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GLF AMAZONIA

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Protection of the Amazon is crucial for the survival of humans and the planet. The Amazon will cease to exist as we know it if deforestation is not stopped.

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The future of humanity is being debated in the Amazon, the future of humanity is at stake in the Amazon, and what we do now depends on the Amazon...We have to defend the Amazon because we are defending the life of humanity."



Alberto José Acosta Espinosa Ecuadorian economist and politician, Former Minister of Energy and Mines of Ecuador

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There's an urgent need for decision-makers globally, and particularly in the region, to act now to avoid deforestation, particularly in areas already reaching tipping points."



Carlos Nobre

Co-chair of the UN Science Panel for the Amazon and foremost expert on the biome

66 During the last 50 years, the Amazon area lost 17 percent of its forest. Last year, it was about 1.5 percent. It is too much, we are about to collapse, very fast. We need urgent actions...to end deforestation and control deforestation ...find other ways to manage agriculture and re-establish the ecosystem."

Luciana Gatti Senior climate change researcher for the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE)

We are in more trouble than we realize...These inflection points are inter-related. This is dangerous as they can trigger a domino effect, and affect the entire base of the biosphere, and the survival systems of life."



Robert Nasi

Director general of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and managing director of CIFOR-ICRAF

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Participation

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Twitter video

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Top three countries by participants:



*Total participant registrations

During event



The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) Amazonia digital event became the hub for finding solutions to the Amazon biome crisis, drawing almost 6,000 registered participants and reaching over 27 million people in 58 countries via social media channels over three days in September. The digital conference GLF Amazonia: The Tipping Point - Solutions from the Inside **Out** brought together important, but often underrepresented or rarely-heard voices - particularly local youth, Afrodescendants and Indigenous activists and their communities, religious groups, women, smallholders and entrepreneurs from across the Amazon biome.

Such grassroots involvement and support are the very foundation of GLF and through the massive commitment of participants, the event held from 21 through 23 September 2021 became a global sensation. The inclusivity of GLF Amazonia provided a platform for the voices and demands of some 40 Afro-descendant participants and 24 related organizations; while plenary sessions heard from 16 Indigenous and local community speakers and five Afrodescendant speakers. Additionally, more than 4,000 event "solidarity" tickets were provided to participants from the region.

Strengthening protected areas and indigenous (land) rights is the most effective and economic way to halt deforestation.

Solving deforestation can contribute more than a third to the climate solution to 2040, and it is by working with partners that we can reach that goal."

> **Christine Dragisic** Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State



66 The Indigenous have always practiced bioeconomy....This is common: use the forest in an ecological way. This is normal for us. It's normal for the Indigenous Peoples."

> José Neto Founder of Ygarapé, online store



Our voices have to be listened to, and we [women] are equal. I am very proud to see all these young children that have caught onto this. We show them the value of taking care of our land. To be a female guard of the land, and see all the girls that have been empowered...to see them and the love they have for their territory."

Alexandra Narvaez President, Shamecco Women's Association and youth participant



66 I want people from outside to hear us and to know that in reality we are fighting for life. This [fight] is not [only] for the life of Amazonian people, but for all humankind living on this planet."

> Nemonte Nenguimo Leader of the Ecuadorian Amazon's Waorani people



66 For the Landless Movement

(MST), for the people who are on the land, for traditional communities such as Indigenous and quilombolas in Brazil, our challenge is to continue to exist for the defense of nature's goods, protecting our territories from mining, monocultures, agribusiness."



Ayala Ferreira

Afro-Descendant Peoples representative and National Coordinator from the Landless Workers Movement

We need a green economy that ensures that the 30 million Brazilians who live in the Amazon region have their social rights respected. It is not possible to have environmental security without social security."



Flávio Dino Governor of Maranhão State, Brazil

A global effort is needed to realize the technology transfer, the capacity building, the market development and the awareness building for an endogenous bioeconomy based on healthy, standing forests and local values.

⁶⁶ The Amazon needs a development model that demands a standing forest, preserves biodiversity and ecosystem services, and protects Indigenous and traditional peoples."



