

IMPLEMENTATION AND INVESTMENT LAB

Halt and Reverse Deforestation and Forest Degradation

Concept Note

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24 April 2026 | 09:00 – 11:00 (KST) | Seminar Room 4

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

09:00	1. Welcome and Introduction
09:10	2. Keynote presentation
09:20	3. Bottlenecks Pulse Check
09:30	4. Barriers Deep Dive
09:50	5. Solution Lab
	Brief presentation of the modus operandi of the 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.
09:55	<u>Parallel session 1: Financing options for forest climate action</u>
	<u>Parallel session 2: Strengthening MRV systems for land-based mitigation</u>
	<u>Parallel session 3: Integrating Indigenous knowledge into land management</u>
10:25	6. Closing and Next Steps

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