ECCA30
Regional initiative to bring 30 million ha to restoration by 2030 for Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, in support of the Bonn Challenge
During the “Las2017”, Forest and Landscape Restoration works under climate change conditions in the region was discussed and the joint session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission recommended:

(a) Support country efforts in the region to plan and implement activities related to the restoration of forests and other degraded lands (national strategy and action plans);
(b) Assist countries to develop consistent definitions for “degraded forest” in relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Aichi Targets;
(c) Involvement in global partnerships and initiatives;
(d) Engage in cross-cutting and inter-departmental work to support landscape approaches;
(e) Pursue active engagement with multilateral, bilateral and private sector resource partners;
How did we come to it?

Capacity building in Caucasus and Central Asia

Project “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia” shower:

😊 Big interest from countries of CCA in Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainable Forest Management

😔 Lack of funding
Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia

June 2018, Kazakhstan

Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan pledged to restore 2.5 million ha under the BC, and endorsed Astana Resolution

Azerbaijan joined the BC at the Forest Congress in 2019 and brought regional commitment to 3 million ha
Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe in 2020

PLANNED

- Preparatory meeting to raise awareness on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge
- Publication on forest landscape restoration in Eastern and South-East Europe covering all 18 countries
- High level meeting for countries of the region to announce commitments to the Bonn Challenge

**Eastern Europe**: Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

**South-East Europe**: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, North Macedonia.
A COUNTRY-LED INITIATIVE TO BRING 30 MILLION HECTARES OF DEGRADED AND DEFORESTED LANDSCAPES INTO RESTORATION IN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA BY 2030 IN SUPPORT OF THE BONN CHALLENGE

In support of the Bonn Challenge, the New York Declaration on Forests, Land Degradation Neutrality, and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

To join the initiative Send a letter to the Bonn Challenge secretariat: bonnchallengesecretariat@iucn.org
EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE

- Accelerated progress on national goals and priorities (Bonn Challenge, Astana Resolution, Paris Agreement, LDN, SDGs).
- Finance attracted and domestic, regional and global funds catalyzed.
- Platform established to build profile and show leadership at regional and global events.
- Access to technical support enhanced and progress on implementation tracked using the Bonn Challenge Barometer – a progress tracking tool.
- Learning exchanges convened regionally and globally to share best practices and to gain first-hand knowledge.
ECCA30 - governance and structure

Countries can join Initiative by submitting a letter of commitment to the Secretariat at bonnchallengesecretariat@iucn.org.

- Provides advisory support.
- Sustains political support and mobilises new partnerships.

Secretariat

*led by IUCN, UNECE, FAO, WRI and the World Bank*

Organizations have different secretariat functions to support ECCA30, in line with their strength and mandate

- Provides coordination support to the Governing and Partnership Boards.
- Identifies commitment alignment with national policies, initiatives and targets under Bonn Challenge, NDCs, SDGs, LDN, CBD Aichi targets.
- Knowledge management.

Partnership Board

*Donors and partner organizations*

With the assistance of the Secretariat, assists countries in identifying restoration finance options.

Join by submitting a letter to the Secretariat at bonnchallengesecretariat@iucn.org

- Provides technical support for implementation, and guidance on tracking progress on restoration.
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ECCA30 – next steps

MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT

Secure funding for Secretariat for coordination support to the Governing and Partnership Boards

MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR COUNTRIES

• Formalise commitments to the initiative.
• Identify financing opportunities for financing FLR in the region.
• Catalyse collaboration:
  • Partnerships
  • Financial architecture
  • Technical infrastructure
  • Capacity development
  • Knowledge Management
  • Progress tracking
Thank you!

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