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FLR Asia Investment Forum

15-16 November 2023, Marriott Marquis Queen's Park, Bangkok, Thailand

Background:

Global restoration commitments cover around one billion hectares. Implementing these requires investments of up to USD 1 670 billion (for 10 years)¹. Forest and landscape restoration (FLR) is gaining momentum in the context of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, co-led by UNEP and FAO, to contribute to the targets of the Bonn Challenge, Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, Land Degradation Neutrality, and Global Land Initiative among others. Restoration of the world's degraded landscapes is critical for ensuring a healthy natural resource base for more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems.

At the regional level, the member countries of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission endorsed a [Regional Strategy and Action Plan for FLR \(RSAP\)](#) with strategic priorities for (i) facilitating and supporting the mobilisation of financing for FLR; and (ii) encouraging private sector participation and investment in FLR. The third Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study also emphasised the need for large investments in FLR, the continued lack of which poses a major barrier for countries in the region who aspire to restore a consolidated total of at least 185 million hectares of degraded land. Funding needs to be raised at scale from all appropriate sources to meet the national and regional goals.

FAO has been assisting Bangladesh, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste to scale up FLR through a Regional Technical Cooperation Programme (regional TCP) project. A key planned output of this project is a donors and partners' conference for scaling up restoration. A Regional Programmatic Framework for FLR building on the RSAP has been prepared as part of this project, and a Regional FLR Network of implementing partners is being shaped to help countries meet their restoration commitments and visions. FAO and partners aim to enhance and strengthen finance partnerships and coordinated investments in FLR, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC), the private sector, project aggregation, blended financing, and other emerging opportunities. The FLR Asia Investment Forum is a part of this effort.

Objective: Identify opportunities and collaboration modalities to strengthen FLR investments in Asia.

Target group: 40-50 participants, representing the investors/resource partners and implementers (see Annex 1 for potential organisations) committed to advancing FLR in Asia and representatives from the governments, including regional TCP project countries.

Format, date and venue: Hybrid, 15-16 November 2023 at Marriott Marquis Queen's Park, Bangkok

Outputs expected: Strategic priorities and concrete entry points for upscaling FLR investments identified, including by enhancing synergies across ongoing actions of participating organisations.

Co-organizers: FAO, IUCN and UNEP

Contributing partners: World Bank, ADB, AFoCO, USAID, IFAD, EU, CI, WWF, WRI, RECOFTC, UNDP, CIFOR/ICRAF (TBD)

Agenda: Attached Below

RSVP: [RSVP here for FLR Asia investment Forum](#)

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¹ <https://www.pbl.nl/sites/default/files/downloads/pbl-2022-the-global-potential-for-land-restoration-glo2-4816.pdf>

Day 1 (15 November 2023)

