

IMPLEMENTATION AND INVESTMENT LAB TO HALT AND REVERSE DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION

Concept note

23 April 2026 | 11:00 – 13:00 (KST) | Seminar Room 16

Background and Scope

At 2026 UNFCCC Climate Week 1 (CW1), Implementation Labs, as part of the Implementation Forum, are designed as hands-on, solution-oriented sessions focused on implementation bottlenecks and tested solutions for scaling implementation, convening non-Party stakeholders (NPS), including private sector, civil society, and subnational entities as well as policy makers to discuss enablers and barriers to escalating solutions from perspectives of each stakeholder group. Topics of the Implementation Labs will correspond to the six axes of Global Climate Action Agenda in alignment with the first GST outcome.

At the final plenary of COP30, the COP30 Presidency announced that it would elaborate two roadmaps, one being on halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 (paragraphs 33 and 34 of the GST). In a [letter to Parties and Observers](#) circulated on 28 February, it further stressed that it must be pursued in an inclusive, participatory and transparent manner, and that these roadmaps can help identify practical options for implementing the goals that were agreed.

Objectives

This implementation and investment lab will be an opportunity to hear about practical options that can contribute to halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030, and more specifically exchange about:

- Financing options for forest climate action;
- Strengthening MRV systems for land-based mitigation;
- Integrating Indigenous knowledge into land management.

Preliminary Agenda

11:00-11:10 [1. Welcome and Introduction](#)
Welcome video by Mr. Dan Ioschpe, COP 30 Climate High-Level Champion, Brazil
Brief overview of the Lab’s purpose and organization of the session.

11:10-11:20 [2. Keynote presentation by Ms. Monique Sacardo Ferreira, COP30 Presidency](#)
Introductory remarks
COP30 Presidency roadmap for halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030.

11:20-11:25 [3. Bottlenecks Pulse Check](#)
Identifying through an interactive digital activity the background of participants and gathering short inputs on barriers and potential levers for accelerating action to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation.

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11:45

4. Barriers Deep Dive

Panelists:

- Ms. Minkyung Song, National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea, Forest Carbon Center on Climate Change;
 - Mr. Ghanshyam Pandey, Local community representative from the Asia region;
 - Mr. Andrei Isakov, Indigenous Peoples representative from Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia.
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12:15

5. Solution Lab

Solution lab, structured around three parallel sessions in which participants will be invited to highlight proven solutions and collaboratively identify the specific enabling conditions needed to scale implementation.

Parallel session 1: Financing options for forest climate action (moderated by Emmanuelle Pinault, High-Level Climate Champions Team)

Parallel session 2: Strengthening measurement, reporting and verification systems for land-based mitigation (moderated by Dr. Jongsu Yim, National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea, Forest Carbon Center on Climate Change)

Parallel session 3: Incorporating diverse knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples and local communities into land management (moderated by representatives of the FWG of the LCIPP: Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri, FWG member representing UN indigenous sociocultural region: Asia, and Viacheslav Shadrin, FWG member representing UN indigenous sociocultural region: Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia)

12:15-
12:30

6. Closing and Next Steps

Moderators of three parallel sessions to present concise implementation insights and possible next steps, with a synthesis of cross-cutting messages to inform Climate Week outcomes.
