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# Forest & Landscape Investment Forum

## Unleashing Business Opportunities for Sustainable Landscapes

16 and 17 May 2017  
Kigali, Rwanda



FAO, in support of the Ministry of Natural Resources of Rwanda (MINIRENA), Rwanda Development Board (RDB), the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) and Rwanda's Green Fund (FONERWA), is delighted to convene the inaugural Forest and Landscape Investment Forum (FLIF).

### **The Forum will aim to:**

Promote a broad spectrum of investments in forests and landscapes for environmental, social, economic and financial returns.

### **Audience:**

- Companies investing in Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) and project developers from Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Zambia
- National and international cooperatives and agribusinesses
- National and international commercial banks, development banks, impact funds, insurance companies
- Technical assistance providers that facilitate and support investment in sustainable land use business models such as incubators, accelerators, PPP-facilities
- Public agencies and institutions able to build an enabling environment for investment

**Tuesday 16 May 2017**

### **CONNECTING INVESTMENT TO FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION**

09:00	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making the link between the FLIF, the Bonn Challenge and the AFR100 Initiative: key contributions and benefits in terms of of FLR, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and Land Degradation Neutrality</li><li>• Business challenges outlined: regional economic integration and risk mitigation</li><li>• Defining criteria for pro-restoration business cases</li></ul>
10:00	Coffee break
10:30	<b>Session 1: Business Opportunities and Challenges in Agroforestry and Forestry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good business practices and opportunities from a landscape approach. Key challenges debated: access to finance, risk mitigation, extension services and production intensification</li><li>• Value chains outlined: examples from focus agroforestry and forestry value chains, alongside other agriculture and horticulture value chains based on their contribution to FLR and a landscape approach</li></ul>
12:30	Lunch

13:30	<b>Session 2: Forest and Landscape Business Champions: Promoting Business Innovation and Scale</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business leaders specify challenges in business development and outline which enabling environments would be favourable for sustainable growth</li> <li>• Business champions promote their business ideas and innovations to potential investors and donors</li> </ul>
15:30	<b>Session 3: Investors and Donors Round-Table: Approaches, Challenges and Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different investment approaches and opportunities in forests and landscapes</li> <li>• Investors and donors discuss the best way forward to improve enabling environment for investment</li> <li>• A dialogue between investors, donors, business champions, project developers and enabling public institutions</li> </ul>
17:30	Side-events and booth exhibition

## Wednesday 17 May 2017

### BUILDING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR ENHANCED INVESTMENT

09:00	<b>Session 4: Incubating, Accelerating and Scaling Up FLR Business Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practices to incubate and accelerate small and medium businesses</li> <li>• Challenges in promoting the emergence of start-ups and small and medium enterprises for FLR</li> <li>• Needs and next steps to increase efforts to incubate, accelerate and scale up relevant business models: how can the public sector support?</li> </ul>	
10:30	Coffee break and booth exhibition	
11:30	<b>Session 5: Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Standards and Monitoring for Responsible FLR Investments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential multiple positive impacts of FLR for ESG benefits</li> <li>• Outlining the importance of ESG standards and safeguards to sustainable FLR investment</li> <li>• How ongoing initiatives are contributing to sustainable investment in FLR</li> </ul>	<b>Session 6: Mitigating Risks for Private Sector Investment in FLR: Which Relevant Mechanisms and Partnerships are Needed?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The perception of risk by key stakeholders involved in FLR investment</li> <li>• Innovations for risk mitigation in FLR investment</li> <li>• Promoting the importance of public private partnerships, risk sharing mechanisms and other relevant approaches</li> </ul>
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	<b>Closing Plenary Session: Sustaining Investment for Forests and Landscapes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session wrap-up by rapporteurs</li> <li>• Building an enabling environment for enhanced investment</li> <li>• Facilitated high-level discussion on the way forward</li> </ul>	



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