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Forum

GLF Kyoto 2019

## Climate, Landscapes and Lifestyles

It is not too late

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**From May 8-12, the world's leading experts on climate change will gather in Kyoto, Japan, 22 years after the signing of the Kyoto Protocol, the first legally binding treaty to cut greenhouse gases.**

Scheduled to coincide with the IPCC plenary meetings on the "2019 Refinement," the upcoming Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) conference will attract 300 delegates with tens of thousands more engaged in interactive online sessions and guest video addresses around the world. GLF Kyoto offers an opportunity to review the latest science, launch new initiatives and pitch innovative ideas for climate solutions across a myriad of landscapes, including mountains and drylands, peatlands, rangelands and pastures, forests and oceans. Conversations will zero in on how changes in patterns of human consumption can make a difference. The focus will be on nutrition, fashion, mobility, plastic and food waste. Additionally, we will explore innovative financial initiatives that benefit landscapes while contributing to the climate solutions.

The 2019 GLF conference in Kyoto will be the first GLF held in East Asia since the launch of the inaugural event in Bonn, Germany in 2013. It aims to ignite enthusiasm through an ever-widening network for continued climate action. The forum will bring together the best minds from science, development agencies, government, indigenous peoples, civil society and project implementers to share on-the-ground solutions in Kyoto and online.

At its 49th session, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will review and consider adopting a methodology report recommending refinement of subsequent 2006 IPCC guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories. The "2019 Refinement" is one of a series of reports scheduled for the current phase of IPCC activities, known as the sixth assessment cycle. In October, the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C was released. A Special Report on Climate Change and Land will be released in August and a Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate will follow in [September](#). This process is highly relevant to enhancing sustainable landscape management practices.

### Global Landscapes Forum

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is a collaborative, mobile platform for discussions leading to action on landscape restoration, rights, finance, food and livelihood initiatives. It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), supported by UN Environment and the World Bank. In conjunction with its many charter members, GLF also tracks and measures progress on meeting the targets laid out in the UN Paris Agreement on climate change and the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Core funding is provided by the government of Germany.

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## GLF Kyoto and the Paris Agreement

Based on recent findings reported in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, scientists state that human activities are estimated to have caused an average of about 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels, with a likely range of 0.8°C to 1.2°C. They project with high confidence that global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate. These findings indicate that targets to restrict temperature increase to well below 2 degrees or even 1.5 degrees established under the U.N. Paris Agreement of 2015 are likely already out of reach. To keep global temperature increases in check, humanity must pursue international cooperation, which can provide an enabling environment for this to be achieved in all countries and for all people, in the context of sustainable development, the report states.

Protecting and restoring landscapes is a critical part of the global strategy to repair climate change. Landscape solutions can deliver benefits for communities, be human rights based, ensure equal access, participation and guarantee benefits for indigenous peoples, local communities and smallholder farmers. They must also be scalable, replicable and transformational.

Climate finance has a key role to play, but serious challenges and complex decisions confront the global community on where and how to invest scarce funds. Increasing investments into land management are expected from the private sector, but suitable options are often not prioritized, not easy to identify, or not risk free.



GLF Kyoto aspires to be a hub for activities around landscapes and climate action. With its long tradition as an environmental and climate leader, Japan is the ideal country to host this unique event that will trigger a wellspring of initiatives contributing to the U.N. Paris Agreement on climate change and other international commitments on biodiversity and sustainable development.

The conference will provide a dedicated platform both online and in person to:

- Identify implementation pathways to realize development and climate goals on the ground built on the IPCC special report on 1.5 degrees
- Trigger transformational actions that inspire local leadership/initiatives for global goals, driven by indigenous peoples, local communities, youth, policy makers and investors
- Raise global awareness on the urgent need to take land-based climate actions and lifestyle changes through a three-month knowledge-led media and online campaign

## Themes

Panels and guest speakers will report and explore how transformative landscape solutions can support the fight against climate change and alleviate poverty for the most vulnerable. The proposed core topics of GLF Kyoto include:

- Land-based pathways to stay below 1.5 degrees
- Restoration opportunities for investors
- Sustainable fashion
- Role of lifestyle in sustainability
- Food production and security
- Climate resilient livelihoods
- Tackling plastic waste
- Cities and landscapes
- Activating shared responsibility
- Renewable energy in landscapes
- Climate change and migration
- Measuring progress of Sustainable Development Goals
- And more ...

## Past Achievements and Future of the Forum

The GLF is the world's largest knowledge-led multi-sectoral platform for integrated land use, bringing together world leaders, scientists, private sector representatives, farmers, indigenous peoples, media, community leaders and civil society to accelerate action towards the creation of more resilient landscapes. More than 3,800 universities, governments, indigenous and community groups, organizations in development cooperation and investors, and 100,000 people from 115 countries have participated, reaching more than 250 million people online. The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), UN Environment, and the World Bank launched the Forum in Warsaw in 2013, on the sidelines of U.N. climate talks. With core funding provided by the German government, the GLF is now entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year with the objective of building a movement of a billion people towards the creation of sustainable landscapes.

GLF and partners have redefined the way environmental challenges are addressed, contributing to a wide range of successful initiatives, including the following:

- 100 million hectares of forests across Africa by 2030 (AFR100), feeding into the “Bonn Challenge” target of restoring 350 million hectares worldwide
- The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund investing in land rehabilitation and sustainable land management
- Protecting **70 watersheds** across the Andes, led by **125 city** and regional governments,
- the first and only payments for ecosystem services initiative in the Pacific Islands
- a pact to conserve Congo Basin peatlands from the risk of unsustainable use
- establishing the International Partnership for Blue Carbon, led by the governments of Australia, Costa Rica and Indonesia
- a landmark \$95 million bond for a joint rubber venture in Indonesia
- 7th operational phase of the GEF developing key programs to implement the landscape approach

## Young Climate Champions

Social consciousness and global mindedness is growing with each new generation, resulting in more and more young people eager to urgently address the challenges posed by climate change. Today, millions of young people are taking to the streets, walking out of classrooms, developing innovative projects and simply changing their consumer choices from the way they eat to the clothes they wear in order to create the future they want.

