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His Excellency Ambassador Mekan Ishanguliyev

Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Ankara

Dear Ambassador,

On behalf of the Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye (OMO) and myself, I greet you with my warm feelings and I shared my heartfelt thanks to the people and state of Turkmenistan for your solidarity during the earthquakes we faced.

I am pleased to inform you that OMO which I am the President currently, has the qualifications of "professional organization in the nature of a public institution" and "public legal entity" specified in Article 135 of the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey. OMO carries out its activities within the framework of the relevant legislation, especially the "Law on the Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects" and the "Law on Forest Engineering, Forest Industrial Engineering, and Woodworking Industrial Engineering" by contributing to the studies on the forests/forestry/environment/land management sectors, both nationally and internationally.

In this context, a Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Central Asia Sub-Regional Office (FAO-SEC) on February 16, 2023. In this framework, "the Guidelines on the implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbSs) to combat the negative impact of climate change on forestry for the sub-region" will be prepared and a related training will be organized in Türkiye.

It is of great importance that this guide, which will be prepared to be applied in 7 countries in the FAO-SEC Region (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan) in accordance with international developments and national conditions, is written with the guidance and support of the relevant institutions, NGOs and academician from these respective countries.

In this context, I kindly request you to nominate three people in total on behalf of Turkmenistan to engage in the preparation of these Guidelines and the related training program by 18 March 2023. It is envisaged that these people, who are expected to contribute to the preparation of the relevant guide, will also participate in the training, which will probably be held in Istanbul or Antalya or Ankara in September 2023, in which representatives of 7 countries will attend, as "Trainer". Please kindly be informed that the necessary expenses will be covered by OMO. You can nominate these people from the Embassy, or from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, or preferably from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan. It is also possible to nominate from a university or from an NGO.

In case you need any further clarification please don't hesitate to contact Mr. İsmail Belen, Adviser for International Relations of OMO through email (<u>ismailbelen52@gmail.com</u>) or WhatsApp (+90 506 222 48 19).

Kind regards.

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