Restoration Scoping Dialogue

The Forests Dialogue

AGENDA

Day 1 Tuesday 31 January

09:00 Opening Plenary
- · Welcome and Introductions
- · Restoration Roundtable Overview
- · Background Paper Presentation and Questions

10:10 Coffee Break

10:30 Session I : Perspectives on the forest sector and ecosystem restoration
- · Sharing Stakeholder Perspectives
- · Breakout Discussion

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Session I breakout discussion report back and plenary reflections

14:00 Session II : Focus on the forest private sector and ecosystem restoration
- · Breakout Discussion

15:20 Coffee Break

15:40 Session II breakout discussion report back and plenary reflections

16:30 Day 1 Reflections

17:00 *Adjourn*

AGENDA

Day 2 Wednesday 1 February

08:30 *Breakfast*
09:00 Co-chair Day 1 Summary + Plenary discussion
10:10 Coffee Break
10:30 **Session III: Areas of agreement and disagreement**
·   Breakout Discussion
12:00 *Lunch*
13:00 Session III breakout discussion report back and plenary reflections
14:00 *Coffee*
14:20 Session IV: Prioritization and path forward
·   Plenary discussion : field dialogue locations, potential collaborations/partnerships, needs, opportunities
15:40 Closing
16:00 *Adjourn*

Welcome and Introductions

OPENING PLENARY

DIALOGUE CO-CHAIRS

Lyndall Bull (FAO)

Sarah Price (Sappi)

Kerry Cesareo (WWF)

Participant Introductions:
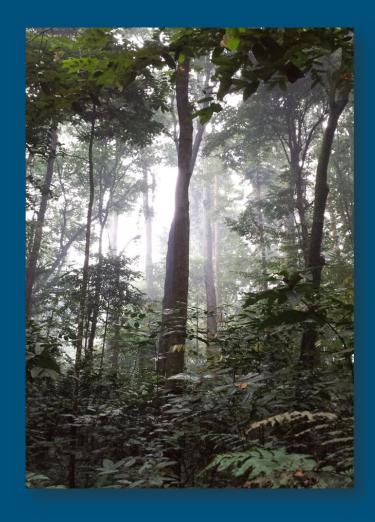*Please share your name, organization, location and your expectations for the dialogue*

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Dialogue Objectives

- **Build a collective understanding** of stakeholder perspectives and concerns, knowledge and research gaps, and priorities related to the forest sector's roles in ecosystem restoration.
- **Identify areas of agreement, disagreement, and fracture lines.**
- **Contribute to removing barriers and scaling up ecosystem restoration collaboration globally.**
- **Scope opportunities for dialogue to drive change and foster learnings** in specific locations through field dialogues and at global and regional levels.

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Dialogue Ground Rules

TFD Operates under the Chatham House Rule

"Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".

- The "Spirit" of dialogue

- Practice active listening

- Participate as individual

- Take space, make space

- Virtual engagement

- Help define and own the outcomes

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Purpose of TFDs "Scoping"

- Small group of invited participants are asked to share their experience and "weigh-in" on TFDs ability to positively address challenges;

- Intended to be an initial foray into a challenging, forest related issue;

- Listen, learn and share broad range of knowledge and experience;

- Not driving toward solutions...yet. Focus on key questions and opportunities for progress.

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Background
- Established in 2000 by NGO and Business Leaders;
- Created to reduce conflict among forest stakeholders;
- Global platform to discuss key SFM and conservation issues;
- Focused on building trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change.

Governance
- 25 member steering committee
- Secretariat based at Yale University
- Global Network of 3000+

TFDs "Dialogic Change" Model

1. **'ENGAGE':** Identify key issues, build trust, share perspectives and information.

2. **'EXPLORE':** Seek consensus about challenges and opportunities to solve a forest-related 'fracture-line'.

3 **'CHANGE':** Promote and facilitate actions that lead to solutions, with impact in policy and on the ground.

TFD's Initiatives 2000-2023

- Forests and Climate: including sub-initiatives on **Climate Positive Forest Products**; BioEnergy; Fire; Water; Restoration
- Tree Plantations in the Landscape
- Land Use Dialogues
- Understanding Deforestation-Free
- REDD+ Initiatives (4 total)
- Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forests
- Genetically Modified Trees
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification

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TFD by the Numbers

- 2000-present

- 1st dialogue in 2002 on Forest Certification

- 20 different Initiatives

- 80+ International Dialogues

- 36 different countries

- 3000+ Stakeholders

- 90+ SC Leaders

- 100+ Publications

RESTORATION ROUNDTABLE OF THE FOREST-BASED INDUSTRY: ENHANCING THE FOREST SECTOR'S ENGAGEMENT IN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

OVERVIEW

Lyndall Bull, FAO

BACKGROUND

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2020-2030

UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
2021-2030

A **world** where — for the health & wellbeing of **all life on Earth** & that of **future generations** — the **relationship** between humans and nature has been **restored**, where the area of **healthy ecosystems** is **increasing** and where **ecosystem loss**, fragmentation and degradation has been **ended.**

Provide a **forum for dialogue** between **FAO and the private sector** to enhance the understanding of emerging opportunities, and to identify and stimulate strategic actions by FAO, the private sector and other stakeholders that promote **sustainable forest management** and **sustainable consumption and production patterns** related to forest products.

