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**GLF CLIMATE HYBRID CONFERENCE**

# **DONOR AND PARTNER REPORT**

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On November 11-12, 2022, the [Global Landscapes Forum](#) (GLF) gathered on the sidelines of the annual [United Nations Climate Change Conference](#) (COP27) for its own annual climate-focussed event, [GLF Climate: Frontiers of Change](#). Held in a hybrid format, in Sharm El-Sheikh and online, the event brought together over 7000 people from 164 countries, and rallied over 27 million people on social media around what humanity can still do to avoid the worsening impacts of the climate crisis.

Across 43 sessions – including plenaries, expert panels, launches, virtual tours, dialogues, networking sessions, and inspirational talks – the event provided a platform for scientists, politicians, organizational leaders, activists, the private sector, Indigenous leaders, young

people, artists, and more to share their views on fair and effective pathways to a resilient, climate-smart future. In doing so, the event amplified the voices of many passionate activists and advocates who were unable to speak at COP27 itself.

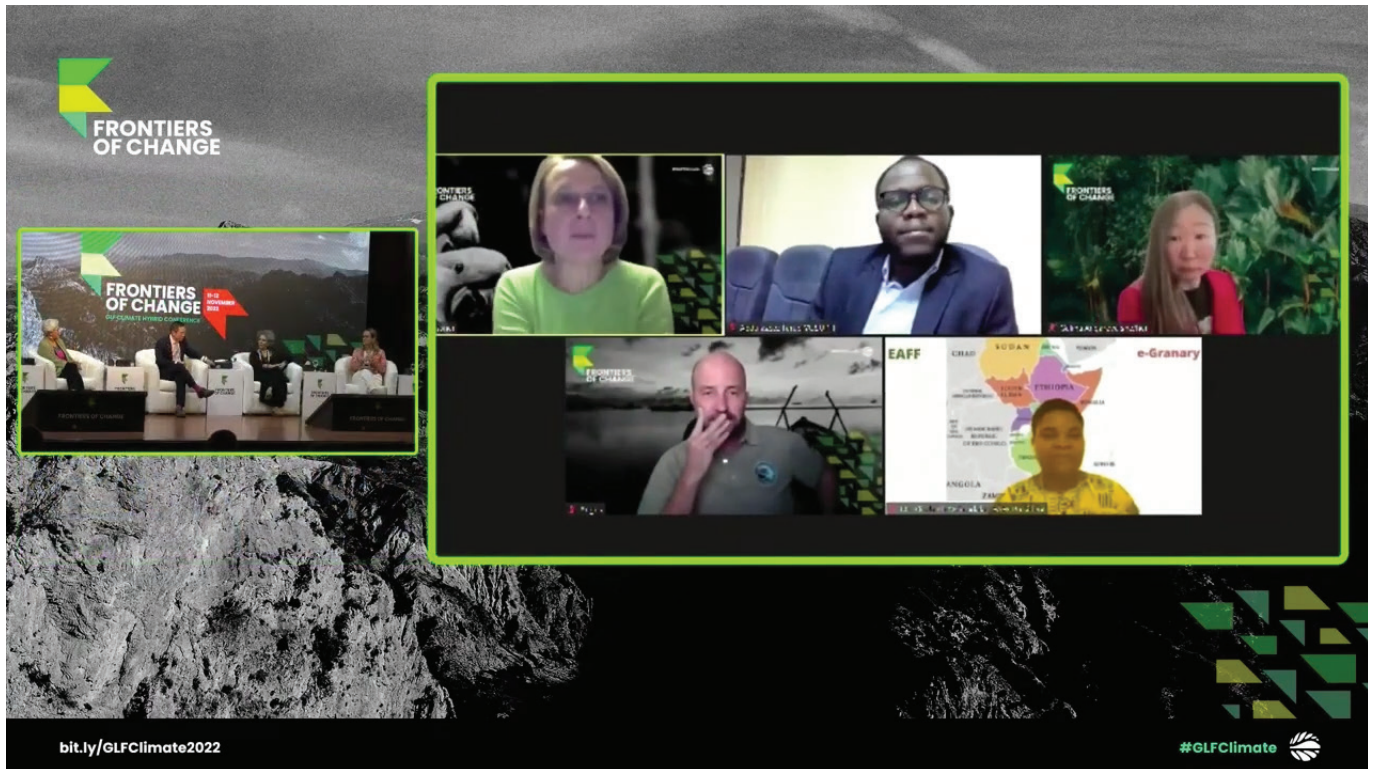
GLF Climate explored ways to take control of our own fate through collective action, behavioral change, and the widespread adoption of locally-led and co-created land-based solutions. It closed with a resounding call for a just transition to a [stewardship economy](#) that puts people and nature first. Following this, a small consultation was held and GLF is now looking for partners to join us in an Alliance for a Stewardship Economy – if this is something you are interested in, please get in touch.



