



UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Hub: IUCN Referral Process for the Union

What is the Ecosystem Restoration Hub?

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is a rallying call for the protection and revival of ecosystems all around the world, for the benefit of people and nature. It aims to halt the degradation of ecosystems and restore them to achieve global goals. Only with healthy ecosystems can we enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change, and stop the collapse of biodiversity. The UN Decade runs from 2021 through 2030, which is also the deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals and the timeline scientists have identified as the last chance to prevent catastrophic climate change.

The [Ecosystem Restoration Hub](#) is a digital platform hosted by the [UN Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#) that enables restoration implementers to showcase their contributions to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and connect with others in the global restoration community.

How does IUCN engage with the Ecosystem Restoration Hub?

[IUCN](#) is a Global Partner of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and a [Referring Partner](#) through the Ecosystem Restoration Hub. IUCN invites IUCN Members and Secretariat staff to showcase their work on this platform by submitting their restoration initiatives to the Ecosystem Restoration Hub and listing IUCN as the Referring Partner.

For more information about IUCN's engagement with the Ecosystem Restoration Hub, please contact [Katherine Poe](#), Programme Associate, IUCN Forest and Grasslands Team.

Submission Process for the Union

IUCN Members, Commission experts, Secretariat staff, and other Union constituents interested in showcasing their work on the Ecosystem Restoration Hub should follow the directions outlined below. These directions are intended for use by the project manager or focal point of the relevant restoration initiative:

1. First, project or initiative focal points should submit an expression of interest to IUCN using the following form, which can be accessed through [this link](#) (<https://forms.office.com/e/3P2PDV2Aq7>) or through the QR code shown below. This will allow project focal points to establish a direct channel of communication with IUCN.





2. After submitting the expression of interest, the project focal point should visit the [Ecosystem Restoration Hub](https://hub.decadeonrestoration.org/) home page (<https://hub.decadeonrestoration.org/>) and navigate to the button which says, **“Create An Initiative.”** Click on this button to start the process of submitting an initiative to the platform. The focal point will be responsible for submitting details on the initiative and acting as the contact person for inquiries made through the platform.

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I'M SUPPORTING

Do you want to support restoration in your favourite ecosystem or volunteer with a group near you? Explore all initiatives that have signed up so far. You can also search by key indicators.

EXPLORE



I'M IMPLEMENTING

Are you already implementing a restoration initiative on the ground? Sign up, network & be discovered!

CREATE AN INITIATIVE



I'M LEADING

Are you an official UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Partner? Create a special partner account to showcase and onboard your network.

CONTACT

3. You will be redirected to a login page. If you have already created an account, skip to Step 5 in these instructions. If you have not yet created an account, select the option which says, **“Create new account.”**



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Password *

Enter the password that accompanies your email address.