ACTION PLAN

Goal 1: Enhancing global, regional, national, and local commitments and actions to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems.

Goal 2: Increasing our understanding of the multiple benefits of successful ecosystem restoration.

Goal 3: Applying this knowledge in our education systems and within all public and private sector decision-making.

Action Plan for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, 2021-2030

Version August 2022

THREE PATHWAYS

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Global movement

Political will

Technical capacity

THE TASK FORCE ON BEST PRACTICES IN A NUTSHELL

A collaborative effort on knowledge dissemination and capacity development
272 members from **115** organizations

ENHANCING THE FOREST-SECTOR'S ENGAGEMENT IN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

- Hosted by Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries (ACSFI) FAO in collaboration with The Forests Dialogue (TFD)

- Held in conjunction with the 26th session of FAO's Committee on Forestry (COFO)

- Aimed to discuss a shared vision amongst the forest-based industries for ecosystem restoration

BACKGROUND

ACSFI webinar

ACSFI statement

Enhancing the engagement of forest-based industries in ecosystem restoration (fao.org)

- **World Forestry Congress Investment Forum**
- **Background paper (draft)**

The roundtable was organized around the following objectives:

- ✓ Build trust and understanding through sharing experiences, questions, challenges and best practices for forest restoration;

- ✓ Discuss a vision and plan forward for forest-based industries;

- ✓ Scope opportunities and needs for further dialogue to drive understanding and action in specific contexts and contribute to global learnings.

Explored how forest-based industries can:

- Scale up ecosystem restoration efforts

- Enhance overall impact

- Share best practices

- Examine strategic benefits they can derive individually as well as collectively from ecosystem restoration

ENHANCING THE FOREST-SECTOR'S ENGAGEMENT IN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

20 participants including representatives from:

- World Economic Forum
- Enviva
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development-Forest Solutions Group
- Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA)
- Sumitomo Forestry
- Stora Enso
- Suzano
- Paper Manufacturers Association of South Africa (PAMSA)
- New Generations Plantations
- Oregon State University
- Mondi
- Klabin
- Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI) / International Council of Forest Paper Associations (ICFPA)
- CMPC Celulosa

OUTCOMES

1. **Build unity within the forest sector** through a shared ecosystem restoration vision, simple key messages, and identifying champions to motivate and share learnings.

2. **Develop good metrices** to facilitate goal setting and measurement of outcomes from restoration.

3. **Collaborate with other stakeholder groups** in restoration activities to build understanding and to enhance impact.

4. **Understand how degraded land and forest sector capacity aligns.**

5. **Establish new business cases for ecosystem restoration** based on research and practice.

6. **Identify and build understanding about business and financial models** that enhance shared value and deliver multiple outcomes.

- Through a shared ecosystem restoration vision, simple key messages, and identifying champions to motivate and share learnings

- Clear need for a compelling message on the nature-positive role many forest-based industry actors play in sustainable land management, conservation, and restoration

- Agreement and consistent communications about the roles, opportunities, and impacts of forest-based industries and the need for ecosystem restoration to protect the future of/and expand the bioeconomy

- A common vision for the forest sector's role in ecosystem restoration could be to build unity, clarify definitions, and mobilize other actors to engage in restoration

- Allows companies to track and communicate the change in an ecosystem's state, including social, environmental, biodiversity, and climate values

- Metrices should be commonly adopted across forest-based industries

- A key barrier to overcome to catalyze action both internally within companies and across the sector

- A mechanism to channel investment, give value to nature-positive actions, and incentivize sustainable practices

3. Collaborate with other stakeholder groups in restoration activities to build understanding and to enhance impact

- Need to collaborate broadly - NGOS, academia, government agencies, IGOs, multi-laterals, other private-sector actors, and multi-stakeholder engagement platforms

- Multiple scales: from a global collaboration agenda to engage multiple points in supply chains, to landscape level collaborations based in the local ecological and social needs and context

- Strong interest in engaging with other private-sector actors especially agriculture

- Multi-laterals can facilitate investment and alignment with national commitments.

- Dialogue can be a key mechanism to bring in additional perspectives, identify opportunities, and catalyze collaboration

- Need to map specific degraded land in need of restoration and assess the feasibility of forest-based industry involvement

- Feasibility will be shaped by:
  - the local ecological and social context including land tenure
  - land use history
  - interest of other landscape stakeholder and rights holders
  - company capacities

- A need to facilitate the link between on-the ground capacities and business cases with global and national restoration commitments under the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and related initiatives

5. Establish new business cases for ecosystem restoration based on research and practice

• Understanding and demonstrating the value proposition of engaging in ecosystem restoration at multiple scales is necessary to scale-up forest-based industry engagement.

• Business cases based in research and practical experiences are essential to demonstrate to companies how restoration on their lands, sourcing lands, and adjacent areas can benefit production areas.

• A business case needed for contributing to actions and demonstrating leadership at global scales

• Research can build sectoral growth strategies that expand landscape restoration and demonstrate the relationship between restoration and the bioeconomy

- Many approaches to ecosystem restoration require new business and financial models that deliver multiple outcomes and shared value

- As these green and blended finance models and investment platforms are developed and trialed, the sector needs to understand how to access emerging opportunities and learn from successful cases