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# INTRODUCING THE GLOBAL LANDSCAPES FORUM

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest, knowledge-led forum on integrated land use, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 and the Paris Agreement. Founded by the World Bank, the UN Environment Programme and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the GLF is proud to have 30 of the world's leading development and environmental organizations

serving as its **Charter Members**. Core funding for GLF has been provided by the Government of Germany. Through global events (see full list [here](#)), learning and training activities, GLF has connected more than 5,200 organizations, 50,000 youth between the ages of 18-35, 90 governments and 205,000 event participants from over 185 countries, while reaching over 800 million people through social and traditional media.

## Global Landscapes Forum

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on integrated land use, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement. GLF takes a holistic approach to create sustainable landscapes that are productive, prosperous, equitable and resilient and considers five cohesive themes of food and livelihoods, landscape restoration, rights, finance and measuring progress. It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), in collaboration with its co-founders UN Environment Programme and the World Bank and Charter Members.

**Charter Members:** CIAT, CIFOR, CIRAD, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Crop Trust, EcoAgriculture Partners, EFI, Evergreen Agriculture, FSC, GEF, GIZ, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, INBAR, IPMG, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, RRI, SAN, UN Environment, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, part of Wageningen Research, WFO, World Agroforestry, World Bank Group, WRI, WWF Germany, Youth in Landscapes Initiative.

## Funding partners



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## GOAL

Our goal at GLF is to build a worldwide movement of 1 billion people towards the creation of sustainable landscapes that are productive, prosperous, equitable and resilient.

## WHY?

Sustainable landscapes form the very foundation of the future we want for our world. From achieving the Paris Agreement to realizing each of the Sustainable Development Goals – sustainable landscapes are at the core of what we do.

## APPROACH

With science and traditional knowledge underpinning our work, the GLF works across five themes: Food and Livelihoods, Restoration, Sustainable Finance, Rights and Measuring Progress.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The GLF has succeeded in mainstreaming integrated sustainable landscape approaches into development and conservation thinking and planning, while simultaneously changing the narrative in this regard.

The GLF has contributed to tangible change on the ground. In Indonesia, for example, by spotlighting a small, highly scientific and technical conference on peatland management, GLF has ultimately helped to initiate legal and regulatory changes, including the application of scientific advice.

The GLF has built a broad and powerful coalition of organizations that support this vision: the **GLF Charter Members**. Working together, we partner in some of the sector's most prominent and impactful initiatives.

**The GLF is also a member of the Consortium of the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration**, joining the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the International Union of Conservation for Nature (IUCN) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO). This offers us a unique opportunity to help shape the to help shape the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

Furthermore, the GLF is a **key implementing partner in the FOLUR Global Knowledge to Action Platform**. This operates under the mandate of the Global Environment Facility 7 (GEF-7) Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program (FOLUR). The program seeks to promote sustainable integrated landscapes and efficient food value chains at scale.

The opening of the newly established **Institute for Resilient Landscapes** in Bonn, Germany – where GLF is based – further demonstrates the sustainable landscape hub developing GLF. It also demonstrates the ability of GLF to influence and mainstream integrated landscape approaches as a holistic solution to the threats facing our land- and seascapes, and the livelihoods depending on them.

Under the **Sustainable Finance** theme, GLF has played a major role in shaping and informing finance projects for sustainable landscapes - through the annual Investment Case Symposium. The way forward involves a shift in financial flows to sustainable land-use models that are financially viable. To achieve this, we share the knowledge we have gained about existing innovations, and continuously build new solutions.

Previous Investment Case Symposiums have explored the economic drivers of land degradation and demonstrated the power of market-driven solutions; and all have sought solutions to mainstreaming sustainable finance and seen the launch of decisive, sustainable finance initiatives. These include the **Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility**, the \$300 million **Land Degradation Neutrality Fund** and **USAID's Investor Survey on Land Rights**.

## TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE AT SCALE

The GLF aims to connect those who can provide funds or knowledge with sites and projects to set into motion a powerful and potentially transformative mechanism of scaling up action. This occurs through knowledge sharing practices and solutions, as well as integrating these into national and international policy frameworks, global agreements and national and local regulation.

The GLF's connection with grassroots movements and local changemakers, as well as large, multilateral donors and policymakers such as the World Bank, UNEP, FAO, GEF and others, puts the GLF in a unique position. Through our traditional and social media reach, online conferencing facilities, learning programs and numerous other supportive programs, GLF is primed to become the leading global network to scale and bring to action solutions that work.

