

Concept Note



Restoration Experiences Digital Forum

Sharing the view from the ground and connecting across landscapes

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Objectives



Leverage sharing of on-the-ground experiences to a global audience by showcasing a range of restoration initiatives funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), as well as other local and regional projects across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean



Connect existing restoration initiatives across landscapes to share knowledge, discuss challenges and successes and take stock of lessons learned



Promote and strengthen partnerships and connections between restoration initiatives and other relevant actors from local to global levels



Engage in strategic dialogue on ways to enhance and scale up more effectively, develop restoration approaches further and engage new audiences



Inform the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration by providing a solid understanding of experiences on the ground and recommendations for improving outcomes



Inspire a new generation of restoration projects and practitioners through knowledge sharing and network building.

About the event

The climate and biodiversity crises are already taking a toll on people and landscapes worldwide, with significant implications for food production, water supplies, carbon stocks and biodiversity. If we want to build a sustainable future, it's crucial that we work to restore the planet's degraded landscapes.

Over the past two decades, many organizations and local actors have taken action on the ground to implement forest landscape restoration (FLR) and ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) projects, with the support of various key instruments such as the International Climate Initiative (IKI). Through these efforts, these actors have developed a substantial understanding of the challenges and opportunities involved. The GLF with the generous support of BMUV is creating a space to share and document these experiences to inform best practices and accelerate implementation on a larger scale in partnership with GIZ.

This digital forum provides an opportunity to connect regional actors, take stock of results, synthesize lessons learned and identify key areas that need to be strengthened in future restoration efforts to guarantee long-term success and scalability. It seeks to foster strategic dialogue on ways to enhance and scale up experience and knowledge sharing more effectively, further develop restoration approaches and engage new audiences. Finally, it will explore the complex relationship between policy, finance and communities that enables degraded landscapes to be transformed into pockets of hope and resilience.

This forum is the culmination of two regional workshops conducted with African, Latin American and Caribbean restoration projects supported by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), and it is focused on ensuring that grassroots experiences take center stage. Join us to hear voices from these landscapes and explore the breadth of restoration experiences across the globe.



Key questions to be explored

The questions that will be explored in this digital forum will largely be informed by the two regional workshops and will mainly focus on the following topics:



On-the-ground experiences:

What are the main challenges and opportunities in restoration at the local and regional level? What best practices can be leveraged to accelerate implementation at a larger scale? How can momentum be built and strengthened?



Practice instruments: What is needed but not yet readily available? How can experience and knowledge sharing be more effectively scaled up and networks be created to facilitate this? How can we further develop the current restoration approaches and engage new audiences?



Policy instruments: What is enabling or hindering restoration? What are some examples at the local, national and regional levels? What are the implementation gaps?



Financing restoration: What is the financial landscape of restoration? How does the IKI funding mechanism work, and how can it be accessed? What is the role of the private sector? What are some existing financing opportunities.

About 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) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF), in collaboration with its co-founders UNEP and the World Bank and Charter Members.

Charter members: CIAT, CIFOR-ICRAF, 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, UNCCD, UNEP, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation part of Wageningen Research, World Farmer Organization, World Bank Group, World Resources Institute, WWF International, Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL)

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