Time (ICT)	Agenda
09.00-09.15	Welcome and opening remark: Robert Simpson, Regional Programme Leader, FAO
09.15- 09.30	Scene setting: FLR in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FLR and the Regional FLR Strategy and Action Plan (Illias Animon, Forestry Officer, FAO) ● Perspectives from the National FLR Investment Roundtable (Mariam Akhter, Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangladesh Forest Department)
Session 1 Investments in FLR in Asia; where we are now, where we want to be, and how to get there Panel & plenary discussion: focus on Investment scale/ type, geographical/thematic priorities, lessons learned, etc.	
09.30-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: Gijs Theunissen, Agricultural Counsellor ● USAID: Suphasuk Pradubsuk, Program Development Specialist, USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia ● AFD: Huihui Zhou, Environmental & Social, SDG Officer, Southeast Asia Region ● GIZ: Siegmur Schoenherr, Forestry Advisor, GIZ Laos ● World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD):Ryan Whisnant, Director, Land Use Finance & Member of the WBCSD Extended Leadership Group ● Conservation International: Nicholas Souter, Freshwater Director – CI Cambodia ● ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity: Clarissa Arida, Director of Programmes Department ● AFoCO: Emily Marie Lim, Program Officer, Strategic Planning Team ● Landscape Partnership Asia: Brenna Moore, Senior Advisor – Grants & Partnerships, Global EverGreening Alliance ● Q&A
10.30-10.45	COFFEE
10.45-12.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UN Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat: Jamal Annagylyjova, Ecosystem Restoration Officer ● EcoMatcher Limited: Bas Fransen, CEO and Founder ● FAO: Jiaoqun Shi, Special Advisor ● CIFOR-ICRAF: Himlal Baral, Senior Scientist ● WWF – Greater Mekong: Natasha Han, Forest Intelligence Coordinator ● WRI India: Ruchika Singh, Executive Program Director, Food, Land and Water ● IKEA: Otto Zvagins, Wood Supply and Forestry Regional Manager ● Grow Asia: Megan Sullivan, Head of Programs ● Asian Development Bank: Le Lan, Environmental Economist, Natural Capital and Climate Team ● World Bank: Arturo Bolondi, Natural Resources Management Specialist ● Q&A ● Plenary discussion (Facilitated by Illias Animon, Forestry Officer, FAO)
12.50-13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FLR National Action Plan in Nepal: Lessons and investment opportunities (Sagar K. Rimal, Consultant, Nepal)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FLR and Sustainable Wood Supply: Reflections on advancing investments from the APFC 30 Dialogue Day (Peter Kanowski, Professor, The Australian National University)
13.00-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-14.15	Launching the KID4FLR initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mami Wada, HR Officer, Recruitment and Staffing, Human Resources Division, FAO ● KID4FLR volunteers' introduction, Devin Sethi, Consultant, FAO ● Tomomi Ishida, Social Protection Officer, FAO
Session 2 The Regional FLR Programmatic Framework/ Network Panel and plenary discussion: where we are now, where we want to be, and how to get there	
14.15-14.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Regional FLR Programmatic Framework/ Network proposal: Unna Chokkalingam, Consultant, FAO ● Panel discussion with country representatives and partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liu Wei (Director of Planning Division, APFNet) ● Nicholas Souter (Freshwater Director – Cambodia, Conservation International) ● Fidaa Haddad (Forestry Officer, FAO) ● Natasha Han (Forest Intelligence Coordinator, WWF) ● Anushree Bhattacharjee (Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC) ● Mariam Akhter (Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangladesh) ● Abdul Haq Sheikh (Divisional Forest Officer, Pakistan)
14.55-15.10	FLR Projects; diversity and mapping: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, IUCN Asia & Sojung Kang, International Landscape Restoration Associate, FAO
15.10-15.25	COFFEE
15.25-16.30	Plenary discussion: Operationalizing the Regional FLR Programmatic Framework/ Network (Facilitated by Unna Chokkalingam, Consultant, FAO)
16.30-18.00	Parallel events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtual Event: Landscape Partnership Asia Technical Partners' Roundtable ● Closed meeting: the terminal report of the Regional TCP project

Day 2 (16 November 2023)

