

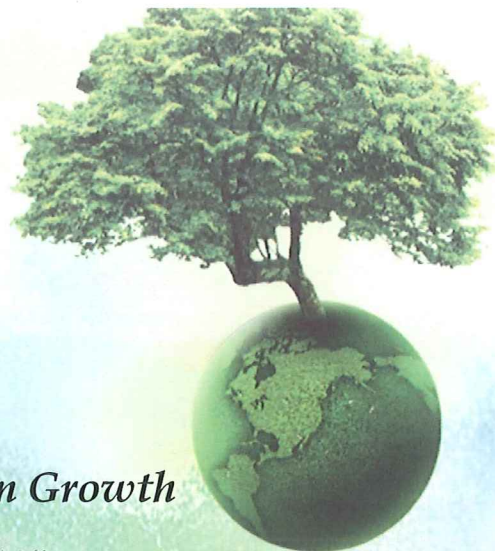
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Welcome to the sixth issue of the Korea Forest Service Newsletter on international forestry cooperation. In our quarterly newsletter, we aim to provide you with updates on our international affairs and cooperation projects on forestry as well as key forestry policies of the Republic of Korea. Your comments or suggestions will be highly appreciated in order to improve each and every issue we publish.

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Bilateral Meetings of Forest Cooperative Committees

The first Meeting of Korea-Benin Forest Cooperation Committee in Daejeon

It was held on 23 April in Daejeon, Republic of Korea. The Korean delegation was headed by Dr. Shin Won-Sop, Minister of the Korea Forest Service, and the Beninese delegation was led by Mr. Blaise AHANHANZO-GLELE, Minister of Environment, Housing and Urban Development.



The Signing of the Agreed Minutes of the First Korea-Benin Forest Cooperative Committee

The first meeting opened up a new partnership between the two countries and both sides showed determined commitments to enhancing the forest cooperation.

Upon the request for Korea's financial and technical support for "Green Belt Project" planned in Northern dry zone in Benin, the Korean side explained the procedures of support application to Greening Dry zone Partnership of the Changwon Initiative which is operated by the Korea Forest Service and the United Nations Environment Partnership and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. The meeting agreed on long and short term trainings for technology transfer for Beninese forest-related officers.

In addition, the delegation of Benin had side meetings with concerned officers through field trips to forest related organizations and sites particularly to "Erosion Control Memorial Park" which was established in commemoration of a remarkable forest restoration in Young-il bay located in the southeastern part of Korean peninsula.

The First Meeting of Korea-Philippines Forest Cooperation Committee in Manila

Both delegations for the first meeting held in Manila, the Philippines on 30 May were headed

respectively by Mr. Ricardo L. Calderon, Director of Forest Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines and by Mr. Lee Kyu-Tae, Director General of Planning and Coordination Bureau, Korea Forest Service.



The First Meeting of the First Korea-Philippines Forest Cooperative Committee

The meeting highlighted the need for vitalizing overseas forest investment from Korean companies in the Philippines. The Philippine side responded the request by the Korean side for recommending candidate sites for forest investment by agreeing the provision of candidate sites and related information.

Other key issues were also covered including the implementation of the National Greening Program of the Philippines. Both sides ensured concerted efforts in consolidating the newly established partnership in the forest sector.



The 10th UNFF side event on Forest Landscape Restoration

The Korea Forest Service co-organized a Side Event with UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) during UNFF 10 from 8 to 19 April in Istanbul, Turkey.



The Side Event at 10th UNFF

Presentations and discussions were carried out during the Side Event on “Forest and Landscape Restoration : Promising Examples in support of the Bonn Challenge” which was attended by about 100 representatives from Member States and international organizations.

This Side Event aimed to share the vision and raise awareness on the achievement of Bonn Challenge through regional implementation and international cooperation of FLR.

The KFS is planning to lead FLR efforts by strengthening international cooperation when it hosts the 12th Session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea in 2014.