Marina Silva Teacher, environmentalist and politician



Donors key to GLF event success

This success was made possible through the financial backing of Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Ford Foundation, as well as the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program.

The inclusivity of GLF Amazonia also offered a global platform for dramatically raising awareness of the critical state of the Amazon biome. Their messages and critical calls for action to avoid the collapse of Amazon rainforest – a crucial global tipping point for climate stability – will be conveyed as key messages for the digital event GLF Climate: Forests, Food, Finance – Frontiers of Change during 5–7 November 2021. Together, all of this helps to raise ambitions at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in November 2021, and accelerate action towards achieving the Paris climate goals.

Local engagement taken to a new level

While the GLF's ability to convene global power brokers as well as important local and often underheard voices is one important element of what sets GLF events apart, the Ford Foundation investment allowed GLF to take local engagement to a new level for GLF Amazonia. A series of four pre-event workshops with local partners connected GLF with more than 15 organizations from Brazil, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador. Key messages, proposals and speakers for GLF Amazonia were the result of this local outreach as well as outcome statements and an article in the Landscapes News.

Directly tied to sustainable and productive use of the Amazon is the fight by Indigenous Peoples for rights and survival, an issue at the core of achieving climate goals. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) and – in the Amazonian context –



Afro-descendants and Quilombolas are key allies in the fight against forest and biodiversity loss, but challenges in land tenure are obstructing their guardianship. Indigenous territories cover 35 percent of the biome and are among the most protected, yet the valuable resources these lands hold are putting them under increasing threat from agribusiness, mining and infrastructure development.

Urgent call to action: Life is one and is in our hands

A key outcome of GLF Amazonia and of the local engagement process, in particular, was the endorsement of an urgent call to action, titled: "Life is one and is in our hands" (available in English, Spanish, Portuguese). Developed through local civil society organizations representing local communities, Indigenous and Afro-descendant voices, the statement emerged from an extensive engagement process in the Amazon region in the months leading up to GLF Amazonia. The statement was endorsed by 14 organizations, with further endorsements anticipated in the lead-up to COP26 and GLF Climate. Its call to action urges all governments, corporate leaders and investors in Amazonian countries, and those who import, consume or trade products from the Amazon, to act now to protect the biome and its peoples.

The statement calls for urgent action to maintain the Amazon's full ecological functions, diversity and beauty and to protect its 30 million-plus population. The messages from the statement were anchored in the GLF event through two Voices of the Landscapes plenaries: "New paradigms for human-nature relations" and "Rights for sustainable landscapes". The latter, hosted by the Ford Foundation, examined the links between conflict, ecosystem health and land rights in the Amazon region with an emphasis on the supreme value of local engagement.

66 Nature, climate and agriculture are three sectors that are often isolated, but they should work together....To tackle climate change, we have to tackle first the inequalities, poverty and misery that affects over 80 percent of people on the planet."

Marcello Brito

Leader and co-facilitator, Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forest and Agriculture



There's no future to the Amazon if we separate the natural history and the history of the people that have lived in this so-important region for about 12 million years."

Eduardo Góes Neves Professor of Brazilian Archaeology, Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, University of São Paulo (MAE-USP)

Democratizing scientific technology and data is key for an inclusive development of the Amazon.

66 Complex problems don't have quick or easy solutions, they require many players, they are as diverse as the forest itself. Time is running against us; but the solution is in our hands."

> **Guilherme Leal** Co-founder and co-chairman, Natura & Co



When you leave your money in your bank without asking where and how it would be invested, there is a risk that it would go somewhere you don't like... We need to do much more than the bare minimum to save the Amazon."

> Leonardo Letelier Founder and CEO of SITAWI-Finance for Good



"It is also important to have private-sector incentives – like certification scans – to promote zero deforestation, contribute to the protection of biodiversity and shift the production methods."



Patricia Sugui Sustainability Manager, CJ Selecta (soy producers)

All value chain actors need to come together to make zero-deforestation a socially inclusive business.

66 Commodities are not good or bad – their production or land use might be the problem. As such, it's not the objective to reduce anything because of the commodity. In principle, we should rather change the patterns of consumption and production."



