

# Climate finance opportunities to foster forest-positive agriculture:

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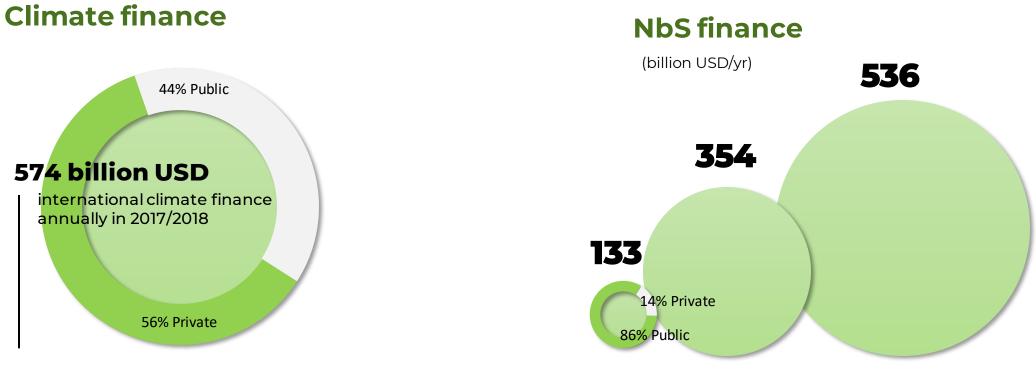


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### **Global Climate and NbS finance**

Despite the significant potential as a climate solution, **Land-use related finance** receive only 4 % of climate finance – about half from private sector.



#### 21 billion USD (4%) in Land use

2030

2050

2019

### Broader landscape of land use finance

#### Domestic flows: National Financing on agriculture

**Global agricultural support** - \$700 billion a year (Of which 540 billion USD to farmers) (OECD, 2021)

ODA

Mainly grant-based funding to provide technical assistance -2.4 billion USD/year on NbS -11 billion USD/year on agriculture

#### **Voluntary Carbon Markets**

Market mechanisms to incentivize GHG emission reductions and stimulate trading of emission rights (ex., 221 million USD /year (UNEP, 2021))

# Result based payments

Results-based finance for REDD+ (ex. GCF RBP)

#### International Funding

Grant-based funding to provide technical assistance and support REDD+ investments (ex.: GCF, GEF, CAFI, etc.)

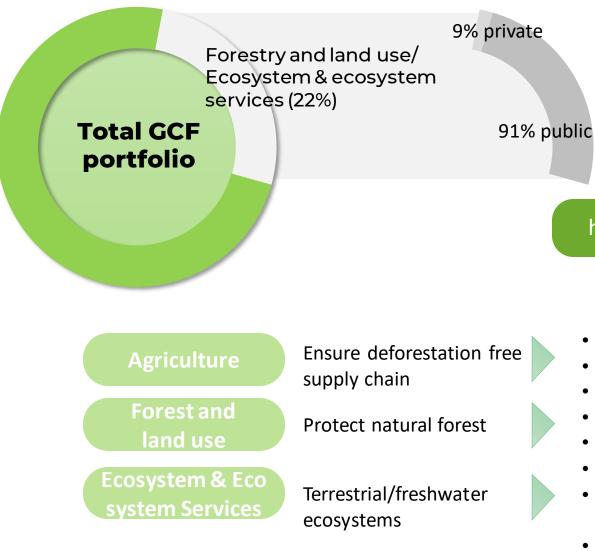
#### Blended Finance Initiatives

The use of public finance to attract and de-risk private sector capital, through the use of different financial instruments, such as guarantees and TA facilities (ex, 6 billion USD/year is funded to agriculture )

#### **Private sector finance**

Private/commercial banking sector to producers in Land use accounted for 560 billion USD/year (OECD, 2021) Sustainable supply chain finance was 7 billion USD/year (UNEP, 2021)

# **Opportunities of International finance: GCF**



To achieve a paradigm shift, the Theory of Change (ToC) needs to be developed through its four pillars:
1) transformational planning;
2) catalysing innovation;
3) mobilising finance at scale; and
4) knowledge replication.

