Development of Knowledge Exchange Platform on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia

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Achievements – challenges – aspirations for forest landscape restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia

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• Forest Landscape Restoration is very high in the international agenda, including UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration, Bonn Challenge, ECCA30.

• The Caucasus and Central Asia region actively responded to these initiatives, primarily through the Astana Ministerial Conference, and follow up work.
  • However, the region is not well known and recognized in particular in a global scale.
Context

• International organizations responded to the related needs, developing guidance, training material and providing tools for sharing knowledge and exchanging of information and discussion.
  • However, primarily for language and regional specificity, these developments are of limited relevance and availability for the region

• As follow up to the Astana Ministerial, CCA countries continues regional cooperation in this regard, including through the development of the regional guidance for creating national strategies for FLR.
  • However, this work is done through a set of separate activities without an information hub that would help to organize work and manage ongoing and expected outputs.
Objectives

Knowledge Exchange Platform on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia

- To serve as the sub-regional hub of information general developments in the area of forest landscape restoration relevant to the sub-region.
- To provide a platform for countries of the sub-region to share information about their work in this area.
- To provide the forum for exchange of information and discussion among national and international experts and stakeholders.
- To serve as source of information about methodologies, trainings and knowledge in this area.
Knowledge Exchange Platform – Module 1

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE and TOOLS for FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

compilation of general information about FLR process and knowledge adjusted to the regional context
Knowledge Exchange Platform – Module 2

FOREST and FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION in the CAUCASUS and CENTRAL ASIA REGION

information about forests and status and FLR developments in countries of the region
Knowledge Exchange Platform – Module 3

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE HUB for the CAUCASUS and CENTRAL ASIA channel for national and international participants to facilitate circulation of information and to discuss ongoing work
Knowledge Exchange Platform – Module 4

LEARNING MATERIALS and USEFUL RESOURCES

training material, generally available and the one specifically developed / adjusted to the region's needs
Features

- Knowledge Exchange Platform on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia is expected to:
  - serve as the sub-regional hub of information general developments in the area of forest landscape restoration relevant to the sub-region
  - provide a platform for countries of the sub-region to share information about their work in this area
  - provide the forum for exchange of information and discussion among national and international experts and stakeholders
  - serve as source of information about methodologies, trainings and knowledge in this area
Next steps

- Initial version - end of November
- Consultations with national focal points - mid of December
- Operational version - end of December
- Pilot application of the Platform during the implementation of the FLR policy guiding principles project - end of March 2022
THANK YOU

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