**“Caring for nature, caring for forests, putting in place frameworks, agreements and functional vehicles to deliver missions and actions, and reducing deforestation is caring for humanity. It is our duty, it is our mandate.”**

**ROSELYN FOSUA ADJEI**

DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL REDD+ FOCAL POINT,  
GHANA’S FORESTRY COMMISSION.



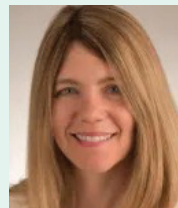
The event’s success was made possible through the financial backing of Germany’s Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the [Robert Bosch Foundation](#), the [European Investment Bank](#) (EIB) and the [Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration \(FOLUR\) Impact Program](#). It also counts on the ongoing support of GLF’s founders – the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Center for International Forestry Research ([CIFOR](#)) – and its 33 Charter Members.

The [Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration \(FOLUR\) Impact Program](#) is a USD 345 million, seven-year initiative funded by the Global Environment Facility and led by the World Bank. Seeking to transform food and land use systems, the program consists of a global knowledge platform and 27 country projects. Country-level work focuses on accelerating action in landscapes and along value chains for eight major commodities, including livestock, cocoa, coffee, maize, palm oil, rice, soy and wheat.



**“We need to advance climate change adaptation and mitigation, fight desertification and soil degradation, and improve food security. Holistic landscape-based approaches are a powerful lever for that.”**

**JOCHEN FLASBARTH**  
STATE SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (BMZ), GERMANY



**“It’s important for all of us to understand how money moves, because we all fit into this diagram, we all need to know what our role is, we all need to know who we need to partner with, and we also need to know what might be missing.”**

**JENNIFER PRYCE**  
CEO, CALVERT IMPACT CAPITAL



## GLF Climate by the numbers

**6,883**

Registrants (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt + Online)



**372**

Participants in-person



**8**

Watch parties



**6,461**

Participants online



**43**

Sessions



**18**

Digital booths



**228**

Speakers



**56%**

Women



**13**

Industry leaders



**65%**

From Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

**10**

Heads of State and Ministers

**21**

Indigenous leaders



**32M**

Social media reach



**74M**

Impressions



**725k**

Engagement



**111,352**

Session views



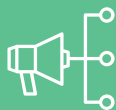
**4,377**

#GLFClimate  
All related posts on social media



**158**

Media hits



**34M**

Potential media reach



**5,063**

New followers



**11**

White Papers



**164** Countries

**Top 5 countries:**  
India, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan, and the Philippines

**Engagement:** The number of interactions on content received from users (likes, comments, shares, saves, etc.) related to event hashtags. **Impressions:** The number of times content was displayed on user timelines related to event hashtags.

**Social media reach:** The number of unique users who saw content related to event hashtags.

**Session Views:** Including partner-led sessions, launchpad, plenary, local & youth action sessions, and networking (only on GLF Climate Platform – excluding social media views).



## Key messages

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Throughout the event, four critical elements of collective action on climate were highlighted:

- **Climate action must be taken based on economic and political decisions that take a holistic view of nature's values, beyond market-based views – and incorporate the knowledge and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.**

This means that social and environmental justice, humility, and inclusivity need to foreground this work; that the leadership and concerns of people most vulnerable to climate change are central; that all governments and business actors should carry out appropriate and responsible actions to protect people and nature; and that our relationships to nature and the rest of humanity need to be scrutinized as we make the shifts required.

- **To make that much-needed transition happen, we must address underlying power dynamics and imbalances to ensure meaningful engagement of land stewards and stakeholders.**

Intergovernmental alliances, public-private partnerships, and landscape-level multi-stakeholder processes must be characterized by inclusivity, listening, and recognition of

our common humanity. They should move beyond seemingly-incompatible shorter-term trade-offs to supporting and equipping landscape actors to govern and manage their landscapes.

- **For resilient adaptation, we must channel investment into locally-led co-created solutions based on nature.**  
These should be centered in the landscapes and contexts that surround them, grounded in local knowledge, and supported by science, technology, and equity.
- **There is hope! We know what we need to do: now, we need to make it happen – through political commitments, private sector investments, and transformative coalitions that are explicitly oriented towards collective and purposeful action.**

The pathways to a decarbonised future are coming into increasingly clear focus: those committed and pledging must be held accountable; publically funded finance institutions need to act in line with pledges and commitments; and all of society should commit to sustained action in solidarity with those on the front-lines and most vulnerable to climate change.