# KEY AREAS

## for impact and support



## Youth in Landscapes Initiative and Generation Restoration

The Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL) is a growing global network of over 50,000 young people. Its partners include **the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) and the Global Agroecology Alliance (GAEA)**. YIL unites and enables youth aged 18-35 years, drawn from diverse backgrounds around the world, to have a public voice and to create positive change for sustainable landscapes and community livelihoods. To achieve its mission, in the last year alone YIL has delivered four workshops on various topics (including rights and climate change, community-based projects and sustainable finance) and united more than 900 young people in person at GLF events while reaching thousands more online. Through the new program Generation

Restoration, YIL will support youth restoration activities and ensure knowledge and experience sharing among a global network of young restoration actors in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

**There are many ways to support YIL activities:** from sponsoring **Restoration Stewards**, summer camps or interactive workshops, to supporting youth attendance at landscape events throughout the year. We are still looking for partners to support Generation Restoration which will begin in 2021. By supporting our youth program, you can make a difference through helping the next generation of landscape leaders.



## GLFx

The recently launched GLFx is built of independently organized local chapters, designed to foster action on the ground by empowering communities, innovators and change-makers to share their knowledge, jointly develop solutions that are custom-made for their individual environments and situations and help bring proven solutions to scale. The individual chapters are connected by an online platform that allows for learning, sharing, collective action and scaling up initiatives, as well as fundraising.

The GLFx platform brings together the local and global levels, cutting-edge technology, community organizing and deep-rooted local knowledge in a meaningful way, which could then catalyze the type of transformative changes that have been sought for so long.

**Opportunities are available now to support** the entire program, individual local chapters or regions, or to provide IT support and sponsorship.



## Conversations with the power to change the world

What sets GLF conferences apart is the diversity of participants – both on and off-stage. GLF's strong and unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusivity beyond gender, age and race has led to an MOU and funding grant with Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (IPMG) that helps fund Indigenous People's attendance to GLF events. Its gold standard on a rights-based approach, announced at **GLF Bonn 2019**, to restoration and conservation is one of the tangible outcomes of this engagement.



## Learning

In partnership with Wageningen University, GLF has developed a knowledge sharing and learning program – the Landscape Academy – offering online, in-person and blended learning opportunities. More than 10,000 people (60% from LMICs) have completed courses to date. Several hundred have participated in learning events in person held around the globe.

Courses on landscape governance, climate-smart landscapes and rights-based landscape approaches have been successfully implemented in various countries.

Learning events with partners in the Himalayas, Philippines, Ghana, Kenya and beyond have contributed to policy influence and in education and have motivated changes in education curricula.

**We are looking for support to further grow the Landscape Academy** by adding two Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs), scholarships for participants from the Global South and an ambitious learning journey throughout 2020 and into the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, which begins in 2021.

You can be part of this global movement. If any of this speaks to you, then we would like to speak with you.

## GLF CONFERENCES 2020

### GLF Bonn, Germany 3-5 June 2020; Digital Conference 'Food in the time of crises'

With this event we made history by creating the first environmental knowledge commons. With a social media reach of over 50 million, we connected large numbers of experts and practitioners simultaneously while lowering the carbon emissions from air travel, logistics, etc while at the same time dramatically increasing accessibility and inclusivity. For us, this has changed conferencing for ever!

- [GLF Bonn 2020 Event Page](#)
- [GLF Bonn 2020 Donor and Partner Report](#)

### GLF Biodiversity Digital Conference 'One World – One Health' 28 – 29 October 2020

GLF Biodiversity will leverage the digital communication capacity of the GLF and partners to inform the narrative on biodiversity ahead of the post-2020 framework. Our objective is to build societal consensus that biodiversity is essential to human and planetary health, and to outline the way forward through a wealth of scientific evidence and on-the-ground experience of the various stakeholders. Content will be translated into English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, to fully engage regional and international audiences.

Platinum, gold, silver, and bronze sponsorship packages are available.

- [GLF Biodiversity 2020 Event Page](#)
- [GLF Biodiversity 2020 Concept Note](#)

## ZERO-CARBON CONFERENCING

The opening of our state-of-the-art GLF Broadcast Center in Bonn and over three years of preparing to move GLF conferences online, allows us to dramatically reduce GLF's carbon footprint and at the same time increase accessibility and inclusivity of our cutting-edge GLF conferences and events.

## LIVING OUR VALUES

From digital conferencing, to offering vegetarian meals at meetings, to taking our commitments about inclusion and diversity – at GLF, we walk the talk and we live our values.



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