Time (ICT)	Agenda
09.00-09.15	Recap and introduction to innovative FLR finance: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, IUCN Asia
Session 1 continued Investments in FLR in Asia; where we are now, where we want to be, and how to get there Panel & plenary discussion: focus on Innovative finance, Investment scale/ type, geographical/thematic priorities, lessons learned, etc	
09.15-11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Forests: Geoffrey Seeto, Head of Emerging Markets ● Auburn University: Daowei Zhang, Professor of Forest Economics and Associate Dean ● Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC): Wisnu Wibisono, Project Manager, Investor Practice team ● Palladium International: Jeremiah Ayensu Bentum, Senior Manager, Climate, Environment & Natural Resources; Regional Manager for Partnerships for Forests Programme in SEA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pegasus Capital Advisors: Peter Kennedy, Chief Investment Officer ● GEF: Matthew Reddy, Senior Private Sector Specialist ● USAID: Suphasuk Pradubsuk, Program Development Specialist, USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia ● Asian Development Bank: Le Lan, Environmental Economist, Natural Capital and Climate Team ● Conservation International: Nicholas Souter, Freshwater Director – CI Cambodia ● Q&A
11.00-11.15	COFFEE
11.15-12.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FAO: Cathy Cao Xi, Regional Innovative Finance and Partnerships Specialist ● Forliance: Mauro Giuseppe Ciriminna, Senior Advisor, Project Originator and Financing ● BIOTEC (National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology): Warinthorn Songkasiri, Principal Researcher ● UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: Natalia Alekseeva, Principal Coordinator of the UN Decade (TBC) ● UNEP Restoration Factory, Restoration Explorer approach, RSCF: Jonathan Gheysens, Programme Officer ● UNEP Sustaining an Abundance of Forest Ecosystems (SAFE): Alexis Corblin, Senior Regional Advisor ● UNDP Biodiversity Credit Alliance: Manesh Lacoul, Global Coordinator ● World Bank: Arturo Bolondi, Natural Resources Management Specialist ● Q&A ● Facilitated dialogue: How to strengthen collaboration/synergies towards innovative FLR investments in the context of the Regional FLR Network/Programmatic Framework (Facilitated by Satrio Adi Wicaksono, IUCN)
12.50-13.00	FLR National Action Plan in Pakistan: Lessons and investment opportunities, Anwar Ali, Director Forestry Research, Pakistan Forest Institute
13.00-14.00	LUNCH
Session 2 continued The Regional FLR Programmatic Framework/ Network Panel and plenary discussion: Strengthening the FLR Regional Programmatic Framework	
14.00-14.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections on the Framework from Day 1 and moving forward: Unna Chokkalingam, Consultant, FAO ● Views from potential Champion countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Viet Nam: Tran Quang Bao, DG of the Department of Forestry (TBC) ● Japan: Naoki Hayasaka, Deputy Director, Forest Agency of Japan ● China: Yang Hui, Division Director of Department of Ecology Conservation and Restoration, National Forestry and Grassland Administration ● Reflections from other countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lao PDR (Teuanchay Phongkhamphanh, DG of the Department of Forestry) ● Pakistan (Abdul Haq Sheikh, Divisional Forest Officer, Sindh Forest Department) ● Bangladesh (Mariam Akhter, Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests, Development Planning Unit) ● Timor-Leste (Adelino Rojario, Chief of Department of Reforestation)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Papua New Guinea (Hano Yatapya, Tree Plantation Officer, Afforestation & Reforestation Directorate) ● Bhutan (Sonam Tobgay, Chief Forestry Officer, Ministry of Energy & Natural Resources) ● Mongolia (Oyunsanaa Byambasuren, Director-General, National Forest Agency) ● Thailand (Suwan Tangmitchareon-Director of Forest Research and Development Bureau, Royal Forest Department) ● Nepal (Deepak K Kharal, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment; TBC)
14.45-15.00	COFFEE
15.00-16.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunities and options for strengthening the FLR Regional Programmatic Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lessons from other regions/initiatives (Raquibul Amin, Country Representative for Bangladesh, IUCN) ● Opportunities for strengthening regional collaboration on FLR (Makiko Yashiro, Programme Management Officer, UNEP) ● FAO Forestry Division roadmap 2024-2031 and FLR Umbrella programme (Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director, FAO) ● Monitoring the FLR Framework using FERM/other tools (Julian Fox, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO) ● FAO FLRM, TRI and funding under the UN Decade (Christophe Besacier, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO) ● FLR linkages with the private sector and and FLR framework (Lyndall Bull, Forestry Officer, FAO) ● Energising FLR practitioners: FLR PRO (Regina Durst, Consultant, FAO) ● Innovations and other efforts for knowledge management and capacity building (Megha Bajaj, Consultant, FAO) ● Plenary Discussion: tools, approaches and ways forward for strengthening the Framework (Facilitated by Unna Chokkalingam, Consultant, FAO)
16.50-17.00	Next steps: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, IUCN Asia
17.00-17.30	Closed meeting: the ways ahead with the Regional TCP project

Annex 1: Potential participant organizations

<p>South-South and Triangular Cooperation</p>	<p>Multilateral Development Funds / Institutions Agroecology Fund Asian Development Bank (ADB) Climate Investment Fund European Union (EU) Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) International Finance Corporation (IFC) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions Facility (NAMA) Nordic Development Fund OPEC Fund for International Development Restoration Seed Capital Facility World Bank (IBRD)</p>	<p>I/NGOs & Initiatives Arannayk Foundation AFoCO Change Fusion Institute CIFOR-ICRAF Climate Bonds Initiative Conservation International EB Impact Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) ITTO IUCN Landscape Finance Lab NatureVest Impact Investments, TNC Plant-for-the-Planet RECOFTC SNV The Asia Foundation The &Green Fund Trees for All Tropenbos International World Wildlife Fund (WWF) WWF Forest Forward program Wetlands International Wyss Academy for Nature</p>	<p>Private Philanthropy/ Foundations/Associations (Non-Profit) Adessium Foundation ADM Capital Foundation Arcadia Fund Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) Bezos Earth Fund Climate Markets and Investment Association (CMIA) Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund David and Lucile Packard Foundation Ford Foundation Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation WBCSD- Forestry Solutions Group</p>
<p>Bilateral Developmental Assistance Australia Canada / CIDA China Denmark / DANIDA Finland / FINNIDA France / AFD / Proparco Germany / GIZ / International Climate Initiative (IKI) Japan / JICA Republic of Korea / KOICA Luxembourg Netherlands/ FMO / Netherlands Enterprise Agency / DFCD Norway / NORAD / Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI) Russian Federation Swedish Embassy / SIDA Switzerland / Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) United Kingdom' to 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/ UKAID / Defra-Darwin Initiative / Partnership for Forests United States of America / USAID</p>	<p>Vertical Finance Instruments Adaptation Fund (AF) Green Climate Fund (GCF) Global Environment Facility (GEF) Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)</p>	<p>Private and State Financial Institutions/ Funds/ Asset Managers AXA Impact Fund Climate & Biodiversity Climate Asset Management European Investment Bank International Development Finance Club (IDFC) KFW Development Bank New Development Bank Rabobank Terra Bella Fund</p>	<p>Blended Finance Agri-business Capital Fund (ABC Fund) Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest finance (LEAF) Coalition Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF) Tropical Forest Alliance</p>