Hugo-Maria Schally Head of the European Commission's Multilateral Environmental Cooperation unit

Knowledge leadership, strong science

GLF Amazonia's strong roots in science and knowledge leadership were evident in 10 white papers published by GLF and developed by participating organizations that comprise some of the world's leading environmental, science and research bodies. These include the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the World Wildlife Fund (WWF); USAID; Conservación Amazónica-ACEAA (Bolivia); Conservación Amazónica-ACCA (Peru); Coalizão Brasil; Bioversity International-International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT); and Brazilian Agricultural Resource Corporation (EMBRAPA). The white papers provide critical insights on topics ranging from geospatial innovations and tools to monitor climate change impacts, to community funding, to the critical role of youth and women, to highlighting sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Launchpads, innovations and films

The GLF Amazonia conference showcased the launch of several successful, locally-led projects, all intertwined with the event's themes. Three launchpads included an innovative knowledge product for resource management, blending science and traditional knowledge in a single platform. This "Holistic Agreements for a Full Life Program" recognizes and encourages conservation and a holistic life in the Indigenous territories of the Amazon basin and was introduced by Tuntiak Katan Jua, Vice-Coordinator General of the group Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA). The initiative, endorsed earlier this year by the IUCN congress, is supported by Brazilian scientist Carlos Nobre, co-chair of the UN Science Panel for the Amazon and foremost expert on the biome.

Another launchpad focused on an innovative toolkit for Indigenous territorial management, as well, a network of young communitybased storytellers from Madre de Dios, Peru, presented short documentaries to convey their own sagas of poverty and hardships endured, and activism launched to protect the forest that is their home.

The Amazonia Film Festival, during the GLF event, included documentary features, short films and cine forums where directors talked about their experiences of filmmaking in the Amazon. Indigenous filmmakers from Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador were among those discussing the issues portrayed in their works.

GLFx expands its network in Amazonia

GLFx, a global community of independently organized local chapters, continued its expansion through engagement with key stakeholders before and during GLF Amazonia. As a result, a community-led GLF chapter network is being developed for the Amazonia region, comprising two to five new chapters, and representing a pathway to continue the conversations that began during the event. GLFx represents dedicated communities of practice on topics such as tree planting and sustainable finance and is designed to enable and empower communities with new connections, technology and knowledge to connect, share, learn and accelerate action towards more sustainable landscapes.



Youth in Landscapes

Young climate activists are crucial in mobilizing society to work collectively to address the climate crisis and its damaging effects, particularly in the Amazon biome. Whether by street demonstrations, social media or by negotiating at global levels, youth in the Amazon are ensuring that climate justice is high on the public agenda. This was reflected in GLF Amazonia where students and young professionals, between 18-35 years old, played a prominent role, supported by the Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL). During the Youth Daily Shows at GLF Amazonia, activists shared their personal stories to inspire others in changing the systems that are contributing to the climate crisis. Youth also led conversations concerning how to support sustainable development of the Amazon basin and put an end to business

Global Landscapes Forum

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: CIAT, CIFOR, CIRAD, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Crop Trust, Ecoagriculture Partners, The European Forest Institute, Evergreen Agriculture, FAO, FSC, GEF, GIZ, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, The International Livestock Research Institute, INBAR, IPMG, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, Rights and Resources Initiative, SAN, TMG-Think Tank for Sustainability, 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).

as usual. Some 50 participants found mentors during GLF Amazonia, while some 150 youth volunteers – most from the Amazon region – acted as rapporteurs, translators, quote catchers and note-takers. They also learned firsthand how digital conferences are created and connections developed.

Two weeks before the event, three e-regional dialogues involving some 60 young people were organized in Spanish and Portuguese languages. Topics ranged from climate change and Indigenous people's rights, to nature-based solutions and coping with forest fires. These dialogues were organized by YIL, GLF, the Global Biodiversity Youth Network LAC chapter (GYBN LAC), Empodera Clima, Latinas for Climate, Youth 4 Nature and Jóvenes Peruanos frente al Cambio Climático.

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