**“What is the point of having rights on paper if I cannot practice them in reality? What is the point of protecting the environment if I do not have a place to sleep?”**

**SÔNIA GUAJAJARA**  
INDIGENOUS POLITICIAN AND BRAZIL CONGRESSWOMAN



**“We need to ensure that the potential of modern technologies can be translated into action.”**

**ALEXANDER MÜLLER**  
FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, TMG THINK TANK



**“We must remove and draw down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere while also removing barriers to inclusive and universal participation in education, well-being and economic activities, as well as all other hallmarks of what we consider a functional society.”**

**CLE-ANNE GABRIEL**  
HEAD OF DECARBONISATION TRANSFORMATION, KPMG AUSTRALIA



**“No one hates trees. When deforestation happens, it is usually because the incentives are wrong, people are allowed to deforest, or they have no alternatives.”**

**ANDREAS DAHL-JØRGENSEN**  
DIRECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, NORWAY’S INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND FOREST INITIATIVE (NICFI), NORWAY’S MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT



**“Stewards closer to the ground are the ones that need to be empowered. Mitigation and adaptation actions are to be done in the next few years. This is the time for collaboration and not for competition.”**

**AVECITA CHICCHÓN**  
ANDES-AMAZON INITIATIVE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, GORDON AND BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION



**“Companies need to be givers and not takers in this world. The only acceptable method to run our companies, the only way to deliver our business models, is to think regenerative, restorative and reparative.”**

**PAUL POLMAN**  
BUSINESSMAN, AUTHOR



**“We won’t win the fight against the climate crisis and achieve a sustainable transformation towards a climate-resilient future without local action.”**

**OTTILIE BÄLZ**  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT GLOBAL ISSUES, ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG



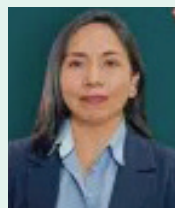
**“There is a large gap between net-zero and zero-deforestation commitments and the reality on the ground for farmers.”**

**CHRISTOPHER BRETT**  
THE FOOD SYSTEMS, LAND USE AND RESTORATION IMPACT (FOLUR) PROGRAM LEAD, WORLD BANK



## Launches

- The [Rights and Resources Initiative \(RRI\)](#) launched the ground-breaking [Land Rights Standard](#), which was [instigated](#) as an outcome of [GLF Bonn 2019](#), developed with Indigenous Peoples and local communities as a means to [guide appropriate landscape investment](#) across the globe.
- The [Rainforest Alliance](#), in partnership with the [United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#), [CDP](#), [Clarmondial](#), and [Conservation International](#), [launched](#) a public-private initiative called [The Business Case](#) – a multi-stakeholder platform that integrates landscape and jurisdictional approaches. It incentivizes corporates and governments to cut deforestation, while accelerating biodiversity conservation, restoration, and community livelihoods gains by driving investment and innovation to local landscapes.
- To leverage scientific knowledge and best practice on how forests and tree-based systems can support countries and local people in climate change mitigation through international and national partnerships, the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry ([CIFOR-ICRAF](#)) [launched](#) a new partnership platform, [TreesAdapt](#).
- [CropTrust](#) [launched](#) the [report](#) 'Conserving and using tree diversity for global climate change adaptation and food system resilience', showing how tree diversity can most effectively be conserved and used for smallholder livelihoods and food security in resilient landscapes in the face of climate change.



**"The role of communities in the landscapes is essential to conservation actions."**

**SORELY CALIXTO**  
CHIEF OF PARTY OF THE  
BUSINESS CASE, RAINFOREST  
ALLIANCE



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**“Rights are at the heart of both climate adaptation and mitigation. We need donors, investors and the private sector [to] not only endorse but actually implement these principles to move away from business-as-usual. It is important to have principles, but unless they are implemented, there’s no systemic change.”**

**SOLANGE BANDIAKY-BADJI**  
PRESIDENT AND COORDINATOR, RIGHTS AND RESOURCES INITIATIVE



**“Be bold and try different crops so that you know what the world has to offer. It’s not just what you eat: trying those different cultural foods is so important, that will bring you an awareness of the diversity, the agro-diversity that exists in this world.”**

**SARADA KRISHNAN**  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS,  
CROP TRUST



**“What we need to do is to finance local banks, and we [at EIB] are trying to select the financial institutions that are going to be the most effective in helping communities. We [financiers] need to pay attention to biodiversity and to make sure that the transition is going to be just.”**

