

1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People

A Radical Collaboration for Resilient Communities and Restored Nature

Landscape partnerships struggle to organize investable projects and sustain processes that regenerate their ecosystems and economies. We provide a digital data management platform and integrated tools, along with seed funding and financial innovation, that helps them plan, fund, implement and demonstrate the impact of transformative landscape investment portfolios.

Who we are

We are a radical collaboration of farmer and community organizations, local governments, NGOs, companies and global organizations working together to dramatically accelerate landscape-scale efforts to protect ecosystems and biodiversity, build rural prosperity and confront climate change.

Our innovations build on proven principles, actions and research; moving through rapid, efficient design and testing on a pathway to ambitious scale.

We are learning from success in other sectors including public health, which has seen extraordinary progress in scaling solutions. We have the tools, field experience, and networks to do the same for sustainable agriculture, conservation and livelihoods.

Local landscape leadership is at the heart of this work, supported by expert networks, advanced information technology, and innovations in governance and finance. Our ambition is high. By 2030, the partnership will improve lives for over one billion people and help restore and sustain 1000 landscapes – a major contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

What is a Landscape?

By 'landscape' we mean a socio-ecological system of natural and human-modified ecosystems influenced by distinct ecological, historical, economic and socio-cultural processes and activities. With boundaries defined locally, they vary in size from 10,000 to 10 million hectares, and in population from 10,000 to 10's of millions.

What does this look like?

In the Mayan Biosphere Reserve of Guatemala, a coalition including the Association of Forest Communities of Petén, the national protected areas agency, NGOs and 12 community enterprises demonstrate the potential of landscape management to create sustainable livelihoods and regenerate a landscape of global biodiversity importance. Investments enabled the creation and maintenance of nearly 8,000 jobs, product sales of US \$55 million from 13 value chains, half a million hectares of forest under certified sustainable management and verified-carbon units for sale. This economic value incentivized communities to reduce the annual deforestation rate to only 0.1% compared to 5.5% in the buffer zone.

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Solutions

Locally-led decision making, action and policy

We are catalyzing radical collaboration of global and national actors around a set of values and actions to support local priorities consistent with sustaining ecosystems and benefiting from them economically. Transparency and accountability will be promoted through simple, replicable indicators of impact developed through the related LandScale initiative.

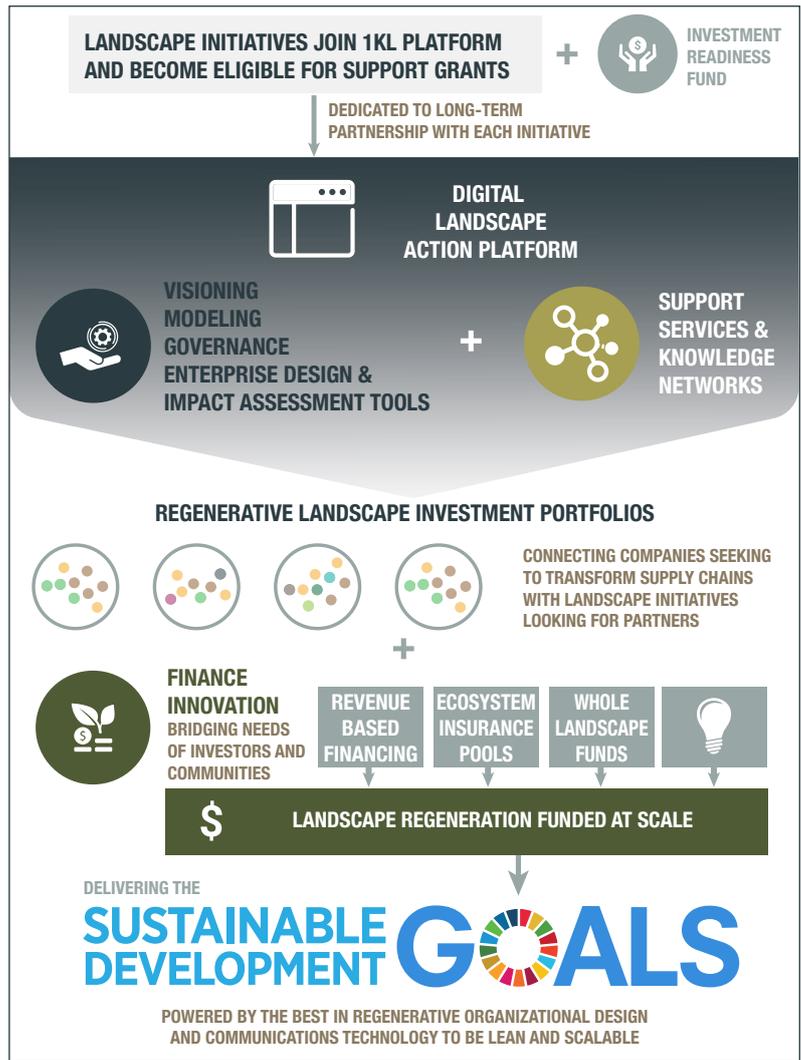
Scalable support, open data, global connections

Our Landscape Action Platform will enable local landscape partners to own and manage their initiatives through an easy-to-use digital tool, designed together with them, that will accelerate learning and sharing as well as provide access to global and national information, training resources and tools. Tools will support landscape visioning, collaborative assessment and planning, participatory governance, financial assessment, and performance tracking, radically reducing costs and complexity and increasing scalability.

Simplify finance; provide catalytic capital

We will bridge the gap between complex global finance and local needs. With the Landscape Investment and Finance Toolkit (LIFT), local partnerships will develop a Landscape Investment Portfolio, and identify appropriate financing. The Landscape Readiness Fund will pool resources from donors to provide grants to co-fund portfolio development. The platform will link projects with financiers. In parallel, partners will develop innovative financial vehicles and services for specific types of landscape investment.

1000 Landscapes System design



Partnership

We are partnering with local and global landscape initiative conveners and developers, government agencies, funders capable of catalyzing action at massive scale, and top technology specialists from the world of social ventures. Local landscape partnerships are at the heart of the initiative. Work will begin with 10 landscapes to develop and refine the digital platform and tools, then grow to 50 landscapes to test replication and scaling, then expand to 300+ to test massive scaling strategies, reaching 1000 landscapes by 2030.

The initiative will be facilitated by a lean hub to develop partnerships, track progress, refine solutions and raise money, overseen by a collaborative governance mechanism we are designing with our partners.

