - Observers: Malaysia, Singapore
  
3. **Short History**:
  - 2015:  
Adoption of the Agreement on the Establishment of AFoCO and preparations for its entry into force
  - 2018:  
Establishment of AFoCO as an international organization (IO);  
Opening of AFoCO RETC in Yangon region, Myanmar
  - 2020:  
Granted Permanent Observer status by United Nations General Assembly;  
Accreditation as an observer IO to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
  - 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 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) meetings
  - 2022  
Admission as observer IO to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);  
Participating as Associated Partner of the Forests, Trees, and Agroforestry (FTA) Partnership (led by CIFOR-ICRAF);  
Became an Observer Intergovernmental Organization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);  
Became an official Supporting Partner of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 and co-leading the Climate Restoration Challenge of the Decade’s Action Plan
  - 2023  
Accepted as a member of the Global Mangrove Alliance (GMA) on 20 October 2023.
  
4. **Constitution** [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]: Refer to *Attachment 1, Attachment 2*

5. **Aims, Objectives, Activities** [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:

- Vision & Mission: AFoCO envisions a greener Asia with resilient forests, landscapes, and communities. This will be achieved through enhanced cooperation in climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable forest management and livelihood improvement programs. Under the broader scope of climate change impacts, AFoCO will promote and undertake action-oriented forest cooperation programs and projects to achieve its mission. For sustainable forest management, AFoCO works to rehabilitate degraded forest land and address deforestation and forest degradation. It also explores common interests and positions among the member states as a unique intergovernmental organization in the forest sector
- Strategic Priorities:
  - 1) Initiating customized restoration & reforestation models
  - 2) Supporting research & development in climate change adaptation approaches
  - 3) Introducing systematic management of forest-related disasters
  - 4) Local livelihood improvement & community-based enterprise development
  - 5) Strengthening institutional capabilities, diversifying resources & promoting regional actions
- Projects: Refer to Attachment 3

6. **Structure:**



7. **Finance** [Please indicate source of revenue]:

The Secretariat's operating budget is composed of mandatory contributions from the Parties to AFoCO and funds from other sources, including voluntary contributors. The Secretariat's Special Account for cooperative activities include fund dedicated to programs and projects such as the Landmark Program, regional projects, and country projects. The bulk of cash contributions are from the Republic of Korea, who is also a Party to AFoCO.

Efforts have been made to diversify funding sources by reaching out to multilateral and bilateral funds such as the ASEAN Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF), Mekong-Republic

of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF), and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Private funding from L'occitane, Rabobank, SK Forest, and Woori Bank, have also been secured.

**8. Publications: Please visit our website for the publications.**

<https://afocosec.org/knowledge/publications/>

**9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and email]:**

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T. +82-2-785-8971

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E. [contact@afocosec.org](mailto:contact@afocosec.org)

**10. Working Language(s) of the Organization: English**

**11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:**

- Dr. Chongho Park, Executive Director

**12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:**

AFoCO's mission and vision as mentioned, AFoCO's objectives and projects aligns to objectives (a) Providing an effective framework for consultant, international cooperation and policy development among all members with regard to all relevant aspects of the world, (c) Contributing to sustainable development and to poverty alleviation, (f) Promoting and supporting research and development with a view to improving forest management and efficiency of wood utilization and the competitiveness of wood products relative to other materials, as well as increasing the capacity to conserve and enhance other forest values in timber producing tropical forests, (g) Developing and contributing towards mechanisms for the provision of new and additional financial resources with a view to promoting the adequacy and predictability of funding and expertise needed to enhance the capacity of producer members to attain the objectives of the Agreement.

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1. Official Name: IUCN

2. Membership:

3. Short History:

Created in 1948, IUCN is now the world's largest and most diverse environmental network, harnessing the knowledge, resources and reach of our more than 1,400 Member organisations and 15,000 experts. This diversity and expertise makes IUCN the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

IUCN was fundamental to the creation of key international conventions including the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1971), the World Heritage Convention (1972), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (1974), and the Convention on Biological Diversity (1992). In 1980, IUCN, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) published the World Conservation Strategy which helped define the concept of 'sustainable development' and so shaped the global agenda. A subsequent version of the strategy, Caring for the Earth, was published by the three organisations in the run-up to the 1992 Earth Summit. It served as the basis for international environmental policy and guided the creation of the Rio Conventions on biodiversity (CBD), climate change (UNFCCC) and desertification (UNCCD).

