

ECCA30

New forest landscape restoration initiative in Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to unlock climate action

A new regional forest landscape restoration initiative aims to bring 30 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes in Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia into restoration by 2030 in line with the [Bonn Challenge](#), the [New York Declaration on Forests](#) and the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#). The “ECCA30” initiative will be supported jointly by UNECE, FAO, IUCN, the World Bank and the World Resources Institute.

The initiative builds on the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge, organized by the UNECE and FAO, in cooperation with IUCN. So far seven countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia have committed close to 3 million hectares to the Bonn Challenge (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan). ECCA30 will support acceleration of the implementation of the Bonn Challenge. It will facilitate access to technical and financial support and reinforce regional cooperation and capacity exchange on forest landscape restoration (FLR). Further, it will help countries receive international and regional recognition of their restoration ambitions connected to their domestic priorities and projects.

The launch of the initiative is planned at the Forest and Restoration Action Day at the Nature’s Climate Hub (22 September 2019).

If you would like to attend the meeting please register here: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=M3Lr5D>. However, kindly note that places are limited and not all requests for participation can be approved.

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Event details: Initiative to be launched during the Forest and Restoration Action Day at the Nature’s Climate Hub

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019

Time: 14:00 – 15:00

Venue: Convene, 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178



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