

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE KOREA FOREST SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR WATER, FORESTS
AND COMBATING DESERTIFICATION OF
THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
ON COOPERATION IN THE FORESTRY FIELD

The Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea and The High Commission for Water, Forests and Combating Desertification of the Kingdom of Morocco (hereinafter referred to as the “Sides”);

Recognizing the benefits that follow from close cooperation in the forestry field;
and

Considering their common interest in developing forest cooperation;

Have come to the following understanding:

Paragraph 1
Purpose

1. The Sides will promote and strengthen cooperation between the two countries in the field of forestry.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) is not intended to create any legal rights and obligations under international laws and will be held under respective laws and regulations of both countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and the accorded personnel of each Side.

Paragraph 2

Areas of Cooperation

The Sides understand that the areas of cooperation under this MOU may include:

- a. Improvement of relevant regulations, policies and mechanisms for sustainable forest management;
- b. Research and development applicable to climate change adaptation in the forest sector and to goods production from natural forests and planted forests;
- c. Investment in forest resources development, including industrial plantation and production of forest biomass;
- d. Management, conservation and restoration of forests ecosystems;
- e. Prevention of forest disasters such as forest fires, and forest pests and diseases;
- f. Combating desertification, protected area and watershed management;
- g. Evaluation and valorization of goods and services provided by forests;
- h. Development of forest recreation (Urban Forests) and eco-tourism; and
- i. Other areas of forestry as may be mutually determined by the Sides.

Paragraph 3

Cooperative Activities

Cooperative activities under this MOU will be implemented by mutual and reciprocal consent and may include:

- a. Exchange of relevant data, information, knowledge and technology;
- b. Joint workshops, meetings, seminars and study tours;
- c. Implementation of joint research and forest projects and training activities;
- d. Exchange of experts, researchers and officers; and
- e. Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined by the Sides.

Paragraph 4

Forestry Cooperative Committee

1. In order to facilitate and secure the implementation of this MOU, the Sides will establish a Forestry Cooperative Committee, comprised of their representatives.
2. The Sides will ensure that the Forestry Cooperative Committee :
 - (i) endeavors to meet alternately in the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Morocco on an occasional basis or upon a written request by one Side;
 - (ii) has each meeting co-chaired by the head delegate of each Side;
 - (iii) has the following functions:
 - a. to review and evaluate the progress of implementation of this MOU,
 - b. to discuss and prepare the cooperative activities under this MOU, and
 - c. to discuss other matters relating to this MOU.
3. The Sides also understand that the Committee may use telecommunication or online platforms to address any urgent or other matters that may arise, or meet on occasions where delegations of both Sides attend international conferences;

Paragraph 5

Intellectual Property Rights

The Sides will ensure that intellectual property rights that will arise from the cooperative activities under this MOU are protected according to the laws and regulations of their respective countries and international agreements to which their countries are Sides.

Paragraph 6

Financial Arrangement

The costs that will arise from the cooperation activities under this MOU will be decided case by case and will be mutually agreed within the Sides.

Paragraph 7

Conflict Resolution

Any dispute relating to the interpretation, application or implementation of this MOU will be resolved amicably, without undue delay, through consultation or negotiation between the Sides.

Paragraph 8

Entry into Effect, Duration, Amendment and Termination

1. This MOU will take effect on the date of signing and will be valid for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed for successive periods of two (2) years unless one Side notifies the other Side in writing of its intention to terminate the MOU, within six (6) months prior to the expiry date.
2. This MOU may be amended by the mutual written consent of the Sides. The amendment will take effect on the date of such notice of consent.
3. Despite the termination of this MOU, its provisions will continue to apply for the period and to the extent necessary, as mutually decided by the Sides, to ensure the realization of any cooperative project conducted under this MOU.

Signed in duplicate in Seoul, the 30th day of October 2018 in the English, Arabic, Korean languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case there is divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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