



Global
Landscapes
Forum

Be a part of the 2015 **Global Landscapes Forum**

5-6 December, Paris

Planning for the 2015 annual Global Landscapes Forum in Paris is already underway. As world leaders convene in 2015 to agree on Sustainable Development Goals and a new climate deal, the Forum will leverage this historical opportunity to shape the world's development agenda for decades to come. Over the past two years, the Global Landscapes Forum has evolved into the world's leading conference on land use issues. The Forum brings together thousands of stakeholders from across sectors, including forestry, agriculture, water, energy, law and finance.



Background and Achievements

In 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. CIFOR, FAO and UNEP came together as Coordinating Partners, supported by a consortium of 11 organizations working at the forefront of landscape approaches.

Highlights of the 2014 Global Landscapes Forum include:

- More than **1,700 participants** at the venue and more than **2,000 watching the live webcast**
- **262 expert speakers** and participants, among them **14 Ministers and Vice Ministers**, 6 governors and regional leaders and one former President
- **95 organizations** contributed to the Forum
- **Ministerial roundtable discussion on regional synergies for climate action between 12 Latin American Ministers and Vice Ministers** of environment, irrigation and agriculture as well as former Mexican President Felipe Calderon
- Outcome statement **shared with 1,134 REDD+ negotiators and policy makers**
- **450 students and young professionals** joined the 2014 Youth Session, master-classes and webinar, led by **25 mentors** from business, civil society, government and research organizations

2015 Timing and Location

The 2015 Forum will take place from 5-6 December at the Palais des congrès in Paris, on the sidelines of the UNFCCC COP21. More than 2,000 people are expected to join the Forum.

2015 Context

The year 2015 constitutes a major landmark for climate and development policy as countries are set to establish an agreement guiding climate action beyond 2020 as well as a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) replacing the MDGs.



Rachel Kyte
World Bank Vice
President and
Special Envoy for
Climate Change

“We’re delighted that the broader land-use communities are coming together [at the Global Landscapes Forum]. If the goal is clearly to decarbonize by 2100, then the way we manage landscapes and the value we place on nature and ecosystems will need to shift and soar to the top of the agenda.”



Paul Polman
CEO Unilever

“This is my first time in the Global Landscapes Forum. But I promise that it won’t be my last. Yes, we do have to produce more food. Yes, we do have to protect the forests—and support the communities that depend on them. We cannot succeed in one of these challenges without succeeding in the other. But it can be done.”



Helen Clark
UNDP
Administrator

“With a global climate agreement due to be finalized at the Paris Climate Conference at the end of the year and forests to be included in the Sustainable Development Goals to be adopted by UN member states in September, 2015 matters like no other year since the turn of the century.”



Proposed Themes

Forum partners will jointly select no more than 4 themes to guide discussions at the event. Climate change, food security and sustainable development will act as crosscutting topics. Sessions will be judged based on their relevance to these issues, diversity of speakers and methods they employ.

In an initial consultation, Forum organizers have identified the following potential themes:

- **Landscape restoration**
- **Rights and tenure**
- **Finance**
- **Measuring success**
- **Wild card topics to allow for sessions outside the main themes, based on exceptional relevance to science and policy**

Draft Agenda

Saturday, 5 December

Running throughout:

Youth Session

12.00 – 13.00 Registration

12.30 – 14.00 Launchpads

14.00 – 15.00 High-level

Opening Plenary

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.00 Six parallel

Discussion Forums;

knowledge sharing events

17.00 – 17.30 Break

17.30 – 19.00 Six parallel

Discussion Forums;

knowledge sharing events

19.00 – 21.00 Circus of

Knowledge

Sunday, 6 December

Running throughout: booths,

thematic pavilions

8.00 – 8.45 Registration

9.00 – 10.30 Six parallel

Discussion Forums

10.30 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 High-level

Dialogues

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch;

Launchpads

14.30 – 16.00 Six parallel

Discussion Forums

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Six parallel

Discussion Forums

18.00 – 18.30 Break

18.30 – 19.15 Closing

Ceremony

19.15 Onwards – cocktail

Format and Agenda

The 2015 Global Landscapes Forum will build on successful features of lessons learned from previous events to design an agenda that allows for maximum stakeholder engagement across all levels.

Discussion Forums, the most popular feature of previous events, will be further enhanced to allow for a more interactive exchange between speakers and the audience.

Plenary Sessions provide unique opportunities to discuss overarching issues by drawing on experts and prominent speakers from diverse backgrounds.

Launchpads are an ideal platform for presenting new research and initiatives. Launchpad applications will be evaluated by media and communications experts based on relevance, innovation and media interest.

Landscapes Laboratory stations showcase how open data, geospatial technologies, and the internet are revolutionizing our ability to monitor and manage the natural world.

Thematic Pavilions create spaces for exchange and networking around topics cutting across all Forum themes – such as gender, technology and innovation, climate change and food security.

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

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

VIP Luncheons are the ideal setting for policy makers to share ideas in an informal context.

Beyond the Event

The Global Landscapes Forum is unique by connecting the annual event to year-long outreach activities. The collaborative, unbranded website www.landscapes.org serves as an online information hub around landscapes and climate change. In 2015, Forum organizers will introduce new tools for online audience engagement. In June 2015, a Global Landscapes Forum side event on Finance held in London will facilitate an intensive workshop session for 100 finance, forestry and agriculture experts.

Joining the Landscapes Partnership

The 2015 Global Landscapes Forum offers opportunities for active participation and conceptual inputs across all levels.

Host Country Partners join at the highest level and advise Forum organizers on protocol and security.

Coordinating Partners take the lead role in organizing the Forum. Together, they form the Forum's Steering Committee, which jointly reaches all key decisions. They lead Science and Communication committees.

Implementing Partners offer their combined expertise to shape the Forum's content, working through the Science and Communication Committees.

Communication Partners are invited to assist Forum organizers in their various outreach activities.

Funding Partners can either support the Forum as general sponsors or fund various technical support requirements.

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