

## IUCN Bonn Challenge Barometer of Progress

Profiling and tracking achievement of Bonn Challenge restoration commitments

Bonn Challenge pledgers are at the centre of the global restoration movement, exemplifying the political momentum necessary to drive changes in policy and national plans that enable early action on restoration at different levels.

These jurisdictions have seen the benefits of adapting forest landscape restoration (FLR) to their national context as an effective way to achieve multiple objectives, including those aligned with rural development, reducing emissions from deforestation, increasing adaptation, and unlocking climate-smart private sector investments.

Although these restoration leaders are making progress, they need to be further supported and recognised. In response, IUCN is

developing a new online tool to credibly and transparently track progress on the Bonn Challenge to support restoration efforts at all scales.

The Bonn Challenge
Barometer of Progress
will profile leadership and
quantifiable progress on
restoration, equipping
jurisdictions with
information to accelerate
FLR action and address
implementation bottlenecks,
and communicating
restoration results to the
global community.



The Bonn Challenge

is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested land into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030. To

date, 40 governments, companies and organisations have committed over 148 million hectares to this restoration ambition.

It is an implementation vehicle for national priorities such as boosting landscape productivity, improving water and food security, protecting habitats, and combating desertification. It also facilitates the implementation of existing international commitments: the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the Land Degradation Neutrality goal, and climate change commitments under the UNFCCC, including the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions related to the forest and land-use sector.

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## How it works

Underpinning the Barometer is a flexible methodology for tracking progress on restoration, developed in partnership with six pilot Bonn Challenge jurisdictions currently being defined. The methodology will build on existing approaches and tools, such as satellite mapping, ground-based surveys, and data collection. Input and guidance will come from an Advisory Panel composed of partners, experts and stakeholders to ensure a robust consultation process.

The Barometer methodology and results will be available as an online tool, built into IUCN's restoration website InfoFLR.org. In addition, progress on restoration will be publicised through a series of flagship Bonn Challenge Progress Reports in 2017, 2018, and 2020.

These reports will synthesise progress and lessons learned on implementation, highlight integration with international commitments including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Aichi Targets and provide information and access points for practitioners, investors and civil society.

The Barometer will capture progress on restoration across three dimensions:

Policies and legal frameworks that help create an enabling environment for FLR and mobilise funding to support and scale-up restoration

Technical capacities to plan, implement, and monitor restoration

On-the-ground progress in restoring degraded land

Learn more about the Barometer and follow our updates at InfoFLR.org.

## What it will do

The Bonn Challenge Barometer of Progress will complement restoration efforts at multiple scales and by a range of actors. Some of the anticipated benefits and impacts from the project include:

- Identifying and raising awareness of in-country restoration opportunities and needs for investors, the private sector, and other interested parties.
- Raising awareness on the benefits of restoration and the important contribution restoration can make to achieving developmental and environmental goals including the SDGs, Aichi Targets, Paris Agreement, Land Degradation Neutrality goal, and others.
- Helping to advance science and best practices on restoration by providing a wealth of new information to researchers on restoration practices and results from around the world.

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