#### how the different GCF sector strategies foresee investments

#### Potential project activities

- Identify key leverage points to catalyse sustainable supply chain
- Enabling market, trade, infrastructure, transport.
- Quality and sustainability certification & regulation
- Support PPPs to stimulate supply chain
- Guarantees, concessional debt & equity investments
- Engage food system platform/industry alliances
- Test alternative policies/markets to incentivise deforestation-free supply chains
- Traceability of certification for commodities

Zero-deforestation cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire – PROMIRE project



#### USD 11.75m

GCF financing 85.1% Grant 10mUSD Co-financing 14.9% USD 1.75mUSD

# Of agriculture:

#### Agroforestry development in Congo – PREFOREST project



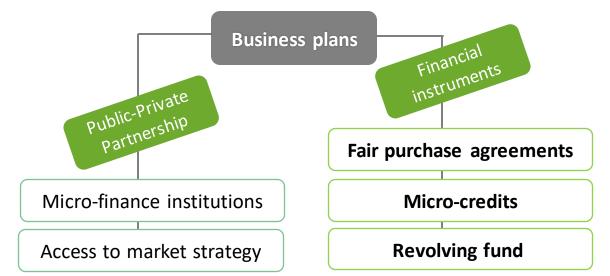
#### USD 46.6m

GCF financing 62.3% Grant 29mUSD Co-financing 37.7% USD 17.6mUSD

#### Leveraged Financial Strategy:

Micro-finance institutions

Long-term sustainability



**Off-takers** 

Private sector investor

### Opportunities of International finance: GEF 8

#### Food Systems Integrated Program

**Goal:** To catalyze the transformation to sustainable and regenerative food systems that are nature positive, climate resilient and nutrient pollution-free

**Key interventions at global:** Leveraging Private and Financial Sectors, Cross-scale support, Scaling impact.

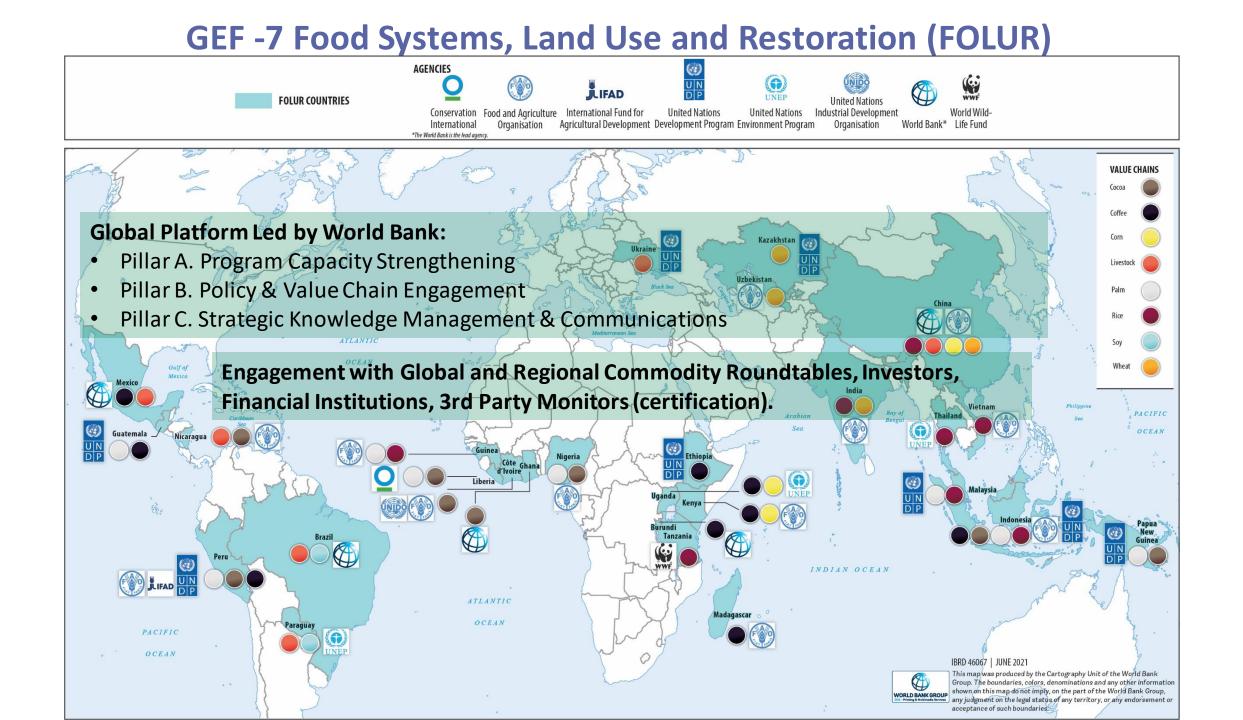
Among key intervention at national level:

