



Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) Solutions Dialogue: Innovative Finance for Standing Forests and Thriving Communities

Concept Note

Tropical forests provide essential ecosystem services — from regulating rainfall and storing vast amounts of carbon to sheltering most of the planet’s terrestrial biodiversity. They are also indispensable for food and water security, while underpinning sustainable development and the fight against poverty and hunger. Yet, they remain economically undervalued. The Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF), to be launched at the Leaders' Summit of UNFCCC COP30 in Belém, Brazil, offers an innovative approach to fill this gap by creating real economic incentives to keep these forests standing.

Conceived as a blended finance mechanism, the TFFF aims to mobilize USD 25 billion in sovereign capital to leverage up to USD 100 billion in private investment, in line with a broader strategic agenda to channel private capital toward international development objectives. Together, these resources would establish a USD 125 billion permanent endowment, generating sustainable returns. These returns will both remunerate investors and provide annual payments to tropical forest countries, based on verified conservation performance, to support forest conservation and sustainable use in accordance with national priorities.

Resources will be disbursed directly to national budgets to support public policies, complementing — rather than replacing — project-based efforts. At least 20% of funds will be directed to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, in recognition of their vital role as stewards of the forest.

In principle, all developing countries with tropical forest coverage can benefit from the TFFF. Eligibility to join will require countries to have a deforestation rate below 0.5% and eligibility to continue benefiting from it will require a declining trend, or at least maintenance. Beneficiaries must also establish transparent mechanisms for fund allocation and maintain forest monitoring systems that meet standards set by the Facility.

It is a highly promising initiative—potentially one of the most significant in the field of international environmental finance in recent years. It aims to reshape how resources are mobilized and distributed, leveraging innovative instruments to attract private capital and address key market challenges affecting tropical forests. The TFFF could represent a rare and meaningful opportunity to make a lasting impact.

Uniquely, the TFFF is a Global South-led initiative — conceived and championed by tropical forest countries themselves. It marks a decisive step toward a more equitable, inclusive, and representative environmental finance architecture. By creating an innovative, transparent and results-based mechanism, the TFFF offers all partners a practical path to a common goal: ensuring that standing tropical forests are properly valued, effectively protected, and sustainably financed.



Objectives

To maximize impact and visibility, the TFFF Solutions Dialogue aims to:

1. **Shape the narrative around unlocking innovative finance for forest conservation and empowering tropical forest countries in the lead-up to COP30.** The event should present the TFFF as a Global South-led solution to systemic gaps in environmental finance, emphasizing its potential to reshape international architecture through equitable, performance-based funding.
2. **Mobilize high-level political engagement by convening key champions from both tropical forest countries and potential investor countries, laying the groundwork for bold announcements at COP30.**
3. **Catalyze tangible progress on a few identified solutions.**

Expected Outputs

- **Positioning the TFFF as a key legacy of the Leaders' Summit in Belém**, reinforcing its role as a flagship outcome in the context of COP30, driven by Global South leadership in renewed partnership with sponsor countries;
- **Consolidation of the TFFF as a structural and innovative solution** to the climate and biodiversity agendas, to the promotion of sustainable development and to the fight against poverty and hunger, underscoring the central importance of tropical forests;
- **Direct engagement of Heads of State and Government**, with public expressions of support from leaders of tropical forest and investor countries;
- **Elevated international profile of the TFFF**, fostering greater engagement from both developing countries and potential sponsor countries;
- **Creation of a political environment conducive to the capitalization of the TFFF**, particularly through announcements or signals of intent regarding sovereign contributions or guarantees;
- **Expressions of support from influential international partners**, contributing to the TFFF's credibility and helping to position it within the broader ecosystem of environmental and climate finance.

Participants

High-level representatives from tropical forest countries and potential sponsor countries that are members of the TFFF's Interim Steering Committee; other potential beneficiary countries; additional potential sponsor countries; partner International Organizations; other stakeholders.

Format

The event will include a one-hour-and-thirty-minute high-level session to be held in Conference Room 3 at UN Headquarters in New York, on Tuesday, 23 September, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, in the context of a series of high-level Solutions Dialogues convened during the UN High-Level week, with a view to providing recommendations to consolidate, accelerate and deliver climate action solutions at pace and scale ahead of COP 30.