Unlock Finance for Landscapes
Mesoamerican Landscape Accelerator
A design process towards speed & scale

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Session description

Our call for action is to increase speed and scale for positive impact towards more sustainable landscapes. We recognize that funding, commitments to action and financial mechanisms do exist but matchmaking public and private funds with bankable projects in the context of a landscape is lagging.

Solidaridad Mesoamerica has launched the Mesoamerican Landscape Accelerator to realize this desired speed and scale. The Accelerator identifies and facilitates access to investment for sustainable agriculture and landscape restoration.

Solidaridad is already working to a) identify a portfolio of interlinking investments that impact at landscape level, where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts; b) apply a blended support & financing model to implement the initiatives, and c) bring together concrete commitments and action from government, national & international investors, private sector and civil society.

During this session we present the approach of the accelerator based on the experience of Solidaridad specifically in Honduras. First, we will highlight the context of the landscape programme in Honduras, second, we shed light on the design process and how it results in an investment portfolio and lastly, we will showcase 1-3 investment cases to take a deep dive into the landscape opportunities with the audience.

Moderator

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Speakers

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Technical Head of Programs, Solidaridad Mesoamerica - Guatemala

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Coordinator International Projects on Forest Restoration, Oro Verde - Germany
Inclusive Finance and Business Pavilion

Questions for discussion
We invite our panelists - together with the audience - to reflect on landscape finance barriers and how to overcome them.

The overarching questions we pose to our panel and the audience are:
- What are specific barriers to invest for public and private funders?
- What services do investors need on the ground to overcome these barriers?
- What is required to make local actors and communities investment ready?

Key topics we aim to address during the discussion are:
- Risk perception and risk mitigation: whose risk are we talking about?
- Information requirements: who needs to know what?
- Critical process steps: when and how should investors get involved?

Objectives of the session
The objectives of the session are:
- to inspire and share the experience so far, both successes and challenges
- to address the practical journey towards investment propositions: building partnerships, building the knowledge base, liaising with finance actors and developing business and investment cases.
- to discuss in greater detail the blended finance models proposed, with attention for risk appetite and how best to balance public and private funds; who needs to get involved when? What information do dealmakers need and when?

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