In 1999, as environmental issues continued to gain importance on the international stage, the UN General Assembly granted IUCN official observer status.

4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]:

See IUCN Current Statutes at <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/iucn-world-conservation-congress/congress-archives#statutes>

5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:

IUCN is a membership Union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organisations. IUCN is the only institution that brings governments and civil society together with one purpose: to advance sustainable development and create a just world that values and conserves nature. The Union's diversity, depth and reach give its decisions a powerful mandate and its actions profound impact. It provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

IUCN is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards. IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples' organisations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems and improve people's well-being. Through its status as a Project Agency for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and an Accredited Entity for the Global Climate Fund (GCF), IUCN has been entrusted to mobilise significant sources of multilateral funding and to use its global network of Members and experts to put this funding to greatest effect.

6. Structure:

The Members' Assembly of the IUCN World Conservation Congress is IUCN's highest governing body. IUCN Members discuss strategic topics, adopt motions defining IUCN's general policy, approve the IUCN programme, amend IUCN's statutes and elect the IUCN Council.

The IUCN Council is IUCN's principal governing body in between sessions of the World Conservation Congress - the general assembly of the Union's members.

IUCN's Members, expert Commissions and Secretariat work together in a combined effort to conserve nature and accelerate the transition to sustainable development.

7. Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]:

- Membership dues.
- IUCN's government partners, which include IUCN State Members, provide vital core and project funding for the implementation of the IUCN Programme and key initiatives. Together, we invest in nature and people to build a better and more sustainable future for all.
- IUCN framework partners provide instrumental multi-year core support that enables IUCN to deliver on its four-year programme, to innovate, and to provide critical thought leadership. Framework partners contribute to every result, to every success across the entire Union.
- IUCN's multilateral partners enable us to catalyse innovation and investments at scale, develop and enhance partnerships and leverage our tools, knowledge and flagship initiatives. IUCN engages with multilateral institutions at global and regional level.
- Individuals and foundations provide critical funding for initiatives, important leverage for innovation, and are often the first to invest in new ideas.

8. Publications:

IUCN publications can be found via the IUCN Library System: <https://portals.iucn.org/library/dir/publications-list>

9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]:

Rue Mauverney 28 1196 Gland Switzerland, +41 22 9990000 +41 22 9990002 (Fax)

10. Working Language(s) of the Organization:

English, French, Spanish

11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:

Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer (Forests), IUCN

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

On forests, IUCN works with our State and civil society members and partners to build thriving and productive landscapes, to advance the rights and interests of forest communities, to engage investors, and to implement effective forest and land-use policies. In this context, IUCN's work is relevant with the objectives of the ITTA (2006), particularly to promote the sustainable management of tropical timber producing forests.

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1. Official Name: Forest Trends
2. Membership: No
3. Short History: Forest Trends is an international NGO which has engaged in research on global timber product trade and governance issues for more than 20 years.  
<https://www.forest-trends.org/>
4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]: Forest Trends is a registered non-profit organization 501(c)(3) in the United States, operational since 2000. Please find attached Forest Trends' registration document.
5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]:  
Forest Trends' mission is to drive innovation in environmental finance to sustain resilient ecosystems and communities. For over two decades, Forest Trends has pioneered the idea that creating economic value in our forests and natural ecosystems is one of the most powerful incentives for sustaining them.
5. Structure: Forest Trends headquarters is based in Washington DC, but operates globally.
6. Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]: Forest Trends is financed by a mix of grants and contracts from bilateral donor agencies, (e.g. Norad, UK FCDO, USAID, GIZ, SIDA), multilaterals (World Bank, UNEP), foundations (Skoll, MacArthur, Packard) and private contracts. Our annual operating budget averages around \$10-15 million per year.
7. Publications: Forest Trends' publications are listed at <https://www.forest-trends.org/publications/>
8. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail address]:  
1203 19th Street, NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, +1 (301) 466 1424, [KCanby@forest-trends.org](mailto:KCanby@forest-trends.org)
9. Working Language(s) of the Organization:
10. English
11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]:

