

EDFDI Official Submission: Actionable Solutions and Innovative Financing Mechanisms to Halt Deforestation and Land Degradation (COP30 Forest Roadmap)

Your Excellencies,

Egypt the Dream Foundation for Development and Innovation (EDFDI), in its capacity as an accredited observer organization operating as an integrated "Think-and-Do Tank", expresses its full support for the Brazilian Presidency's initiative to develop an ambitious roadmap to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030. We are honored to submit the following practical and financial solutions for inclusion in the roadmap:

First: Scaling Up Finance and Empowering Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples

Forests cannot be protected without economically empowering their true guardians on the ground. To achieve this, we propose the following mechanisms:

1. **Climate Finance Points (CFPs):** Activating our proposal (officially published in UN documents) to establish decentralized direct financing points. This bypasses bureaucratic complexities and ensures international climate finance reaches local communities, indigenous peoples, and organizations directly involved in forest conservation.
2. **The Global Standardized Carbon Credit Platform:** Establishing a simplified digital platform that allows local communities and micro-organizations to instantly receive economic returns for every area afforested or protected (based on fixed standardized units). This transforms forest protection into a profitable and sustainable economic activity for local inhabitants.

Second: Actionable Solutions to Reverse Land Degradation (Circular Economy)

To reduce expansionary agriculture pressure on forest lands, degraded lands must be restored and utilized. The Foundation presents its globally replicable field model:

* The Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus Project (Port Said): An integrated applied model (building on the concept of the Bahr El Baqar Drain project, which won first place globally in 2021) based on converting saline and degraded lands into productive agricultural lands using treated wastewater. The project aims to grow crops used in the production of "biofuels" and food, achieving energy and food security without compromising existing forests.

EDFDI, backed by its strategic financial alliance with CRJ Capital Partners, emphasizes that forest protection and degraded land restoration can be transformed into attractive "Bankable Projects" for private investments if the correct financial structuring is provided.

We place these models at the disposal of the COP30 Presidency and look forward to actively contributing to the trajectory of this roadmap.

Sincerely,

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