Recognizing growing youth leadership in the climate arena and the need for more inclusive, intergenerational dialogue, GLF Kyoto 2019 will see outstanding young climate champions take the stage to share their expertise and their hopes. The global search to find these young minds will launch Feb. 25, with top applicants awarded full funding to attend the event.

## 2019 Timing and Location

The GLF Kyoto 2019 will take place on **13 May 2019** at the Kyoto International Conference Center. It will be the first GLF in East Asia, held back to back with the 49th Session of the IPCC. More than 300 people are expected to attend the on-site event and tens of thousands more will participate in the online program leading up to, during and following the event.



## Communications

The GLF is one of the most successful science communications programs in the world and will leverage its extensive media channels to bring international and national attention to the event.

A social media and online campaign will promote speakers, content and themes before, during and after the event, covering the latest news and research, video interviews with key personalities and much more. Our GLF news portal, *Landscape News*, with its team of global journalists will cover key topics and decisionmakers, as well as discussions and help spread the event beyond the venue. Compelling stories and social media posts will reach thousands of people with translations in other languages.

Sessions will be streamed live on our conference website [globallandscapesforum.org](http://globallandscapesforum.org), while virtual moderators will guide the conversation in livestream chat rooms and digital sessions. It is expected that the conference and the preceding three-month campaign will reach hundreds of news outlets, and millions of stakeholders worldwide. Be part of GLF’s ever-growing communications program at the 2019 GLF Kyoto event.

**Partners** are essential to the success of GLF communications efforts and they contribute with insight and content that is shared across GLF platform. See below for details on how you can get involved.

## Ways to participate

There are many ways you can participate in GLF Kyoto 2019, from our plenary panel discussions and tabletop exhibitions to online discussion forums or full day global digital experiences.

### Plenary Panel Discussion

Shape the sustainability conversation with in-depth livestreamed and recorded discussions. Engage with an audience of more than 300 people on site and thousands more online, while all GLF platforms and social media will support your work. Costs for hosting a Plenary Panel Discussion are *\$8,500 (EUR 7,500)*.

## Online Panels

Organizations will have the opportunity to host online Discussion Forums at their offices that will be streamed from [globallandscapesforum.org](http://globallandscapesforum.org) to an audience of hundreds of thousands across the globe. These online discussion forums will connect with the main platform in Kyoto. This could include online discussion forums on restoration in Latin America, water management in Africa and supply chains in Indonesia, for example.

## Tabletop exhibitions in Kyoto

Book a space where you can share knowledge, build and reach out to networks revolving around a specific theme —and you will have the entire day of the GLF to make the most out of it. Costs for hosting a tabletop exhibition are at \$1,700 (EUR 1,500).

## Digital Summits

These live-streamed, and then recorded and edited discussions are more than just webinars – they are your chance to connect with influencers and join various communities of practice around the latest landscape relevant topics.

## Structured Networking

Join facilitated conversations between stakeholders who would not have met outside the Forum, exploring key questions.

## Communications

Contribute your story, innovative social media narrative, video or infographic. The GLF platform is open to spread solutions for a sustainable future. Get involved by simply publishing your content on the GLF platform or join the communications committee.

## Be part of the movement

We will be curating a day of online content in conjunction with the physical conference to engage further audiences, connecting the dots, ideas and people for creating pathways for transformational change. Sharing knowledge, visions, experience and success stories, expertise and practical resources and tools through creative and engaging content, such as videos, documentaries, inspiring talks, video podcasts, interviews, or poetry focused on key themes and bringing in all voices from local communities and indigenous groups, science, art, influencers, youth and activists.

## GLF Conference Sponsorships

By sponsoring the GLF, your company or organization will contribute to the world's largest forum on sustainable land use and development. Your brand will be associated with a movement that over the past six years has reached more than 230 million people on social media. More than 4,000 organizations, governments, universities, corporations and community groups have participated, and 150,000 people from 150 countries have attended GLF conferences. GLF participants and members are the leaders of today and tomorrow. Already, the GLF's youth programs have had a direct impact on more than 50,000 youth under the age of 35. More than 250 million people have been reached through traditional media, and 4,600 print, broadcast and radio media cover the GLF around the world.

## GLF Partnership Engagement

The GLF builds collaborative efforts to accelerate the transition from a short-term engagement perspective to one that focuses on long-term partnerships for sustainable impact on ecosystems. The GLF partnership mandate includes mobilizing world leaders, scientists, policymakers, global media, the corporate and finance sectors, indigenous communities, youth and women's groups to accelerate action to build climate-resilient, equitable, prosperous and productive landscapes. It also involves building a community of practice to identify and solve key climate challenges while developing capacity through numerous learning opportunities.

The GLF network platform is effectively positioned to provide influence and direction for traditional investing and promotion of thought leadership, best practices and active engagement with the purpose of seeing positive systems change.

For all information regarding GLF Sponsorships and Partnership Engagement, including the GLF Charter and GLF Sponsorship Packages, please contact **John Colmey** ([j.colmey@cgjar.org](mailto:j.colmey@cgjar.org)), GLF Managing Director, directly.

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