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| <b>Title</b>   | FLR action on the ground: Accelerating and scaling up its contribution to international goals for climate, biodiversity, and the SDGs |  |
| <b>Organizer</b>   | AFoCO (Asian Forest Cooperation Organization), ITTO, IUCN, and CBD/FERI   |  |
| <b>Type of event</b>   | Discussion forum  |  |
| <b>Venue</b>   | Room 304  |  |
| <b>Date/Time</b>   | Wednesday, 19 June; 11:00-12:30   |  |
| <b>Event description</b>   |   |  |
| <p>Multiple international conventions and agreements, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Paris Agreement and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets, and the UN Strategic Plan on Forests 2017-2030, have promoted ecosystem restoration as a key means of implementation to reach their objectives.</p> <p>However, current levels of commitments and implementation on the ground of ecosystem restoration are not considered sufficient to make the intended transformational shifts. Against this backdrop, the UN General Assembly has declared 2021-2030 the “UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration”, and called for enhanced ambitions and scaled-up actions towards restoring degraded ecosystems as a proven measure to address climate change, food security, water resource, and biodiversity depletion.</p> <p>In addition, the next year 2020 will mark a critical juncture for the global community to assess the attainment of restoration goals established under a number of international conventions and initiatives, including SDG 15.2, Aichi Target 15 and the Bonn Challenge. 2020 is a landmark year wherein a post-2020 biodiversity framework will be adopted - a consultative process is underway to develop this framework.</p> <p>The Parties to the Paris Agreement are also expected to submit updated NDCs. This presents an opportunity for the forest sector in each country to promote the incorporation of forest restoration action into their respective national climate change mitigation strategies.</p> <p>At this critical juncture, the APFW partner event is being organized to take stock of regional progress towards the achievement of existing forest and landscape restoration-related goals/targets and explore ways to increase regional contributions to globally shared aspirations. The event will feature invited talks from leading countries that are making remarkable progress in achieving nationally determined forest and landscape restoration goals that contribute to the achievement of various environmental conventions (especially the three Rio Conventions). The event will also include a facilitated discussion session, to share lessons learned and accumulated experiences in scaling-up FLR actions on the ground.</p> |   |  |
| <b>Time</b>  | <b>Speaker / Panelist</b>   | <b>Theme</b>   |
| <b>OPENING</b>   |   |  |
| 11:00-11:10  | Chencho Norbu (Executive Director of AFoCO)   | Welcome and introduction to the objectives of the event  |
| <b>PRESENTATIONS: STOCKTAKING REGIONAL EXPERIENCES</b>   |   |  |
| 11:10-11:20  | Agus Yustianto (Director General of FOERDIA, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia)   | Forests in Indonesian NDC towards Paris Climate targets: Lessons from the commitment to the implementation |

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| 11:20-11:30             | Norbu Wangdi (Head, Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research, DoFPS, MoAF, Bhutan)                        | Forest ecosystem restoration in Bhutan-Fostering Science-Society Linkages  |
| 11:30-11:40             | Soe Myint Oo (Director of Training and Research Development Division, Forest Department, Myanmar)                                      | Development and implementation of National Restoration and Rehabilitation Program (2017-2026) in Myanmar (NRRPM) |
| 11:40-11:50             | Marlon Atienza (Senior Forest Management Specialist, Forest Management Bureau, Philippines)  | FLR in the Philippines - National commitments to international/regional conventions and initiatives              |
| <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> |  |  |
| 11:50-12:30             | Scott Perkin (IUCN Asia Regional Office)<br>Hwanok Ma (Project Manager of ITTO)<br>Werner Kornexl (Senior Specialist, World Bank, tbd) | Panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Chencho Norbu (Executive Director of AFoCO)                                   |