A global framework to drive environmental, social and economic sustainability in productive landscapes

THE LS THEORY OF CHANGE

The Landscape Standard (LS) is an emerging tool to help drive landscape-scale sustainability. The LS will show the state and trajectory of sustainability across environmental, socioeconomic and governance dimensions using data-based performance results.

Applicable across commodities and production sectors within landscapes, the LS offers a standardized landscape sustainability assessment to complement existing sustainability efforts that target individual production sites, activities or sectors. This approach will assist companies, financiers and governments seeking to assess the landscape-scale sustainability performance of their investments and will drive incentives and resources towards continuous improvement of landscape sustainability.

LOCAL LANDSCAPE ACTORS

Landscape actors including local governments, producers and civil society

STAKEHOLDERS

Commodity companies; development finance institutions (DFIs) and investors; and governments

USE THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD

To measure and communicate sustainability progress to attract finance and incentives

GLOBAL ACTORS

To implement coordinated strategies and activities that drive landscape-scale environmental, social and governance (ESG) benefits

TO DRIVE ACTION

TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLY MANAGED LANDSCAPES

Landscapes that are managed so that communities and ecosystems thrive and that provide viable long-term supplies of the world’s primary commodities

LS PILOT PROJECTS

Putting the LS to the test across the globe

MEXICO

Main commodities: avocado, berries
Approach: coastal management, forestry, tourism

GUATEMALA

Main commodities: sugarcane, bananas
Approach: coastal resilience

ETHIOPIA

Main commodity: coffee

KENYA

Main commodity: tea

INDONESIA

Main commodity: palm oil

MEXICO

Main commodity: water
Approach: watershed management, restoration, public-private partnerships

COSTA RICA

Main commodity: coffee, palm oil, cocoa
Approach: regional approach

PERU

Main commodity: cocoa
Approach: agricultural supply chain commitments, zero deforestation

GHANA

Main commodity: cocoa
Approach: coastal management, forestry, tourism

PERU

Main commodity: coffee
Approach: regional approach

Kenya

Main commodity: tea

Current pilots  Future/possible pilots