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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Context

- **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 crating 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.**
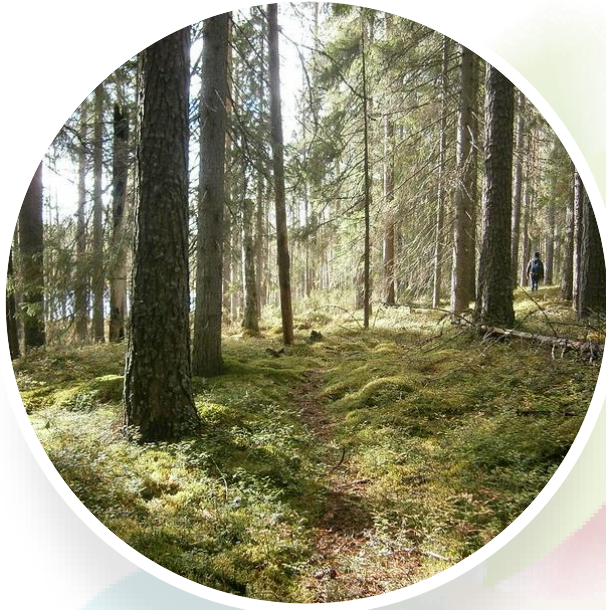
Objectives

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

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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
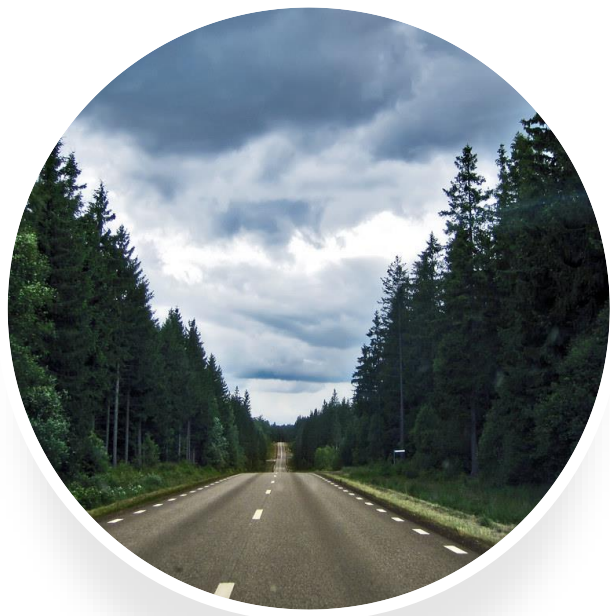
LEARNING MATERIALS and USEFUL RESOURCES

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

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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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