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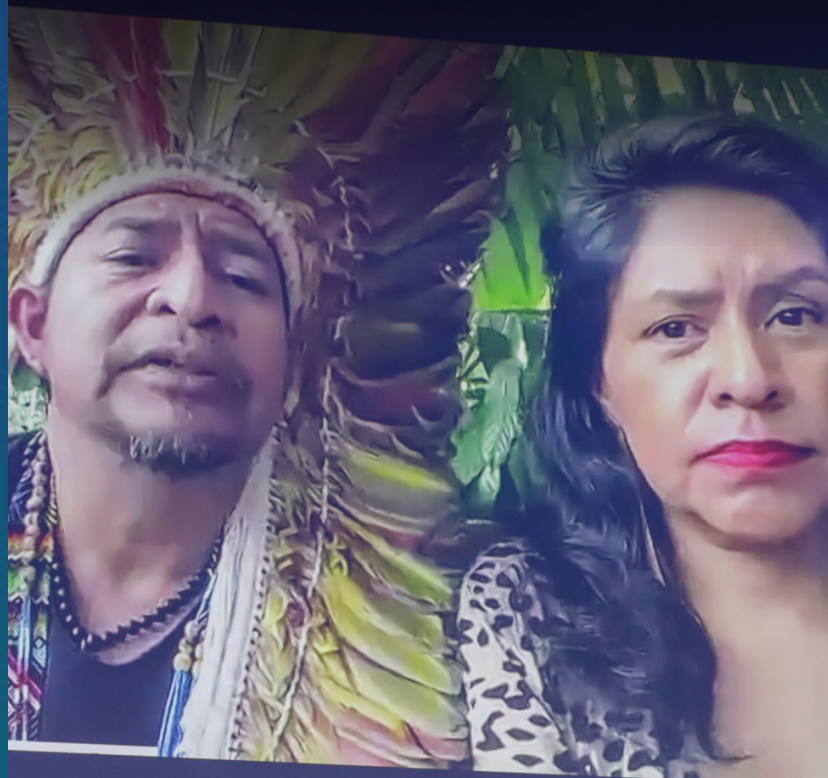
Financing

Nature's Frontlines

The 8th GLF Investment Case
Symposium

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and online



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Earth's climate, land, and biodiversity are in crisis, and frontline communities — including smallholder farmers, Indigenous Peoples, and women associations — are adapting with innovative landscape-rooted solutions. One of the major hurdles they face: finance. **Smallholder farmers and fishers produce over half the world's food yet receive just 0.8% of climate finance.**

At the same time, the polycrisis is threatening traditional investments as physical impacts erode asset values and transition risks intensify. But new horizons are opening as climate, biodiversity, and land solutions provide significant investment opportunities in landscapes that link the Rio conventions.

The money and the means to protect the planet both exist — now it's time to connect them. Real transformation demands a new financing architecture that generates returns for investors, communities and nature, centered on equity and local leadership. Bridging the gap between investors and stewards, and recognizing frontline communities as partners rather than beneficiaries, will secure a future for both.

The 8th Investment Case

Held in the Blue Zone of COP30 in Belém, Brazil, the 8th GLF Investment Case Symposium will reignite the spirit of Earth Summit '92, which established the three Rio Conventions: UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD.

The symposium will focus on translating environmental goals into actionable financial strategies and highlight compelling case studies for directing capital where it is needed most. It will examine how to foster circular, regenerative economies and focus green investment strategies in landscapes and seascapes, such as locally managed funds, green bonds, microfinancing schemes, green loans, carbon and biodiversity markets.

As a hybrid conference, the 8th GLF Investment Case will enable communities to connect with global changemakers on sustainable finance and open the doors of COP30 to over **5,000** participants from around the world.

It is backed by an outreach campaign expected to reach at least **120 million** people through media and social platforms, amplified by

44 dedicated social media ambassadors. More than a gathering, the 8th GLF Investment Case Symposium will be a decisive moment for exchanging bold ideas, local innovations and global commitments.

The 8th GLF Investment Case Symposium will:



Convene a multi-stakeholder forum to connect changemakers to advance public and private finance solutions to advance sustainability objectives.



Highlight successful projects, businesses, locally led finance instruments and innovations in sustainable finance from the Amazon and beyond.



Advance the landscape approach as a holistic and inclusive framework to link finance, nature and communities.



Promote capacity development and identify innovative finance solutions to strengthen synergies across the three Rio conventions.



Position AI and digital technologies as enablers of greater benefits, transparency and accountability in nature finance, ensuring fair and just climate outcomes.



“It is not just about mobilizing finance: it is about inclusive finance and

ensuring that everyone has access to it. By harnessing local, national and regional markets through developing collectives, identifying new markets and diversifying revenue streams, we can change the still-dominant globalized North-South trade model.”

Eliane Ubalijoro

CEO, CIFOR-ICRAF, Director General, ICRAF



“We have to fight back the spirit of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and work together

on all levels. The Luxembourg government has many ongoing initiatives between the private and the public sector, where the co-benefits are essential — the economic, the social and the ecological. We need to strengthen the rights of local communities, Indigenous Peoples, women, and children globally.”

Serge Wilmes

Minister of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity & Minister for the Civil Service, Luxembourg

Key topics

1. **Redirecting finance from harmful to regenerative practices:** How can we shift subsidies and private investment from nature-negative to nature and climate-positive activities?
2. **Investing in Indigenous and community-led nature solutions and funds:** How can we increase finance, investability and capacity for Indigenous Peoples and local communities while ensuring self-determination and financial sovereignty?
3. **Nature markets and innovative financial instruments:** How can we create high-integrity nature markets and blended finance models for vital ecosystems?

Who should join?

- Investors, asset managers, multilateral banks and climate/biodiversity donors
- Government representatives from national and subnational levels
- Indigenous leaders and local community organizations
- Entrepreneurs, fintech and nature-tech innovators
- Scientists, AI experts and sustainability practitioners
- Youth climate and biodiversity leaders
- Financial media and influencers



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About 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 (SDGs), Paris Climate Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and committed to the landscape approach. The Forum 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 and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), in collaboration with its co-founders UNEP and the World Bank and Charter Members. members: CIAT, CIFOR-ICRAF, CIRAD, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Crop Trust, Ecoagriculture Partners, The European Forest Institute, Evergreen Agriculture, FAO, FSC, GEF, GIZ, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, The International Livestock Research Institute, INBAR, IPMG, IPAM Amazonia, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, Rights and Resources Initiative, SAN, SouthSouthNorth, TMG-Think Tank for Sustainability, UNCCD, UNEP, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation part of Wageningen Research, World Farmer Organization, World Bank Group, World Resources Institute, WWF International, Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL)

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