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United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030)



Background



- **UNGA resolution A/RES/73/284 (1 March 2019):**
Prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide
- *FAO and UNEP invited to “lead the implementation of the Decade, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Rio conventions, other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and entities of the United Nations system [...]”*
- **Action platform** for enhancing and supporting existing restoration commitments and implementation of Rio Conventions and the SDGs



Natural Resources are the foundation for all SDGs

ECONOMY

SOCIETY

BIOSPHERE





Strategy and visual identity released
15 September, 2020

Available at www.decadeonrestoration.org

3 Pathways

1. A global movement

- Digital hub
- Awareness
- Education
- Ethics
- Economics
- Financing mechanisms



2. Political will

- Leaders as champions
- Legislation and policy
- Cross-sectoral dialogues
- Redirect subsidies



3. Technical capacity

- Design, implement, monitor & sustain
- Long-term research
- Lessons learned
- Indigenous knowledge
- Land tenure and FPIC



Task Force on Good Practices

85 members from 32 organizations

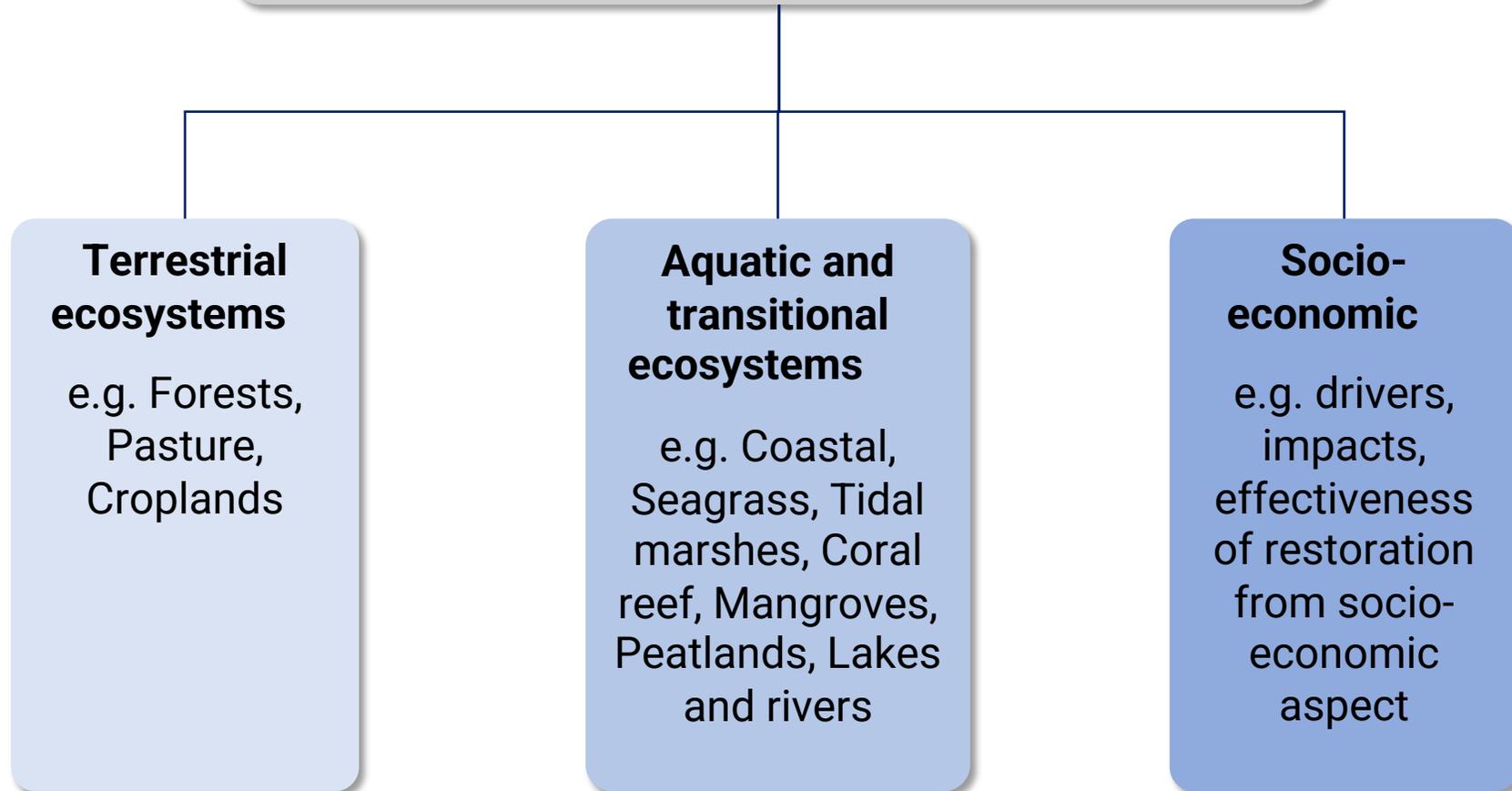


Enhancing technical capacity

The UN Decade will share best practices and lessons learned.



Monitoring Task Force



270 experts from 100+ organizations



Science Task Force (led by IUCN)

“What is quality ecosystem restoration” think piece – key messages

1. Ecosystem restoration is a means to attain multiple benefits and long-term **outcomes**. It involves different types of activities, actors and priorities. A working definition will be provided as well as principles upon which effective ecosystem restoration actions should be based. (*link with good practices task force*)
2. Enabling conditions, particularly institutions and actors at multiple levels, need to be understood, strengthened and reformed when needed. Taking a bottom up approach and a deep dive on institutions at multiple levels that will contribute to ER. Institutions refer to government, governance systems, and non-government stakeholders.
3. Managing trade-offs will allow to choose the most effective ER actions for **long-term success**. Between different ecosystem benefits, temporal trade-offs, spatial trade-offs, different local and global communities and uses of lands/seas, etc)



Finance Task Force (led by World Bank)

- Authoritative reference point for the UN Decade and backstop
- Tackles issues that are key to build the enabling environment for successful restoration (financial incentives; socio-economic aspects/criteria; policies and governance)
- Opportunities for scaling up public and private resources for ecosystem restoration
- Membership by invitation
- Working closely with World Bank Community of Practice