Private Corporations, Land Managers, Service Providers and Initiatives that implement, fund or raise funds for FLR

[AstraZeneca Forest](#)
[CO2 Operate BV](#)
[Eco securities](#)
[Earthshot Labs](#)
[Fairventures Social Forestry \(FSF\)](#)
[First Climate](#)
[Forest Carbon](#)
[Global Forest Partners](#)
[GreenWood Resources](#)
[IKEA](#)
[Lestari Capital](#)
[Mirova](#)
[New Forests](#)
[Niras](#)
[One Planet Business for Biodiversity \(OP2B\)](#)
[Palladium International](#)
[Permian Global](#)
[Resource Management Service](#)
[SilviCapital AB](#)
[South Pole](#)
[Temasek](#)
[The Dutch Planet Postcode](#)
[The Sustainable Trade Initiative \(IDH\)](#)

[Arcus Foundation](#)
[Asia Investor Group on Climate Change \(AIGCC\)](#)
[Bertarelli foundation](#)
[Biopama](#)
[Bloomberg Philanthropies](#)
[Canada Fund for Local Initiatives \(CFLI\)](#)
[Children's Investment Fund Foundation](#)
[Client Earth](#)
[ClimateWorks Foundation](#)
[Common fund for Commodities \(CFC\) - The Agricultural Commodity Transformation Fund \(ACT\)](#)
[Conservation, Food & Health Foundation](#)
[Cool Earth](#)
[Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund](#)
[Danforth Conservation Grants](#)
[Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities](#)
[Dhanam Foundation](#)
[Diakonia](#)
[DOB Ecology](#)
[Donald Gordon Foundation](#)
[EDGE Protected and Conserved Area Fund](#)
[Edmond de Rothschild Foundations](#)
[Equator Initiative](#)
[European Climate Foundation](#)
[Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco](#)
[Fundación Avina](#)
[Forest Conservation Fund](#)
[German Postcode Lottery – Global Nature Fund](#)
[Good Energies Foundation](#)
[Global EbA Fund](#)
[Global Greengrants Fund](#)
[Heinrich Böll Foundation](#)
[Hewlett Foundation](#)

[International Tree Foundation \(UK Community Tree Planting Programme\)](#)
[John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#)
[La Iomellina](#)
[Land Accelerator](#)
[Landscape Resilience Funds](#)
[LEAF/Emergent climate](#)
[Legacy Landscapes Fund](#)
[Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation](#)
[Livelihoods Fund](#)
[Mahathir Science Award Foundation](#)
[Margaret A. Cargill Foundation](#)
[McKnight Foundation](#)
[Milieudefensie](#)
[Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund](#)
[Nature+ Accelerator Fund](#)
[National Geographic Society](#)
[Nordic Climate facility](#)
[Oak Foundation](#)
[One Tree Planted](#)
[Open Philanthropy Project](#)
[Oppenheimer Generations Foundation](#)
[Oxfam World Novib](#)
[Panaroma solutions](#)
[Partnership for Forests](#)
[Paulson Institute](#)
[People's Postcode Trust](#)
[Rainforest Trust](#)
[Rights and Resources Initiative](#)
[Rob Walton Foundation](#)
[Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors](#)
[Roddenbery Foundation](#)
[SAARC Development Fund](#)
[Sangreal Foundation](#)
[Schmidt Family Foundation](#)
[Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund](#)
[SeaWorld & Busch Conservation Fund](#)

[Stiftung Artenschutz](#)
[SuMi TRUST](#)
[Swedish Postcode Foundation](#)
[Terra Match](#)
[Terraformation](#)
[The Development Fund \(Utviklingsfondet\)](#)
[The Everglades Foundation](#)
[The Waterloo Foundation](#)
[Turner Foundation](#)
[Wildlife Conservation Network](#)
[Van Tienhoven Foundation](#)
[Veolia Foundation](#)
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