



Landscapes For Our Future



# Landscapes For Our Future (EU) Central Component

## Background

Land provides essential ecosystem services to both people and planet. Growing demand for food, fuel, fiber and timber is, however, stretching the capacity of land to accommodate the needs of a growing population. This drives competition for land (resources), resulting in deforestation, climate change, social conflict, inequality and biodiversity loss. Currently, the land use sector accounts for an estimated 24% of global greenhouse gas emissions and has contributed to the degradation of over one-third of the world's landscapes. This has resulted in trillions of annual economic losses and loss of livelihood for over 1 billion people.

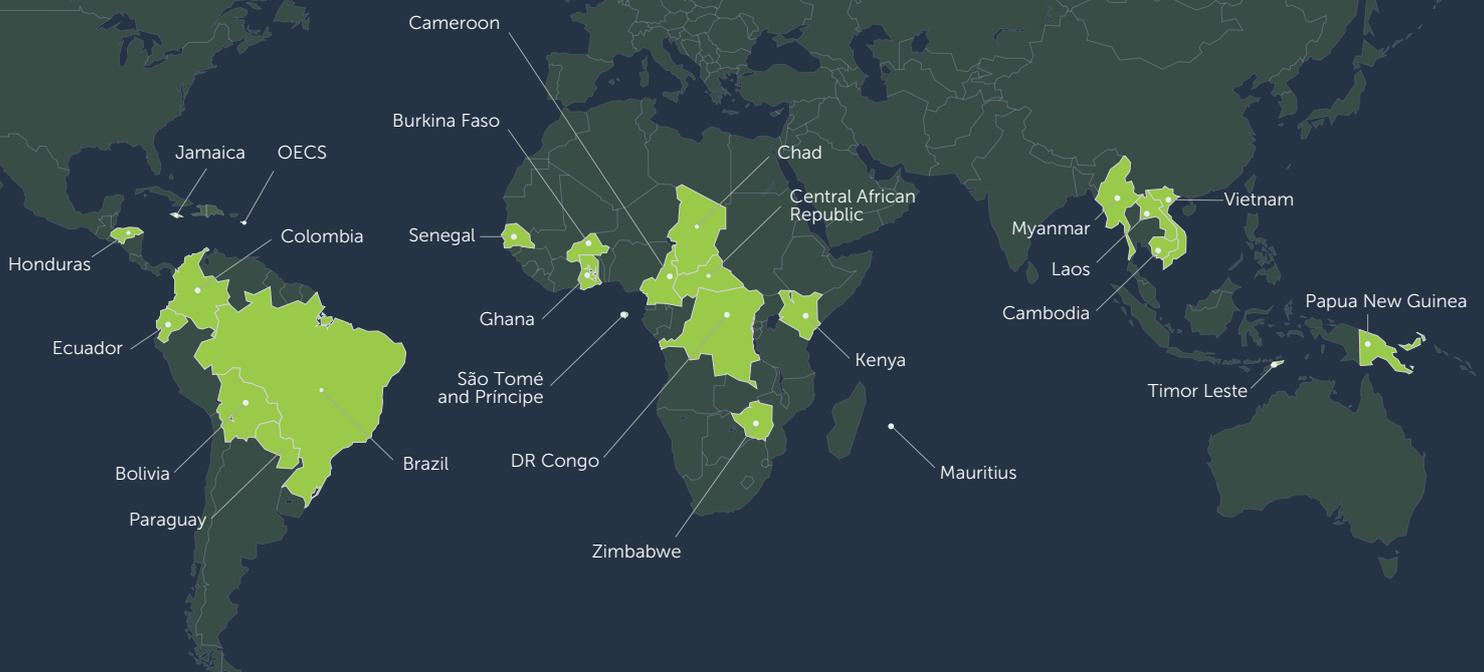
Integrated landscape management (ILM) has emerged as a promising approach to managing competing land use pressures and the fragmented policy space in many countries. Premised on principles of participation, cooperation and community empowerment, ILM offers a compelling framework for linking agricultural practices, institutions and policies with other landscape-scale activities.

## About Landscapes For Our Future

ILM is integral to the European Union's (EU) ambitious post-2020 biodiversity and food systems agendas and its commitment to the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. ILM approaches furthermore facilitate an inclusive green recovery consistent with the EU Green Deal.

