Goals today:

• Introduction
  • Why “Tropical Forest Champions”?
  • What is “Tropical Forest Champions”?
• Discuss rules
• Preview of website
Why Tropical Forest Champions?
A critical shortage of public-private partnerships to support low-emission development strategies of subnational governments

Source: EII, CIFOR, GCF 2018. State of Jurisdictional Sustainability
The missing partnerships:
- 473 corporate commitments
- 39 jurisdictional pledges

473 Companies

... but only 5 formal partnerships
Types of partnerships:

- Carbon finance
- Buyers
- New industries
- Investors
- Technical assistance
What is Tropical Forest Champions?

• Tools for supporting tropical forests jurisdictions that are committed to the forest agenda
  • Publicity—shining a light on progress
  • “Safe haven” status—making partnerships safer
• Technical support
  • Ease of doing business
  • Carbon finance
  • New enterprises
Rules

• Based on the GCF Task force Call for Collaboration Principles and Definitions
Rules: Commitment

• **Requirement**: A formal, public statement of commitment from the government to slow the loss and/or speed the recovery of forests across the entire jurisdiction.

• **Timeline**: A Commitment confers [2] years of Champion status, which can be extended through Actions.
Rules: Required Actions

• **Define goals**: Time-bound goals [through 2030] supported by multiple sectors for forests, climate (GHG emissions), agricultural production and social issues

• **Jurisdiction-Wide Plan**: A comprehensive strategy, investment/finance plan and spatial plan for reaching these goals

• **MRV**: System for monitoring, reporting and verifying progress towards goals

• **Timeline**: Required Actions confer [2] years of Champion status, which can be further extended through Results
**Rules: Other Actions (not required)**

**Integrated incentive system**: public policies, programs, public/private partnerships, and finance favor land-use systems consistent with Goals

**Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Plan**: For recognizing and implementing the Guiding Principles for IP/LC partnerships and supporting community enterprises

**Sustainable Agriculture Plan**: For supporting the transition of farm sectors to sustainable, low-carbon production system with new market opportunities
Rules: Other Actions (not required)

Multi-sector Governance Structure: For implementing the jurisdictional plan.

Transparency & Efficiency Plan: A plan for making it easier and less risky to do business, reducing red-tape, increasing efficiency

Fire Detection & Prevention Plan: For preventing, detecting and controlling fire.
Rules: Results

• Measurable progress towards time-bound goals for forests, agricultural production and social issues.

  • Goals for reduction in deforestation and/or increase in forest recovery/restoration mandatory with one year “grace” period

  • [Half] of targets for agricultural and social issues must be met.

• Timeline: Champion status is maintained until latest target dates are reached.
Rules: Required Actions

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