Youth Task Force (led by Children and Youth Organization accredited to UNEP)

Youth Paper

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030



Photos from various on-ground youth consultations that took place in 2019 on the strategy for restoration decade

- Composition

- Youth constituencies/counterparts on environmental topics in the UN
- Person-centric/minority youth stakeholder groups
- Youth counterparts of Collaborating Agencies
- Open call/application and nomination process for youth groups



Communication Strategy

A networked approach that...

Connects **hundreds** of selected global partners...
To **thousands** of local implementers...
Reaching **hundreds of millions** across the globe.

Building on insights from New Power to strengthen ownership and celebrate existing efforts by and within countries

Messaging: Positive and inclusive antidote to climate anxiety while inspiring a new *#GenerationRestoration*

Innovations: An interactive digital home for the Decade to communicate, support and scale action on the ground.



Use #GenerationRestoration

And other ways to get involved...

Resources

Visit www.decadeonrestoration.org for background information, news, and communication resources in up to 8 languages

Kindly approach us for original files if you intend to adapt resources for use in your country



Official UN Decade Launch Celebrations

- **Ecosystem Restoration Playbook** with inspiration for action on the ground launched 22 April (Earth Day)
- **Events hosted by 100+ partners**, from global institutions, to restoration leaders on the ground
 - 250 speakers
 - 10+ Ministers and Heads of States, 20+ CEOs, 50+ Heads of Organizations
 - 20,000+ participants in partner events
- Hundreds of millions reached through global campaign
- **UN Decade Official Launch Event – 4 June 2021**
 - Dignitaries included SG Antonio Guterres, Heads of State/Government, Pope Francis, Heads of Rio Conventions, Jane Goodall, celebrities from music and culture
- **World Environment Day Celebration hosted by Pakistan – 5 June 2021**

Members and partner opportunities: UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

- **Beyond the launch**

- Build the UN Decade momentum in your country, e.g. national language(s) website; stakeholder meetings; national targets
- Make restoration part of economic recovery plans & include restoration in NDCs, NAPAs & other key national plans
- Consider joining the informal “Friends of the UN Decade” exchanges among Governments
- Identify and propose national or regional ‘*Flagship Initiatives*’ for restoration
- Consider contributing to the UN Decade Multi-Partner Trust Fund, among the first donor countries
- **Engage and help disseminate the movement: Tag all #GenerationRestoration**

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Thank you



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