

THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD



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

SUSTAINABLE COMMODITY PRODUCTION AT THE LANDSCAPE SCALE

The global demand for food, fuel, fiber and other essential goods is growing rapidly. These products are sourced from landscapes – large areas where commodity production needs to be balanced with local and national environmental, social and economic priorities. Sustainable landscape production models – for agricultural, forest and extractive goods – can meet global commodity needs while generating tangible benefits for people and the planet. To support the development of these models, there is a need for a global framework that can measure progress over time, and drive incentives and finance towards sustainable landscapes.

THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD – SCALING UP INCENTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

The Landscape Standard (LS) is an emerging tool to help drive landscape-scale sustainability. The LS will provide measurable indicators of the state and trajectory of sustainability at the landscape level across environmental, social, and economic dimensions. This landscape-level application sets the LS apart from other

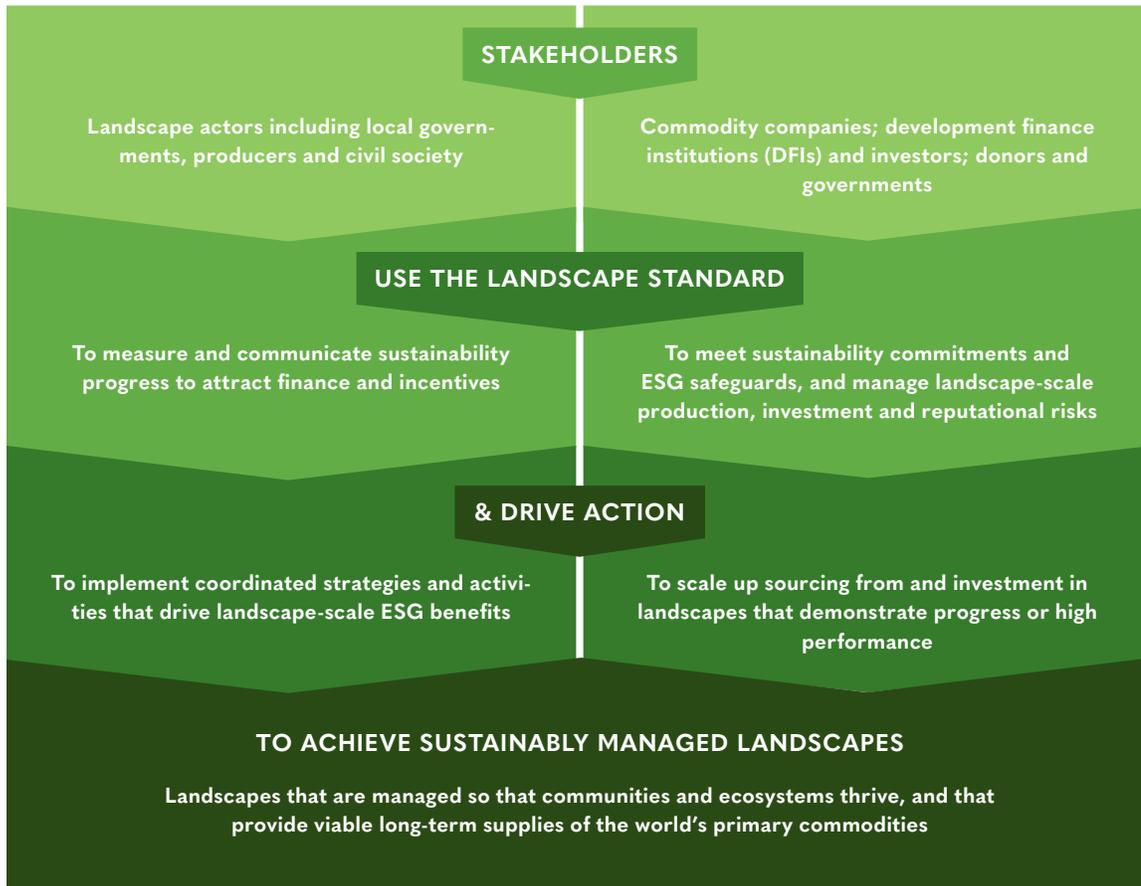
sustainability standards, complementing sustainability efforts that target individual production sites, activities or sectors.

Goals and indicators at the global level will support targets and criteria tailored to the specific landscape context. Relative progress and absolute threshold indicators will enable reporting on both continuous improvement and compliance with sustainability commitments. This framework will provide data-based performance results to help generate incentives and finance that advance landscape sustainability actions.

THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD IN ACTION

LS pilots are underway in landscapes producing a range of commodities in Africa (Ghana) and Latin America (Peru, Guatemala, and Costa Rica). For example, the LS supports the implementation of the groundbreaking Cocoa & Forest Initiative (CFI) in Ghana. The LS framework will support compliance with zero deforestation and other environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments made by cocoa-sourcing companies, thus demonstrating sustainable landscape-scale cocoa production and smallholder community benefits.

THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD RESPONDS TO THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF KEY PLAYERS IN LANDSCAPE PRODUCTION



A PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP THE LANDSCAPE STANDARD

The LS is developed and managed collaboratively by Verra, Rainforest Alliance and the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance in partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Nature Conservation Research Centre, Proforest and Solidaridad, with input from a broad range of stakeholders.

We welcome new collaborations

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