**AMBROISE FAYOLLE**  
VICE PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN  
INVESTMENT BANK (EIB)



**“The window to keep temperature rise to 1.5°C is rapidly closing, but we know that the solution to this climate emergency is to transform every segment of society, whether it’s transport, energy, food production, buildings or manufacturing – all of them must be fundamentally transformed. The good news is that we have many of the solutions that we need. We just need to work for widespread adoption. Importantly, we each have the power to make the change happen.”**

**KO BARRETT**  
VICE-CHAIR, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC)





## Youth

Young climate activists amplified the call for adaptation finance, and finance for 'loss and damage' resulting from climate impacts, which has been resonating around Sharm El-Sheikh since the COP began.

The Climate Circle was a closed meeting attended by 35 young people from all around the world which was facilitated for attendees to discuss without judgment their interests, needs, thoughts, and feelings about experiencing the reality of the climate crisis. "We need more spaces like this to come together, be honest with each other, and nurture our shared humanity," said one participant.



**"Young people have been screaming about loss and damage finance from the rooftops. It is a discourse around civil society. We have made it popular. At the same time, it is not being taken seriously at the negotiations."**

**AYISHA SIDDIQA**  
CO-FOUNDER, POLLUTERS OUT AND FOSSIL FREE UNIVERSITY



**"Financial institutions need to change their understanding of the long term. Lenders and funders need to be looking forward at least three decades in terms of tree planting. It is not merely the number of trees that 'counts', but also the surrounding ecosystem services: institutions need a new, more refined idea of 'benefit' and 'returns'"**

**SERGIO LOZANO**  
ECOLOGIST, 2022 RESTORATION STEWARD



**"We need to ask ourselves: what trees are we planting? Are they supportive of biodiversity? Are they supportive of underlying societal needs? Are these restorative efforts aligning with the needs of society? Is it competing for land? Does it stress the water table? These bring the limitations to ecosystem restoration"**

**AMOS AMANUBO**  
RESEARCH FELLOW, AFRICAN CENTRE FOR GREEN ECONOMY



## Inclusivity

Many important voices did not make it to COP27: key activists and representatives, particularly from the Global South, missed out on seats at the table, or were unable to attend due to travel costs and visa requirements.

With its keen focus on inclusivity, GLF Climate 2022 aimed to right the balance and amplify access. The event was held in a hybrid live and virtual format. Free tickets were provided for 6,429 people, including 1,490 youth participants and 4,072 participants involved with a community-based organization or NGO. Six ‘solidarity sessions’ were held to provide further platforms for under-represented groups. GLF also supported eight ‘watch parties’, which brought people together to experience and discuss the event in their own communities.

In total, GLF invested EUR 210,181 in this event’s inclusivity – with outstanding results. There were over 7,000 participants from 164 countries, with the top five represented countries being India, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan, and the Philippines. Fifty-six percent of speakers at the conference were women, and 65% were from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.



**EUR 20,000**  
on 6 solidarity sessions



**EUR 189,681**  
on free tickets for  
6,429 participants



**EUR 500**  
on 8 watch parties



**= EUR 210,181**  
total GLF investment in  
inclusivity



**“Our value systems define success too much as wealth and money.”**

**KARENNA GORE**  
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR  
EARTH ETHICS



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**“We have been hearing from all these audiences – students, teachers, youth, artists – that they don’t only want to listen or to read about the climate crisis, about deforestation issues. They don’t only want to be ‘reached’. They want to be engaged, to be listened to, and above all... they want their voices to matter.”**

**FLORA PEREIRA**  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND  
OUTREACH DIRECTOR,  
PULITZER CENTER



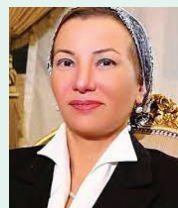
**“The ability to listen and hear the voice of Mother Earth is the manifestation of Indigenous ways of being, knowing and learning. And these ways come from thousands of years of experience that Indigenous people have heard from their ancestors, and this experience is known as our traditional knowledge. Our traditional knowledge is the result of the symbiotic relationship between the land and its people.”**

**GALINA ANGAROVA**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CULTURAL SURVIVAL



**“We need to start seeing land and nature as a community to which we belong rather than commodities to exploit. This is stewardship in simple terms.”**

**RAVI PRABH**  
INTERIM DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
CIFOR-ICRAF



**“We cannot de-link global environmental challenges, and people are at the heart of that fight, especially youth, local communities and women – they are the agents of change.”**

**YASMINE FOUAD**  
EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT



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### 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-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)

### Funding partners



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