• Sustainable and Regenerative agriculture: enabling environment towards sustainability through a diversity of approaches including: avoiding deforestation.



The primary crops of focus will include commodities that are causing significant deforestation in the tropics (soy, palm, coffee and cocoa)





# **Opportunities for forest positive agriculture in the carbon market**



#### Example activities

#### Project level:

- Reforestation: Smallholder agroforestry
- Avoided deforestation: Management of tree crops (cocoa, coffee)
- Avoided deforestation: Alternative livelihood options for smallholders
- Enhancement of soil carbon: Climate-smart agriculture

#### Jurisdictional programmes:

- Land-use planning to direct agricultural expansion
- Promote high-carbon stock agriculture through certification

Will carbon market income effectively incentivize these activities? How high are costs for carbon standards, MRV and certification?

# **Opportunities from ESG requirements**

Over **3800** signatories with **121** trillion USD assets managed under PRI



#### Investor Initiative for Sustainable Forests (IISF)

45 investors exposed to commodity-driven deforestation

#### Investor expectations statements:

- SOY, CATTLE and PALM OIL statement made
- Signed by about 50 investors representing approximately US\$6.5 trillion in assets.

#### By 2022 Q3 – to act deforestation:

 Align requirements, metrics, and practices and establish tools and processes to act/report. Over **680** companies reported steps to avoid deforestation in 2020



#### **CDP Forests Reporting Guidance**

Since 2013, specific questionnaires/15KPIs on forest risks asked and disclosed

#### 15 KPIs:

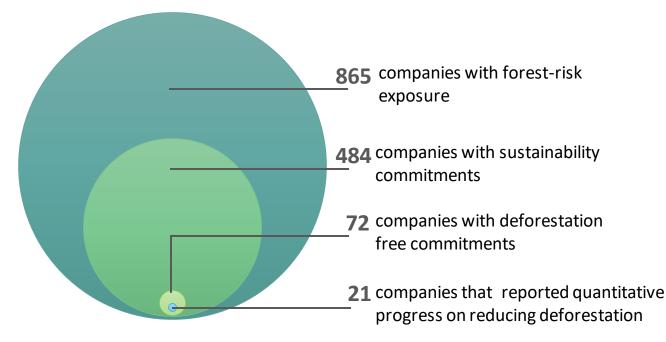
- Governance
- Strategy
- Risk management
- Targets
- Certification
- Traceability

- Compliance
- Legal compliance
- Smallholder engagement
- Direct suppliers engagement
- Beyonf 1st tier suppliers
- Forest related external activities
- Beyond no-deforesation