Ms. Khin Saw Htay  
Policy Analyst  
Myanmar

12. Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

Contributing to sustainable development and to poverty alleviation  
Improving market intelligence and encouraging information sharing on the international timber market with a view to ensuring greater transparency and better information on markets and market trends, including the gathering, compilation and dissemination of trade related data, including data related to species being traded

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1. Official Name: Regional Community Forestry Training Center for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC)
2. Membership: Observer
3. Short History: The Regional Community Forestry Training Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RECOFTC) was founded in Thailand in 1987. RECOFTC's mission is to assist the people of the Asia Pacific Region to manage their forests and related natural resources for the greatest social benefit with due consideration for cross-cultural perspectives, promotion of synthesis of local wisdom and customs with modern knowledge and institutions and to foster deeper understanding of their rights and responsibilities over forests.
4. Constitution [Please provide charter or other establishing document in all available languages]: RECOFTC Charter is signed by the governments of Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Union of Myanmar, Switzerland and Socialist Republic of Vietnam. As per its Charter, RECOFTC shall operate as a non-profit, autonomous organization, international in status and non-political in management, staffing and operations. RECOFTC shall have a Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee that includes the Executive Director. The details of the organization and management shall be decided by the Board.
5. Aims, Objectives, Activities [Please describe the general aims and objectives of the Organization and the activities undertaken]: RECOFTC strives for a future where people live equitably and sustainably in and beside healthy, resilient forests. It is the only non-profit organization of its kind in Asia and the Pacific. With nearly 36 years of working experience with people and forests, RECOFTC has built trusting relationships with partners at all levels. RECOFTC influence and partnerships extend from multilateral institutions to governments, private sector and local communities. RECOFTC innovations, knowledge and initiatives enable countries to foster good forest governance, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.  
  
RECOFTC takes a long-term, landscape-based and inclusive approach to supporting local communities to secure their land and resource rights, stop deforestation, find alternative livelihoods and foster gender equity. RECOFTC's entry point to sustainable development and climate change solutions is community forestry. It works throughout the Asia-Pacific region, with a main office in Bangkok and offices in seven countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam.
6. Structure: RECOFTC governance is overseen by a Board of Trustees, whereas a day a day to operation and organizational management is run by an Executive Committee, consisting of unit directors and headed by the Executive Director. RECOFTC main office is located in Bangkok in the Kasetsart University campus, and it has seven country offices located in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam. The main office provides technical, operational, financial and communication support to country offices, through its key units, including Executive Office, Program Coordination and Technical Services unit, Knowledge Management, Information Technology and Strategic Communications Unit, and Corporate Service unit. Each country office is headed by a country director and the team members are the national staff in each country.
7. Finance [Please indicate source of revenue]: RECOFTC program plan is supported by two core donors - the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and a number of project donors. The unrestricted support from two core donors provides significant operating resources that allow for flexibility in

overall operations and growth and leveraging to implement innovative work that helps generate more resources for RECOFTC. Beside core donor funds, RECOFTC generates funds through solicited and unsolicited projects from a range of donors, including EU, USAID, USFS, UNDP, UNEP, FAO, BMU Germany etc.

8. Publications: RECOFTC produces a number of publications on various topics such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, forest governance, forest-based enterprise development, gender mainstreaming and social inclusion, social safeguards and rights and tenure security for the Indigenous people and local communities, forest fire management etc. RECOFTC publications are available on its website (<https://www.recoftc.org/publications>) and can be accessed freely.
9. Contact Address [Please provide in full the postal address, including telephone, facsimile and e-mail]: Post Box 1111, Kasetsart Post Office, Bangkok 10903, Thailand. Phone: +66 (2) 940 5700, Fax: +66 (2) 561 4880.
10. Working Language(s) of the Organization: English and national languages of its seven focal countries – Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam.
11. Name(s) of Representative(s) [Please list all name(s) and official designation(s) of Representative(s) who will attend the Sessions. If necessary, use reverse side of this page]: Dr. Chandra Shekhar Silori, Deputy Executive Director.

Relevance to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006:

October 26, 2023

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