

Item 4. State of the World's Forests 2026: Restoring forests and landscapes - the way forward for a sustainable future

WWF statement

WWF and the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration congratulates FAO for the launch of The State of the World's Forests SOFO2026 and thanks Christophe Besacier for his leadership and for the opportunity to contribute to this key publication on forest and landscape restoration.

We would like to urge countries to consider SOFO pathways – people, land, policy and finance - that aims to accelerate landscape restoration, promote policy coherence and synergy across the Rio Conventions, and build an inclusive restoration economy that reaches the ground and promote effective land use change and generates multiple benefits that lasts.

WWF and GPFLR members are here to continue to collaborate and collaborate with countries as we work to achieve impact across the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and beyond.

Invite all to attend the **Side event: Implementing Forest and landscape restoration: from commitments to action** THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026, FROM 08:00 TO 09:15 CEST/SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE (HYBRID)