In 2019, the EU launched the five-year Landscapes for our Future programme, which now supports 23 ILM projects, spanning 20 countries and 3 sub-regions across the Global South (Figure 1). Offering solutions to context-specific land use challenges, Landscape for our Future will advance goals relating to: (1) food and nutrition security, job creation and resilient and sustainable agriculture; (2) climate change mitigation and adaptation; and (3) biodiversity and land/forest ecosystems conservation, restoration and sustainable use. Supported projects encompass a wide range of thematic areas, ranging from biodiversity and landscape conservation to climate smart agriculture and sustainable value chain development.

### Map of Initiatives



Country/Sub-region	Name of the country/sub-regional project
Bolivia	Water as a connector for resilient landscapes in Bolivia
Brazil-Paraguay sub-region	Integrated sustainable landscape management in the cerrado biome in Brazil and Paraguay
Burkina Faso	Participatory management of protected area peripheries in the PONASI landscape
Cambodia	Integrated sustainable landscape management of the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve in Cambodia
Cameroon	Ecosystème du Nord Cameroun : vers une approche intégrée du paysage (en abrégé EcoNoCam)
Chad-Central African Republic sub-region	Sustainable management of the Chari river basin
Colombia	'Herencia Colombia': Supporting the new integrated Colombian approach to territorial governance in sustainable, productive and resilient landscapes
Democratic Republic of the Congo	New landscapes of Congo
Ecuador	Andean landscapes - promoting integrated landscape management for sustainable livelihoods in the Ecuadorian Andes
Ghana	Landscapes and environmental agility across the nation
Honduras	Climate for biodiversity: reducing supply chain deforestation
Jamaica	A Jamaican path from hills to oceans
Kenya	Kenya rangelands ecosystem services productivity (RangER) programme
Laos	Ecosystem conservation through integrated landscape management in Lao PDR
Mauritius	From ridge to reef
Myanmar	Promoting integrated land use planning and management in Myanmar
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)	Integrated landscape approaches and investments in sustainable land management in the OECS
Papua New Guinea	Strengthening integrated sustainable landscape management in Enga Province Papua New Guinea
Sao Tome	Development of sustainable agro-forestry models through integrated land management approaches for climate change adaptation and mitigation, ecosystem conservation and economic development
Senegal	Reforestation and resilience to protect Senegal's territories and ecosystems
Timor Leste	Iniciativa vertical maloa
Vietnam	Integrated sustainable landscape management in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam through deforestation-free jurisdiction
Zimbabwe	Sustainable integrated landscape management of the Gonarezhou National Park and surrounding communities



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## The Central Component

The EU has commissioned the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) to support the implementation of these projects. This 'Central Component' will offer technical guidance to each of the 23 projects, as well as help co-create, synthesize and disseminate knowledge and lessons from their implementation. Since reliable evidence on effective ILM practices, strategies and pathways is scarce and fragmented, the Central Component aims to assist policymakers and practitioners alike to develop and scale more impactful and inclusive landscape solutions.

## Activities

The Central Component is structured into the following three core activity areas:

### 1. Technical support

The Central Component will offer technical backstopping support to implementing partners in each of the target countries, as well as to project-level implementing partners. CIFOR and ICRAF will leverage their thematic and sectoral expertise to support project implementation

and monitoring. This will involve, amongst others, establishment of a dedicated helpdesk, common indicators and periodic technical support missions.

### 2. Knowledge generation and communications

In close collaboration with project stakeholders, the Central Component will systematize the knowledge and lessons generated from the implementation of the 23 ILM projects. These will be synthesized and communicated using the CIFOR and ICRAF scientific and communications infrastructure, targeting decision-makers and development practitioners alike with demand-driven tools, guideline, frameworks and knowledge products.

### 3. Exchange and outreach

To facilitate knowledge exchange and cross-project learning, the Central Component will convene 3 structured engagement events with project partners. CIFOR and ICRAF will furthermore work with EU Delegations and implementing partners to identify, engage and support ILM-relevant initiatives beyond the Programme. The Central Component will, specifically, aim to leverage the knowledge and lessons generated under the Programme to inform (policy) actions that seek to mainstream and institutionalize ILM within state and non-state programming.

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## CIFOR-ICRAF

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