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**Landscape Partnership Asia: Restoring
Drylands and Drought-Prone Areas**

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Land degradation is negatively affecting the well-being of the world's critical dryland ecosystems, which are home to 2.5 billion people. In Asia, drylands represent over 50% of the continent's land surface. Despite the growing challenges of land degradation on biodiversity conservation, food security, and climate change mitigation and adaptation, few transboundary initiatives exist to restore degraded drylands and drought-prone areas in Asia. To address this gap, the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), and the Global EverGreening Alliance (the Alliance) established the Landscape Partnership Asia (LPA). Through LPA, these partners aim to bring 10 million hectares of degraded land under integrated dryland and drought management by 2032. At least 14 countries in Central, East, South and Southeast Asia have already confirmed their participation in LPA with many more expected to join.

Join founding members and guests for the official launch of Landscape Partnership Asia, where investment and membership opportunities will be shared alongside activities to support achievements toward zero net land degradation.

Speakers



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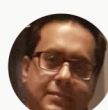
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