



FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

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Background

- Continued forest and land degradation is exacerbating poverty and food insecurity throughout the world – drivers must be addressed and degradation reversed
- The scale of problem is enormous: \$4-20 trillion/yr are lost in ecosystem goods and services from degradation
- However, globally > 2 billion ha of degraded land offer vast opportunities for restoring productivity and enhancing the provision of ecosystem services



Background

- Global initiatives and targets provide context and incentives for action: Bonn Challenge, New York Declaration on Forests, CBD Aichi Targets, etc.
- Regional initiatives are increasingly important for restoration: AFR100, GGWSSI, Initiative 20x20, etc.
- AFWC has a key role to play in setting the restoration agenda for Africa and in supporting country efforts



Forest & Landscape Restoration Mechanism

- FAO launched FLR Mechanism at COFO22 as response to request from governments to support countries' restoration efforts to meet their Bonn Challenge and other pledges/commitments.
- The FLRM is currently supporting 7 countries (including Rwanda and Uganda) to prepare and implement wide scale restoration programmes that are cross-sectoral and address multiple objectives.



Forest & Landscape Restoration Mechanism

Country level support:

- Facilitate multi-stakeholder processes to assess opportunities and plan FLR action
- Develop/disseminate tools and good practices
- Facilitate establishment of pilot activities and broker large-scale projects and funding
- Support country efforts at monitoring and quality control



Forest & Landscape Restoration Mechanism

Global level support:

- Develop guidelines for monitoring, measuring, reporting
- Help understand sources of financing of FLR and assist with resource mobilization
- Connect FLR efforts to global and regional commitments, initiatives and processes
- Support building of operational partnerships that stress inter-sectoral collaboration



Forest & Landscape Restoration Mechanism

- FLRM is helping FAO deliver on new Strategic Framework (SO2 and SO5)
- Working in a cross-sectoral manner, connecting many different technical areas in FAO and in partnership with major programmes, e.g. UN-REDD, FFF, LADA, GIAHS, etc.

Points for consideration

AFWC invites countries to:

- Strengthen mechanisms for inter-sectoral cooperation
- Consider making pledges to global or regional restoration targets/initiatives (e.g. Bonn Challenge, Aichi Targets)
- Strengthen enabling conditions for financing FLR and resource mobilization efforts
- Support FLR Mechanism at FAO

AFWC recommends FAO to:

- Support country planning and implementation of FLR
- Strengthen collaboration with global partnerships and initiatives
- Strengthen cross-cutting and inter-sectoral work through MAWs and RIs
- Engage actively with resources partners (e.g. GEF, GCF) and private sector



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