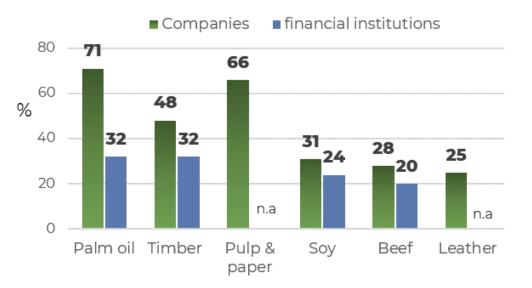
# **Redirecting** existing corporate and financial institutions' investments

- Many companies have taken commitments but face challenges meeting them
- Financial institution's commitments are still limited: key role to unlock private investments, bridge supply, and demand.
- Financial risks of deforestation are about 9 times more than the cost of responding to the risks. (53.1, 6.6 billion USD respectively, CDP):

#### The cost to ignore deforestation is greater than the cost of action

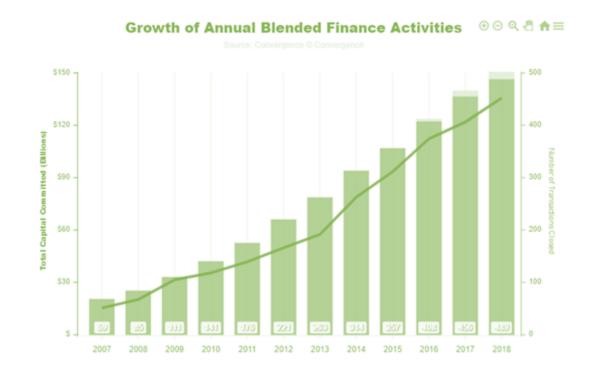


The percentage of major commodity companies and financial institutions with deforestation commitments



## **Opportunities of Blended Finance**

Blended finance - the strategic use of public finance for the mobilization of additional finance towards SDGs

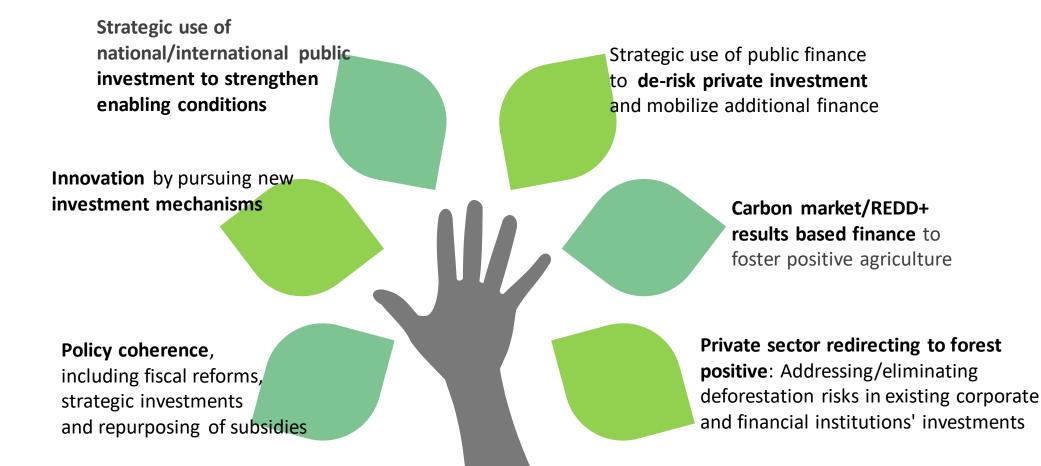


- Rapid growth- with more than 100 billion USD mobilized annually.
- About 15% focus on agriculture (6 billion USD annually) and 9% relates to agroforestry out of the global transaction on blended finance.

#### Examples to achieve scale

- Financial risk-sharing mechanisms;
- **Technical assistance** for bankability/ implementation;
- Financial service provider/vehicle;
- Financial incentives to encourage local financial service providers/investors;
- Financial Capacity-building programmes to financial service providers, central banks etc.
- Providing affordable local currency loans (ex, foreign exchange risk mitigation).

# Finance opportunities' to forest positive supply chains



# THANK YOU

More about FAO's work on REDD+: <u>www.fao.org/redd</u>

