New York Declaration on Forests

NYDF Global Platform & Progress Assessment

Catalyzing global forest action

Offers the most comprehensive framework for voluntary forest action:

The 10 Goals of the declaration and its Action Agenda address all drivers of forest loss, while calling for forest restoration, improved governance, sustainable livelihoods, an increase and shift in finance, and international collaboration under climate and sustainable development goals.

Unites key stakeholders:

200+ governments including forest and donor countries, companies, finance sector, civil society, and Indigenous peoples and local communities’ organizations have endorsed the declaration. The NYDF continues to be a key reference point, as evidenced by the recent G7 decision, reaffirming commitment to the declaration.
The institutions behind the NYDF

The NYDF Global Platform:

The host for collective action

- Growing the endorser base and building trust – to strengthen engagement with current and potential endorsers.

- Convening power at political levels to elevate the importance of forests as a climate solution through high-level leaders’ summits and sector dialogues.

- Anchored within UNDP’s Climate and Forests programme, connected to UNDP country offices, and integrated with the Secretariat of the Assessment Partners (Climate Focus).

The NYDF Assessment Partners:

The critical voice of civil society

- Strong network of think tanks and NGOs that yearly assess collective progress toward the 10 Goals of the NYDF and develop recommendations.

- Global reference point for progress on forest action with coverage in major media outlets, reports quoted in major policy documents and more than half a million impressions on social media.

- Operationally independent from the platform while providing key information on progress and gaps in achieving the NYDF goals.

Supported by:

The NYDF Platform (launched in 2017) and the Progress Assessment (created in 2015) have received support from the German government (the International Climate Initiative), the Climate & Land Use Alliance, the Good Energies Foundation, and the Tropical Forest Alliance. The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) supports this initiative on the basis of a decision adopted by the German Bundestag.
NYDF Global Platform Partners

The Implementation Partners of the Platform

Lead Partner: Brings the convening power of the UN at international level and infrastructure for country engagement through country offices

Secretariat: Brings decades of experience in facilitating and mediating government-to-government and multi-stakeholder dialogues on forests

Partner: Brings political acumen to build momentum and high-level support and engagement ahead of and during events

Partner & Secretariat of the Assessment Partners: Oversees the accountability function of the NYDF and has successfully coordinated the NYDF Assessment Partners since 2015

The NYDF Assessment Partners

- Lead the accountability function of the NYDF (assessment reports)
- Support the Platform partners in implementing the convening & support components (e.g. by providing tailored implementation guidance and recording progress made on pledges)
How we operate

NYDF GLOBAL PLATFORM

CONSTITUENCIES

NYDF Assessment Partners

FUNCTIONS

NYDF GLOBAL PLATFORM

Convening of high-level events
Engagement and support for national and local implementation
Communications & outreach
Accountability & Guidance

Endorsers
Prospective Endorsers

Decision-makers and influencers at global, national and local level

The broader public
The vision: Three strategies to advance forest action

1. **Rally Stakeholders Behind a Common Vision for Forest Action**
   - by convening diverse pledges, voices, and forest initiatives to strengthen ambition and political will under the comprehensive umbrella of the NYDF Goals and Action Agenda

2. **Support Implementation to Pave a Pathway to Action**
   - by providing support and fostering collaboration to advance progress at national and local level in tropical forest countries

3. **Ensure Accountability**
   - by conducting scientifically rigorous assessment of specific pledges and at global level, by offering guidance & feedback, and by supporting advocacy to decision makers

Advance progress toward the 10 Goals of the NYDF to end natural forest loss and restore 350 million hectares by 2030
CONVENE to make ambition more tangible & institute accountability

Host multi-stakeholder event on global forest action offering a space for other initiatives and pledges
Record progress made toward existing pledges and identify critical action gaps & opportunities
Affirm commitment by existing endorsers & bring in new endorsers from key sectors
Set annual agenda for forest action with those pledging action (NYDF and beyond) & forest countries

SUPPORT FOR ACTION at local & national level

Identify activities that the NYDF Platform will support
Conduct regional & national multi-stakeholder dialogues
Provide technical & financial support for targeted groups
Provide tailored implementation guidance

ASSESS PROGRESS to ensure accountability

Track progress toward specific pledges, action agenda & global progress
Fill knowledge gaps through original research
Assess lessons learned & best practices
Promote communications and support advocacy campaigns

How we deliver:
An annual cycle of convening, support, and assessment
Our contribution for forests

An opportunity for forests

Tackling deforestation requires collaboration between all stakeholders and sectors, many of which are not yet part of the conversation.

There are many promising initiatives and ambitious pledges for forests, yet action is slow and accountability is lacking.

Although there is limited progress at global scale, there are great examples of progress that can be scaled and replicated.

What the NYDF Platform contributes

• Bring related initiatives under the comprehensive NYDF umbrella to forge new political consensus for action and institute accountability.
• Complement other initiatives in critical action areas that remain unaddressed (e.g. Goal 3)
• Share the many comprehensive solutions that are needed to address the problem.
• Share the lessons across stakeholder groups and at different scales.
• Support endorsers and other partners to advance their implementation.

• Provide a forum to foster strong collaboration between different stakeholders at global and national scale.
• Bring in new critical partners that are not yet part of the conversation.