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The Luxembourg-GLF Finance for Nature Platform

A partnership with the government of Luxembourg to mainstream and accelerate sustainable finance with a specific focus on nature-based solutions, climate change, ecosystem restoration, and biodiversity.



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Vision

Until recently, the financial sector has been slow to recognize the threat that unsustainable land-use poses for climate change, biodiversity, water use, rural poverty and (gender) inequality. These issues can lead to asset stranding, debt defaults and reduced returns across a wide range of asset classes, including corporate loans, public and private equity, and sovereign bonds. The way forward is to shift financial flows to sustainable land-use models that are financially viable. To achieve this vision, much has to be done to share knowledge on existing innovations and continuously build relevant solutions.

“The financial sector has to change because we need a lot of money to transform our economies.”



– Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, LSFI virtual launch event

“What a financial center like ours can trigger is [a bump] from the billions to the trillions [in investments] in favor of issues such as the environment”



– Luxembourg's finance minister Pierre Gramegna, LSFI virtual launch event

Why a Luxembourg-Global Landscapes Forum Partnership?

Luxembourg has been one of the pioneers on sustainable finance and is ideally positioned to be a leader for natural capital investing, thus, becoming a global hub for Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). The recently launched [Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Strategy](#) and the [Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative](#) (LSFI) form part of an enabling environment to ensure acceleration of the much needed sustainable finance innovations.

Similarly, the GLF is committed to share knowledge and best practices on sustainable land use finance and value chains. Building on the fruitful organization of the [4th GLF Investment Case Symposium](#) in Luxembourg in 2019, it has thus been proposed to build a longer term partnership between the GLF and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The collaboration is planned for an initial period between 2021-2024.

Key activities

All activities will catalyze and accelerate the mainstreaming of sustainable finance and the development of innovative finance instruments that contribute to NBS to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Knowledge management, communications, learning and capacity-building activities will share and accelerate the uptake of lessons learned and best practices to scale appropriate financing models for REDD+, Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), Ecosystem Restoration and sustainable supply chains. Thus, the partnership will operate as a critical catalyser for NBS financing worldwide, while promoting Luxembourg innovations, initiatives and projects. For example the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX), recent winner of the Global Climate Action Award (UNFCCC) could be supported, along with other Luxembourg organizations, in delivering more impacts for climate-smart land-use initiatives, projects and investments. A recent joint [LGX-GLF publication](#) on green bonds and sustainable land-use investments is an example of the types of knowledge products that GLF can support and lead on.

Activities implemented in the framework of the Platform include:

- Preparing, jointly with Luxembourg partners, relevant knowledge management and communications initiatives.
- Designing and organizing physical and digital, and blended events in Luxembourg (webinars, workshops, online conferences, etc)
- Engaging with key Luxembourg organisations to help them increase their engagement for sustainable finance that contributes to Nature-based Solutions to climate change.
- Designing knowledge products jointly with Luxembourg-based organizations (publications, news articles, fact sheets, etc).



Who will benefit from the Platform?

In close coordination with the Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative (LSFI), the Platform seeks to support the many key Luxembourg organisations which could benefit from increased engagement for NBS to climate change, with a particular focus on delivering positive impacts in developing countries.

Strategies will be employed to ensure that each activity and output includes and serves to address the perspectives and needs of communities in low- and middle-income countries. The activities will be designed to ensure that these regions represent the majority of the audience reached by GLF's digital media.

GLF offers a very inclusive platform, and facilitates dialogues between multiple stakeholders' groups : youth; indigenous peoples and local communities; policy-makers; practitioners; researchers; media and more. The platform is on track to reach one billion people through traditional and social media by 2025, with a core network of participants representing over 7,400 organizations.



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About the GLF

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on integrated land use, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement. The Forum takes a holistic approach to create sustainable landscapes that are productive, prosperous, equitable and resilient and considers five cohesive themes of food and livelihoods, landscape restoration, rights, finance and measuring progress. It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), in collaboration with its co-founders UNEP and the World Bank and Charter Members. Charter members include: CIAT, CIFOR, CIRAD, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Crop Trust, Ecoagriculture Partners, The European Forest Institute, Evergreen Agriculture, FSC, GEF, GIZ, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, The International Livestock Research Institute, INBAR, IPMG, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, Rights and Resources Initiative, SAN, UNEP, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation part of Wageningen Research, World Farmer Organization, World Agroforestry, World Bank Group, World Resources Institute, WWF International, Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL)

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