Side Event at CST C 3 and CRIC 11 of the UNCCD

The UNCCD subsidiary bodies sessions, the Third Session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST S 3) with the Second Session of the Scientific Conference and the Eleventh Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 11) were held in Bonn from April 9 to 12 and April 15 to 19 in row. With the presidency of the 10th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Conventions(UNCCD COP 10), the Korean delegation from the Korea Forest Service,

headed by Mr. Ryu Kwangsu Director General of International Affairs Bureau of the Korea Forest Service, participated in the said sessions. Mr. Ryu in his opening remarks at CRIC 11 highlighted the need to bring up the issue of Land Degradation Neutral World (LDNW) to the global table.

The Korean delegation organized a joint side event in cooperation with the Secretariat of the UNCCD for promoting Changwon Initiative and LDNW. The event drew a lot of attention of various stakeholders and provided a great opportunity for them to share their insights. The continued effort is going. for suggesting LDNW as agenda at key international discussions.

The Changwon Initiative was proposed by the Republic of Korea during the High Level Segment of the 10th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the UNCCD with the aim of providing an action-oriented approach towards the implementation of the Convention and the Strategy as well. For the Changwon initiative, it was discussed this time on 2013 contributions and action plans and also agreed to make 1.20 million USD of voluntary contributions.



Side event on LDNW



The Visit of Algerian Forestry Officers for Developing a Master Plan of Ben Aknoun Park

A visiting group of Algerian forestry officers were invited to Korea for field studies to park-related facilities and recreational forests, and headed by Mr. Lahfair Messaoud, Head of Ben Aknoun Park.

The visit was arranged in May 20~25 in follow-up to the request by the Algerian side for supporting the development of a master plan of reconstructing Ben Aknoun Park when Korean officers visited to Ben Aknoun in April, 2013. Upon this request, the Korea Forest Service agreed to provide technical support including related knowledge and experience, and suggested making further collaboration on how to support for developing a master plan.

During their field studies, several meetings were made with concerned Korean officers and focused on how to forge a strategic master plan, including basic investigation, feasibility study, factor analysis, etc. The Algerian side ensured that a draft plan will be prepared within three months based on onsite studies, and both sides highlighted the need for the continued collaboration on developing a practical master plan.



The Meeting between Algerian and KFS officers



Tree Planting Event in Mongolia

The Korea Forest Service has been working together with Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia, particularly on plantation for preventing desertification and dust and sandstorms since 2001. This year the tree planing event was held in observation of Mongolian arbor day, and participated by distinguished people including Mongolian Minister for Nature and Environment, Korean congressmen of a research group called "People Planting Trees", Mongolian congressmen and Korean officers from the Korea Forest Service. Meaningfully enough, the event took place in the plantation site of Korea-Mongolia joint Green Belt Project in Lun som, which has been in progress since 2007.

Initially this Green Belt Project was agreed at the Korea-Mongolia Summit in 2006. With on-going efforts in implementing projects for preventing desertification and dust and sandstorms in Mongolia and China, this Korea-Mongolia Green Belt Project is being implemented in support of the green belt program of Mongolia. The Project scheduled from 2007 to 2016 aims to plant trees on 3,000 ha with the view of combating desertification.



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Upcoming Events

- The Economics of Land Degradation Korea Workshop, Seoul, June
- Consultative Meeting on a Sustainable Development Goal on Land Degradation Neutral World (LDNW) and on the associated target for a Zero Net Land Degradation (ZNLD), Seoul, June
- The 3rd Intersessional Bureau meeting of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Seoul, June
- The 21st Session of Korea-Indonesia Forest Cooperative Committee / the 7th Korea-Indonesia Forest Forum, Jakarta, July
- Signing ceremony of a MOU on forest cooperation between Korea and Argentina, Argentina, August
- The 1st Session of Korea-Brazil Forest Cooperative Committee in August, Brazil, August

Publication

- Title : **Korea Plants Hope of Overseas Forest Plantation, Miracles Blossom**

Published in the Korean language by Korea Forest Service, Korea Green Promotion Agency and International Forest Cooperation

The publication focuses on overseas plantation activities of Korean companies and government projects of restoring degraded land in different countries around the world, filled with vivid and graphical photos and successful forestation stories.

