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Global Landscapes Forum

Climate Action for Sustainable Development

16 November 2016, Marrakesh

The year 2015 set new benchmarks for the global climate and development agenda, making it clear that now is the time for action.

An integrated landscape approach is the most promising tool for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) as outlined under the Paris Agreement.

The good news is that these solutions already exist — from climate projects that deliver co-benefits for communities, to affordable credit for smallholders, and regional commitments to large-scale restoration of degraded lands.

The 2016 Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) will be the leading platform for sustainable land use, alongside UNFCCC COP22, featuring more than 30 interactive sessions and exhibitions to present the latest science, launch new initiatives and pitch innovative ideas for climate action based on sustainable land use.

The GLF will provide a dedicated space for leading climate and development experts to:

- Identify solutions that help realize both development and climate goals on the ground;
- Measure progress towards 'climate in development' goals in landscapes, based on the latest science; and
- Build a platform that inspires local action for global goals.

Accompanied by online events and a global social media campaign, the Forum will reach 500 selected participants onsite in Marrakesh and hundreds of thousands around the world.

Past achievements and future of the Forum

In conjunction with the UNFCCC COP19 in Warsaw 2013, the organizers of the six Forest Days and the five Agriculture and Rural Development Days joined forces to launch the Global Landscapes Forum. Ahead of COP20 in Lima, this partnership was broadened to include even more voices from landscape research and policy. To date, more than 300 organizations have shared their research and ideas through the Global Landscapes Forum.

At the [2015 Global Landscapes Forum](#) participants committed to:

- Restoring **128 million ha** of degraded and deforested landscapes;
- Protecting watersheds across the Andes, led by **125 city** and regional governments;
- Creating the first and only **payments for ecosystem services initiative** in the Pacific Islands; and
- Establishing the International Partnership for **Blue Carbon**, led by the Governments of Australia, Costa Rica and Indonesia.

Going forward, the Global Landscapes Forum envisions building an inclusive platform capable of reaching billions around the world. In doing so, the Forum will go beyond events and its online hub, to include research and systematic tracking of commitments.

To connect global dynamics and efforts at the landscape level, the Forum will be based on a large and inclusive annual event, scheduled for Spring 2017 in a major European city, as well as thematic and regional breakouts.

In Marrakesh, the Forum will host 500 selected participants at the event and hundreds of thousands across the world.

2016 Timing and Location

The 2016 Global Landscapes Forum: Climate Action will take place on **16 November 2016** at the **Kenzi Club Agdal Medina, Marrakesh**.

Themes

All event sessions will tie global policy processes to real action at the landscape level. Discussion forums and plenary speakers will explore the impact climate policies have on smallholders and local communities – and how successful landscape approaches can inform the fight against climate change and alleviate poverty for the most vulnerable.

The core themes of the Global Landscapes Forum: Climate Action include:

- Landscape restoration for **climate action**;
- The **food security**-landscape-climate nexus;
- **Measuring and tracking progress** towards climate goals in the landscape;
- **Financing** climate action in the landscape; and
- Landscape **tenure and community rights** in the global climate agenda.

Additional topics will be accepted as **wild card topics** – those suggestions that are felt to be outside the core themes, but received the highest marks in the competitive selection process led by the Forum's science committee.



Andrea Ledward

UK Board Member, Green Climate Fund

“If we really want to be serious about addressing climate change, we have to be doing it through land and forestry.”



Jeff Sayer

Professor of Conservation and Development, James Cook University

“Since (the COP 15) Copenhagen there's a huge proliferation of initiatives at a landscape level... It's not hundreds of millions of dollars spent on these landscape initiatives. It's billions of dollars.”



Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Economist and former Finance Minister of Nigeria

“Should funding for landscape restoration come from rich donor countries? Yes. But will it? No ... Solutions need to come from those directly involved. And commitment to change is growing.”



Peter Holmgren
Director General, CIFOR

“It's all about integration across the climate and development goals. It's all about working across institutional and geographical boundaries. It's all about the values that we attribute to landscapes.”



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Proposed Agenda

Time					Exhibition and Knowledge-sharing
08:00 – 08:45	Registration				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Table-top exhibitions - Knowledge-sharing activities <p><i>throughout the day</i></p>
09:00 – 10:30	Discussion Forum 1.1 Landscape restoration for climate impact	Discussion Forum 1.2 The food security-landscape-climate nexus	Discussion Forum 1.3 Measuring and monitoring progress in landscapes	Discussion Forum 1.5 Financing landscape investments	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00 – 12:30	Discussion Forum 2.1 Rights, equity and tenure in the global climate agenda context	Discussion Forum 2.2 Wild card topic	Discussion Forum 2.3 Wild card topic	Discussion Forum 2.4 Wild card topic	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		Launchpad I		
14:00 – 15:30	High-level opening plenary: Climate meets landscape – from agenda to progress <i>The high-level opening will be split into 2 talkshow-style panels</i>				
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break				
16:00 – 17:30	Dragons’ Den: Pitching opportunities for climate action	Youth session: <i>Led by inspiring young researchers and landscape professionals</i>	Launchpad II Launchpad III	High-level science-policy dialogue (closed meeting)	
17:30 – 17:45	Short break				
17:45 – 18:45	High-level launch of the new Global Landscapes Forum – the way forward				
18:45 – 20:00	Cocktail Reception				
19:30 – 21:00	Reception by Climate action pitch 1	Reception by Climate action pitch 2	Reception by Climate action pitch 3		

Format and Agenda

The 2016 Global Landscapes Forum: Climate Action builds on successful features and lessons learned from previous events, allowing for maximum stakeholder engagement across all levels.

The **opening plenary** will provide an opportunity to hear inspiring thoughts and announcements of fresh initiatives from leading climate thinkers and local movers and shakers. The opening plenary will be split into two talkshow-style panels featuring inspirational speakers.

The **closing plenary** will see the high-level launch of the new long-term Global Landscapes Forum platform by world leaders representing and speaking for the Forum.

Discussion Forums offer a space for highlighting newest tools, trends, scientific findings and case studies around landscape approaches. All Discussion Forums will be selected following a competitive process led by the Forum's science committee.

The **Dragons' Den** session will serve as this COP's leading platform to pitch climate action initiatives from the ground. The jury will consist of leading practitioners from science, the private sector, policy and development. During the cocktail and networking receptions, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about initiatives in the **"Meet the pitchers"** section during the cocktail reception.

The **Launchpad** will feature new initiatives to be introduced for the first time at the 2016 GLF in Marrakesh. These high-level launches of new commitments, large-scale programs and finance models will specifically target media reporting from COP22.

Individual Booths provide exhibition space for organizations who prefer to display publications and products outside thematic pavilions.

Structured Networking and knowledge-sharing exercises incentivize conversations between stakeholders who would not have met outside the Forum, structured along common interests and challenges.

The **Youth in Landscapes Initiative** includes a capacity-building component aimed at young professionals. Youth leaders will take on an active role within all breakout sessions, developing and seeing through the interactive facilitation plan together with session leaders.

For the first time, the GLF will host a space for **related events** outside the Forum's physical venue. Organizations can apply to be recognized as hosts of such events. All related events will be advertised through landscapes.org as well as the Forum's social media channels. Depending on technical requirements, related events can also be livestreamed on the website.

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