



**High-level Dialogue of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on
Turning the Tide on Deforestation**
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UNFCCC COP27 Side Event, Room 3 (Hatshepsut), Sharm El Sheikh

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Turning the tide on deforestation is a top priority for the UN Secretary-General, who called for accelerated efforts to halt deforestation and restore forests in 2019 through concerted action and advocacy across and beyond the UN system. An estimated 420 million hectares (ha) of forest – an area larger than twice the size of Mexico – was lost between 1990 and 2020, with agricultural expansion driving about 90% of global deforestation in the 2000-2018 period.

Nature-based solutions can cost-effectively provide up to one-third of the climate change mitigation needed between now and 2030 to stabilize global warming below 1.5C. Of these, reducing deforestation and forest degradation are among the most effective options. This was emphasized through the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use, adopted during the UNFCCC COP26 to accelerate efforts to halt deforestation by 2030, and in the launch of the Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership at COP27. This Partnership includes 26 countries committed to accelerating momentum to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030.

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), consisting of 15 international organizations, is spearheading the efforts to halt deforestation globally. It is time to scale up finance for forest solutions. The CPF is ready to support access to public finance for activities targeted at halting deforestation, conserving and sustainably using forests, restoring forests, and support the leveraging of private investment for sustainable land use, agriculture, forest conservation, restoration and management.

OBJECTIVES

At the High-level Dialogue, leaders of CPF agencies will discuss actions, transparency and finance to accelerate efforts in turning the tide on deforestation in the context of current global pledges, including the Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership. The dialogue will also serve to identify next steps to be taken to realize enhanced ambition and global commitments. [Read more](#)

MODERATOR

Mario Boccucci, Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

Amy Duchelle, Senior Forestry Officer, Forestry Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

OPENING REMARKS

Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO, and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

Li Junhua, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video message)

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

High-level representative of the COP27 Presidency

High-level representative of the COP26 Presidency

Representative of Ghana, Co-chair of Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

Susan Gardner, Director, Ecosystems Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization

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