

## **AFoCO Intervention**

### ***Item 6: Strengthening actions to address wildfires through the Global Fire Management Hub and FAO's work on integrated fire management***

The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization welcomes the report on the Global Fire Management Hub and commends FAO's leadership on integrated fire management.

As a regional intergovernmental organization working with Member Countries on forest fire prevention, suppression, and recovery, AFoCO recognizes the growing importance of coordinated, cross-border approaches to wildfire risk.

This is reflected in our trilateral Forest Fire Management in Asia (FFMA) initiative with the Republic of Korea and France, spanning regional training, research, and policy dialogue. We see the Global Fire Hub's five (5) strategic pillars — particularly knowledge and data sharing, capacity building, and Integrated Fire Management (IFM) policy development — as directly relevant to this work.

AFoCO stands ready to support the continued implementation of the Global Fire Hub, and to explore how our regional experience and networks in Asia might complement and reinforce this global platform. We see clear value in stronger coordination between regional mechanisms and the Fire Hub, to avoid duplication and ensure regional lessons feed into the global effort.

We look forward to continued engagement with FAO and Global Fire Hub partners and stand ready to contribute to this agenda in whatever way would be most useful to Members.