

The World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) believes that tackling climate change is about transforming landscapes, and livelihoods. If you agree that better land-use management is appropriate then inclusion of a REDD plus mechanism is surely a worthy element. However, reducing deforestation alone won't solve completely our landscape management and land degradation challenges. The 10% tree cover on more than 1 billion hectares of agricultural land provides a carbon stock of approximately 30 Gigatonnes. With appropriate incentives and by developing countries taking the lead we estimate an additional 30 Gigatonnes can be added over the next 20 years – equivalent to 60 years emissions from deforestation as currently defined.

However, equally important as the environmental services of enhanced tree cover on farm are the livelihood benefits of such tree cover. Trees already provide annually \$80 billion worth of fuelwood, \$100 billion of traded tree commodities and many of the medicinal cures for poor rural families. Trees also give fodder for animals in dry seasons and fertilise impoverished soils with natural and continuous inputs. Moreover, they do this in ways that are typically gender sensitive and supportive.

The World Agroforestry Centre calls on parties to show intent through agreements reached at COP16 that the whole landscape approach will in future be eligible for results-based financing where cost-efficient, transparent, fair and realistic interventions can be proven. We assert that initiatives such as Evergreen Agriculture, Rehabilitation of Tree Crop Commodities and Alternatives to Slash and Burn already provide robust evidence for replication throughout the tropics for such high carbon stock pathways.

The full details for legally-binding specification may not be there yet but that should not stop us from showing policy direction for what is morally-binding and ecologically-binding. It should also not excuse us in discriminating against some forms of carbon especially that on smallholder farms. Along with other Collaborative Partnership on Forest Partners we support a REDD+ agreement but also recognize we need to see the whole spectrum and not just the infra-REDD.