



FLR Hub Newsletter

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The Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) Hub is a global initiative focused on implementing forest and landscape restoration. It is currently active in key regions in Africa and Latin America. As a critical platform for advancing global restoration goals, the FLR Hub strengthens stakeholder capacity to deliver FLR, supports the mobilization of finance and partnerships, and delivers on-the-ground results that address climate change, reduce biodiversity loss, and improve the livelihoods of local communities.

...And We Are Off!

FLR Hub implementation is now underway in Brazil, Colombia, Madagascar, Peru, Tanzania, and Uganda. With first-year work plans finalized in 2025 across all six partner countries, the initiative has moved from design to full implementation, marking a significant step toward translating restoration commitments into action on the ground. We acknowledge the strong partnership with WRI and WWF and the support of our donors, IKI, BMUKN, and SDC, which have enabled this phase of implementation.



Good News, We're Growing!

In November, we received a new contribution of CHF 5.2 million from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). This funding will support scaling restoration in some of the most climate-vulnerable regions, strengthen capacity for monitoring & reporting, and enhance South-South cooperation.

More specifically, this new funding will enable the inclusion of Mozambique as a seventh partner nation and will expand FLR into new landscapes in Madagascar, paying particular attention to knowledge and awareness raising, site-level planning and implementation, livelihoods & socioeconomic co-benefits, gender equity and social inclusion, and scaling regional engagement.

"Healthy forests and resilient landscapes are essential for a stable climate and for the well-being of present and future generations."
(Pierre-Yves Morier, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Brasília)



FLR on the Ground

The start of the new year has seen the beginning of FLR work across many of our partner countries.

Landscape Monitoring Accelerator Guanacaste, Costa Rica

In February, WRI and CATIE hosted the 4th Landscape Monitoring Accelerator event. The Accelerator brought together policymakers from across the region, including officials from all three Hub countries in Latin America, to identify and co-create solutions to FLR monitoring and policy bottlenecks, with a focus on gender equity and reporting against GBF Target 2 commitments.

Looking ahead, WRI will continue to provide rigorous technical support to Colombia, Peru, and Brazil to strengthen their FLR monitoring systems and ensure that key restoration decisions are driven by high-quality evidence.



FLR on the Ground (Cont.)

FLR Tanzania Launch Event

Dodoma, Tanzania

January marked the official start of the FLR Project to restore degraded forest landscapes across Tanzania. The project aims to strengthen local capacity for FLR, connect community-led restoration to sustainable business models, and, as emphasized by the Deputy Permanent Secretary of Environment in the Vice President's Office, encourage strong partnerships and community participation.



FLR Madagascar Launch Event

Antananarivo, Madagascar

In February, Madagascar celebrated the launch of FLR Hub projects to accelerate the restoration of forest landscapes. This strategic commitment aims to strengthen national coordination, improve technical planning, and mobilize funding to restore the country's degraded ecosystems, preserving our environment while improving the living conditions of local communities.



FLR Workshop

Brasília, Brazil

In December, FLR Hub held a meeting in Brasilia with representatives from the ministries of the environment, agriculture, and agrarian development, and the Brazilian forestry service to establish 2026 workplans.



Looking Ahead: 2026

With the start of the new year, the FLR Hub will advance on the ground implementation to meet its goal of bringing 200,000 ha of degraded land under restoration, improving biodiversity, sequestering carbon, and supporting the livelihoods of communities globally. Across our six partner countries, progress toward these objectives will be achieved through:

- Expanding Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) implementation in Africa and South America.
- Involving the private sector in restoration and leveraging finance
- Supporting policy frameworks, institutional capacity, and coordination mechanisms to enable FLR implementation in each of the six partner countries
- Monitoring restoration progress
- Enabling local communities and government partners to access technical assistance, training and evidence-based tools for high-quality FLR.
- Establishing regional knowledge and learning platforms to support exchange and collaboration between countries.
- Supporting local governmental bodies in meeting their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Facilitating cooperation across the Bonn Challenge, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

Looking Back: 2025

FLR Hub's upcoming 2026 initiatives would not have been made possible without the numerous partnerships solidified, conversations organized, and strategies created in 2025.

In September, IUCN convened the second FLR Hub Steering Committee Meeting in Berlin, bringing together core FLR Hub Partners, WRI and WWF, and governance bodies, BMUKN, SDC, and ZUG. This meeting reviewed progress on future implementation plans, setting the groundwork for their eventual commencement in December.

Thank you again to all our partners at BMUKN, IKI, WWF, WRI, SDC and across the regions for making FLR a reality. Stay tuned for our next issues to learn more about Forest Landscape Restoration underway.