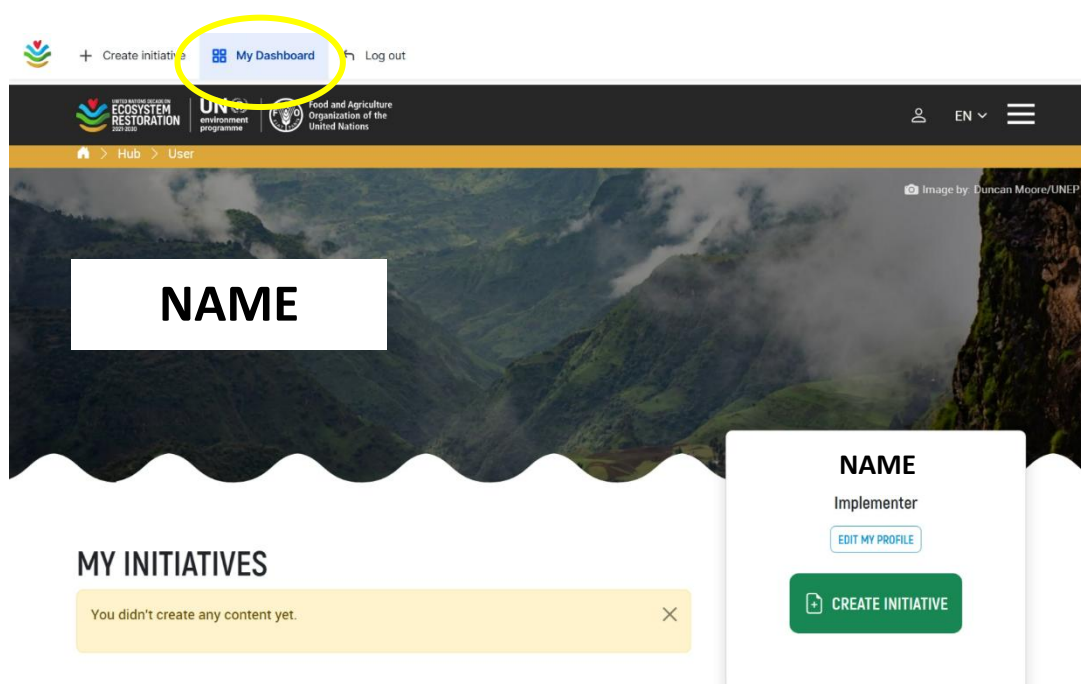
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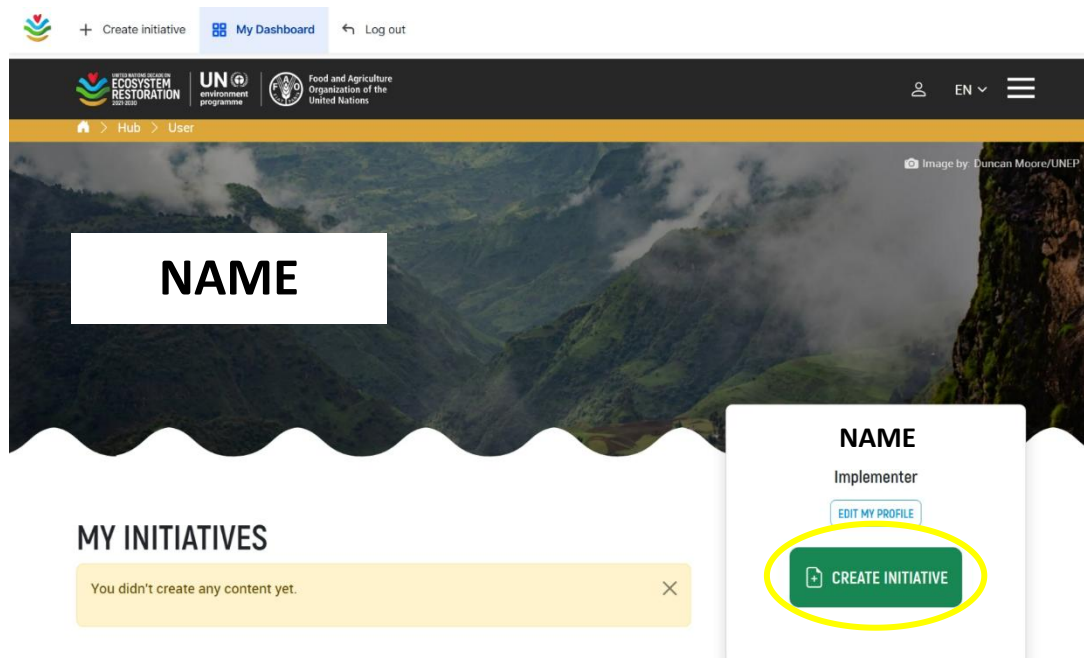
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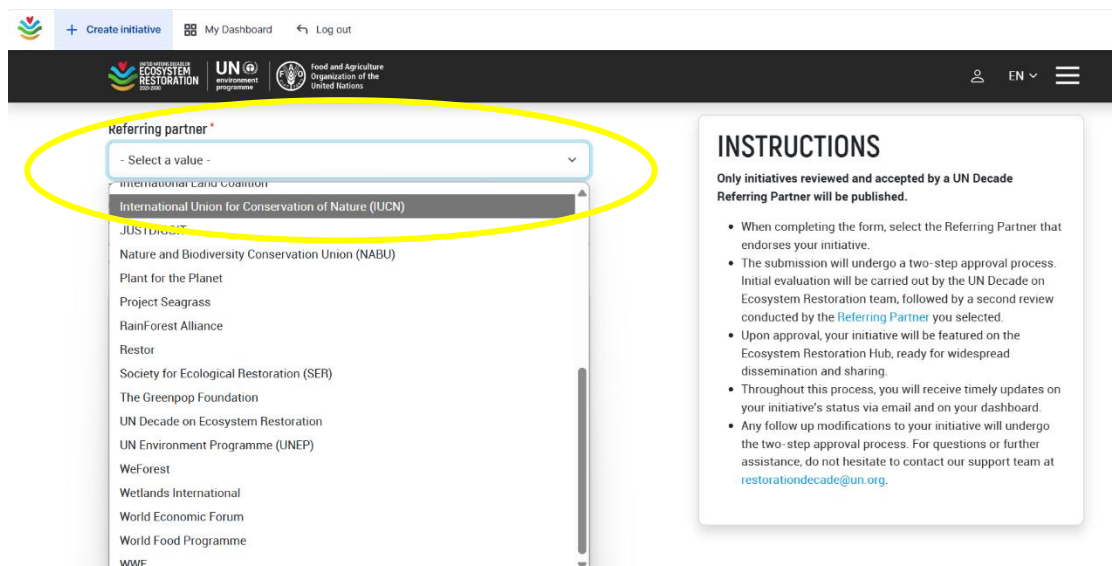
4. Follow the prompts given. You will be directed to enter your name and a valid email address. You should then receive an email with a one-time login link which will allow you to complete your registration. Follow the prompts given in the email and in your browser.
5. Once you are logged in to your account, navigate to your project dashboard by selecting the button **“My Dashboard”** shown in the top lefthand corner of your browser. You will be directed to a new page where you can view your initiatives and your public profile, as well as submit new initiatives.



