

# Bonn Challenge High-level Dialogue: Restoration action for the future

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Restoration leaders came together in this dialogue to discuss how forest landscape restoration (FLR) action takes place across many sectors and voices: finance, biodiversity, ecosystems, communities, and more. Each topic leader helped their roundtable answer the question, “What needs to happen for restoration success?” The answers below will help FLR practitioners and leaders work together towards unlocking the benefits of implementing the Bonn Challenge and restoration both now and into the future.

## Successful forest landscape restoration needs...

### International FLR priorities

1. Sustainable leadership on broad and long-term outcomes ensuring protection of human rights and founded on individual, community and indigenous knowledge.

### Investment in FLR

1. De-risking and better identifying the investment risks associated with restoration;
2. Practitioners able to speak the language of investors for more effective collaboration;
3. Better business models, especially since many are still in the early stages;
4. Improved evaluation of the ecosystem services being addressed.

### Restoration financing

1. Bilateral and multilateral funds that are faster and easier to access and include a focus on small business development related to restoration.

### In-country Bonn Challenge initiatives

1. A significant increase in investment for research & development;
2. To prepare the next generation of professionals;
3. To increase engagement of landowners and local communities.

### Stakeholder engagement

1. Improved communication with stakeholders (smallholders, indigenous peoples & other communities) to understand why “we” (the stakeholders) want to restore and help identify the reasons for degradation;
2. To share and learn from previous experiences;
3. To bring together sectors at different levels;
4. To understand enabling conditions, such as rights and tenure.

### Food security

1. A reconfiguration of land uses, agricultural practices, income sources and food delivery systems to optimise the balance between production of nutritious food and incorporating trees into the agricultural landscape, anticipating and compensating for delayed payoff dates and climate-related shocks while ensuring social protection.

### Gender-responsive FLR

1. Recognition that gender-responsive restoration is critical;
2. To use different methods to ensure women feel comfortable and safe participating in educational opportunities;
3. To engage young women to help them deliver the values to take ownership in FLR and bring back to their community.