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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

How Restoration Can Support
a Healthy Climate, Economy and Planet

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THE GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIP
ON FOREST AND
LANDSCAPE
RESTORATION




CPF
Collaborative Partnership
on Forests



Global
Landscapes
Forum

Over
40% 
of the world's
population is affected
by land degradation

and up to
700 
million people
could be forced to
migrate by 2050.

Land degradation threatens food security, fuels violent conflict, drives biodiversity loss and contributes to the climate crisis through carbon and nitrous oxide emissions. It costs the global economy around USD 6–10 trillion per year, or roughly 10 percent of gross world product.

One of the most promising solutions to land degradation is forest and landscape restoration (FLR), a process that aims to regain ecological functionality and enhance human well-being in deforested or degraded landscapes. More than 2 billion hectares of such landscapes stand to be restored globally. However, FLR implementation still remains far below the level needed to address land degradation on a global scale. A key barrier is insufficient understanding of the contribution that FLR can make to solving key global challenges and national needs.

On 29 April 2021, the Global Landscapes Forum will organize a digital forum on FLR hosted jointly by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR). The event will launch a campaign to build momentum around FLR ahead of [GLF Africa: Restoring Africa's Drylands](#) (2–3 June) and the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (5 June).

What this Digital Forum seeks to achieve

This half-day Digital Forum will bring together restoration practitioners, policymakers, private-sector partners, youth, civil society representatives and scientists to share their insights and perspectives on FLR. The event will help increase understanding in three key areas where FLR can make significant contributions:



Addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation needs



As an economic enterprise and source of job creation



Helping to reduce threats to species loss and extinction

The Digital Forum will also provide an opportunity to showcase the role of partnerships and collaboration in the successful design and implementation of FLR.

In addition, it will provide a means to showcase successful examples of FLR work by CPF members, including examples drawn from the CPF Joint Initiative on FLR. It seeks to identify areas for future enhanced collaboration between CPF and GPFLR members as well as other relevant stakeholders.



FLR and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

The [United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) runs from 2021 to 2030 and aims to scale up efforts to halt land degradation and restore degraded and deforested landscapes across the globe. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Decade builds on previous restoration goals including the [Bonn Challenge](#), [Initiative 20x20](#) and [AFR100](#). It will also play a crucial role in achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), particularly those related to climate action, eradicating poverty and hunger, and the conservation of marine and terrestrial ecosystems.