6. On the righthand side of your dashboard, select the button which says, **“Create Initiative.”** Using the instructions shown on your screen, enter the information requested for your initiative.



7. All initiatives are required to list a Referring Partner. In the dropdown menu shown, you should select **“International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).”** This step is essential to ensure that your initiative is properly reviewed and added to the IUCN network of projects on the platform.



8. Once you have finished entering your initiative information, select the button at the bottom of the page which says, **“Submit for Review.”** Your initiative will be reviewed through a two-stage process: first by the UNEP team responsible for the platform, then by an IUCN reviewer. For your initiative to be published, both parties must approve the submission.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Only initiatives reviewed and accepted by a UN Decade Referring Partner will be published.

- When completing the form, select the Referring Partner that endorses your initiative.
- The submission will undergo a two-step approval process. Initial evaluation will be carried out by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration team, followed by a second review conducted by the Referring Partner you selected.
- Upon approval, your initiative will be featured on the Ecosystem Restoration Hub, ready for widespread dissemination and sharing.
- Throughout this process, you will receive timely updates on your initiative's status via email and on your dashboard.
- Any follow up modifications to your initiative will undergo the two-step approval process. For questions or further assistance, do not hesitate to contact our support team at restorationdecade@un.org.

9. In the event that either UNEP or IUCN feel revisions must be made to the submission to ensure compliance with the platform, the project focal point will receive a notification by email requesting a revision. You should follow any instructions provided before resubmitting your initiative.
10. Once your initiative is approved, it will be published to the platform. Congratulations! Your initiative should now be publicly visible on the Ecosystem Restoration Hub, as well as on your account dashboard.
11. In the event that you would like to make a revision to your submission after it has been published, you can do so through your account dashboard.

If you encounter any technical errors related to the Ecosystem Restoration Hub website or have general questions about the submission process, please contact restorationdecade@un.org. If you have questions about the referral process or require support from IUCN, please contact Katherine Poe at Katherine.Poe@iucn.org. Additional resources, including a [video](#) and [FAQ](#), are available online.