



## Balikpapan Jurisdictional Framework for Tropical Forest Partnerships<sup>1,2</sup>

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### ***Why this Framework?***

- The goal of the Balikpapan Jurisdictional Framework is to facilitate governmental collaborations with companies to foster jurisdictional sustainability and regional solutions to deforestation while enhancing the successful implementation of corporate zero deforestation commitments.
- Solving tropical deforestation and forest degradation while accelerating the recovery of damaged forests is necessary to avoid dangerous climate change.
- The governments of tropical forest regions are essential partners in any effective strategy to solve tropical deforestation at low cost and at scale: across entire states, provinces and nations.
- There are substantial complementarities between corporate zero deforestation pledges focused on their supply chains and the deforestation commitments made by jurisdictions, such as the Rio Branco Declaration
- Collaborations between companies and governments to solve tropical deforestation, however, are still very rare

### ***Core Principles for Effective Partnerships***

- They must be mutually beneficial: producer regions and companies must be better off through the partnership
- They must be focused on real, measurable progress in slowing deforestation while safeguarding human rights as well as the interests of indigenous peoples and other forest communities
- They must empower producers with the tools and capacity to improve their livelihoods and produce sustainable commodities
- They must enable and support local governments to implement and enforce effective public policies, plans, and programs that are compatible with the aspirations of the producer region
- They must encourage equitable multi-stakeholder dialogue in the producer region to build a shared vision for the future
- They must recognize and encourage jurisdictions that are taking meaningful initial steps to create the enabling conditions to solve deforestation

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### ***Defining Success***

- A jurisdiction is successful in its transition to sustainability if it is taking meaningful steps forward towards broadly-shared, quantitative, time-bound metrics for production, protection and social inclusion tailored to each producer region
- These meaningful steps include (a) Will--the formal expression of political will, (b) Works, concrete actions for reducing deforestation, including the creation and implementation of relevant public policies, programs and plans, collaboration and coordination between stakeholders to implement the strategy, monitoring systems and (e) Results--measurable reductions in deforestation rates, improvements in production, improvements in social inclusion for smallholders and forest community livelihoods.

### ***Benefits Expected by Governments***

- Recognition and acknowledgement of meaningful steps taken towards jurisdictional sustainability
- Tangible benefits: Every government has a different set of needs and priorities that partnerships can help to address, such as better market access or technical assistance for smallholders.

### ***Possible Benefits Offered by Governments***

- Lowered costs and higher impact of sustainable sourcing commitments through the power of governmental regulations, law enforcement, fiscal policies, convening power, infrastructure investments

### ***Expectations of Companies***

- To establish a dialogue with regional governments and farm sectors of supply regions to develop mutual understanding and a shared agenda of action
- To act in good faith to help overcome barriers to the transition to jurisdictional sustainability, within its means

### ***Advantages for Companies***

- A partnership provides a clear, publicly-visible demonstration of the firm's commitment to sustainability in the supply region
- A partnership can create enabling conditions for facilitating implementation of sustainable sourcing commitments
- A partnership can provide long-run cost savings by solving risks systemically across entire supply regions, including some issues that could become risks in the future.

### ***How to engage:***

- Quickly see the partnership priorities and jurisdictional profiles of the governments of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF) on the [GCFImpact.org](https://www.gcfimpact.org) website (in progress)
- Visit governments in their regions—see contact information in [GCFImpact.org](https://www.gcfimpact.org) and [GCF Knowledge Database](#)