

FCLP Roadmap Frequently Asked Questions

Roadmap Questions

Question: What is the FCLP Roadmap on “Scaling investment in forest carbon results and credits”?

Answer: The FCLP Roadmap is a compilation of mid-term actions needed to scale high-quality forest carbon finance by COP30 in 2025. It aims to bridge the gap in forest finance by scaling payments for the climate and environmental services, mainly through carbon finance. Both results-based payments (RBP) and carbon markets are important vehicles for channelling investment to forest-based mitigation, which can also deliver additional benefits related to adaptation and sustainable economic and social development in forest communities and countries. The FCLP Roadmap emphasizes the importance of collaboration among countries, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, civil society, and the private sector to overcome challenges and direct investments effectively. It also stresses the need of respecting ongoing negotiations under the UN climate change regime while promoting investments that contribute to halting and reversing forest loss and enhancing ecosystem services.

The FCLP Roadmap serves two key purposes. Firstly, it acts as a political signal, underscoring the collective belief of governments about the importance of scaling up forest carbon finance with integrity. Secondly, it provides a foundation for a workplan that will guide the FCLP's goals and actions towards 2025.

Question: Why is the FCLP Roadmap Needed?

Answer: The FCLP Roadmap is vital as it lays out a strategy to enhance forest carbon finance by COP30 in 2025, a key step for achieving global climate objectives. Forests offer a potent solution, contributing up to 30% of

the necessary mitigation to reach our climate goals. They are unique in their ability to deliver impactful results before 2030, a critical factor in keeping the 1.5°C target viable.

Question: What does the Roadmap include?

Answer: FCLP members agree that there is a huge opportunity through Forest Carbon Markets and, whilst there is no consolidated position on how these should work, members of the FCLP Working Group on Forest Carbon Markets intend to work together to identify and support the implementation of solutions that:

- Increase RBP;
- Elicit demand signals that buyers are willing to appropriately value and invest in forest carbon results and credits;
- Scale the supply of high-quality and high-integrity forest carbon results and credits;
- Facilitate broader inclusion of representatives of IPLCs as partners in national REDD+ processes and market-based approaches;
- Work in partnership with all interested countries to facilitate knowledge and experience sharing across a wide community related to the advancement of forest RBP and carbon markets;
- Help connect FCLP members to technical assistance and capacity building resources; and
- Recognize the value that forests provide for the full climate and ecosystem services, along with adaptation and sustainable development benefits.

Question: Why does the Roadmap cover both RBP and carbon markets?

Answer: The Roadmap includes potential solutions related to both RBP and carbon markets to acknowledge the distinct yet complementary roles these

forms of carbon finance play in scaling investment in forest-based mitigation. RBP and carbon markets relate to different types of supply—forest carbon results versus verified credits, respectively—and also attract different types of demand. It is a country's national prerogative to pursue either form of carbon finance, a combination of the two, or to transition from RBP to markets over time.

Question: Who supports the FCLP Roadmap?

Answer: [List of countries to be added]

Question: What is next for the FCLP Roadmap?

Answer: This Roadmap will inform a workplan for FCLP members over the next two years, providing a clear set of issues that governments may collectively work on to deliver progress. It recognises that there are real challenges that need to be overcome and that there is willingness to work together to accomplish this.

General Questions

Question: Why are you supportive of carbon credits after they have been shown lack of integrity in the past?

Answer: Over the past 15 years, there has been significant progress in developing carbon markets. While valid concerns exist - such as the use of carbon credits as a substitute for direct decarbonisation and concerns about whether credits fully represent the environmental impacts claimed - these issues do not represent the full picture. Carbon markets and results-based payments for forest-based mitigation have significant potential to provide an important source of investment to bridge the persistent forest financing gap. FCLP members are focused on how to make forest carbon markets work in ways that deliver for the climate and for the countries and communities that

look after critical forest ecosystems. The FCLP Roadmap identifies pathways for strengthening and scaling investment in forest carbon results and credits, on which FCLP member countries may engage to varying degrees, as appropriate to their respective national priorities.

Question: Will increase use of forest carbon markets lead to greenwashing from companies?

Answer: FCLP members are focused on advancing high-integrity forest carbon markets that incorporate governance principles to improve market confidence in the environmental outcomes of forest carbon projects and prevent greenwashing from both supply (e.g., by ensuring mitigation results are real) and demand (e.g., corporates cannot use forest-based mitigation results to avoid their own emissions reductions responsibilities) perspectives. Importantly, however, potential greenwashing concerns related to the use of carbon markets are not specific or unique to forest carbon credits, as the challenges for growing high-quality carbon credit supply and ensuring adequate and credible demand are relevant across all sectors. Forest carbon markets can demonstrate high-integrity and ambitious market-driven mitigation outcomes, as well as deliver meaningful environmental, economic and social benefits. FCLP members developed the Roadmap to communicate a common vision for how high-integrity forest carbon markets could be realized.