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Report on forest landscape restoration in the region

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Context

The Caucasus and Central Asia region actively responded to the global FLR initiatives, primarily through the Astana Ministerial Conference in 2018, and follow up work.



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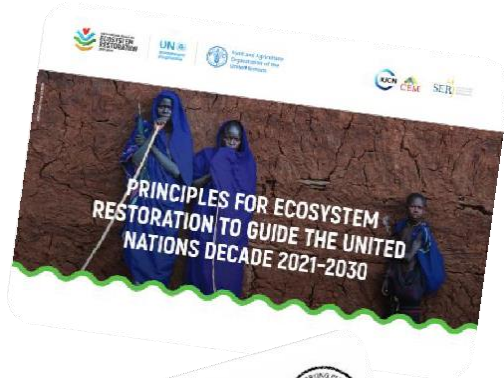
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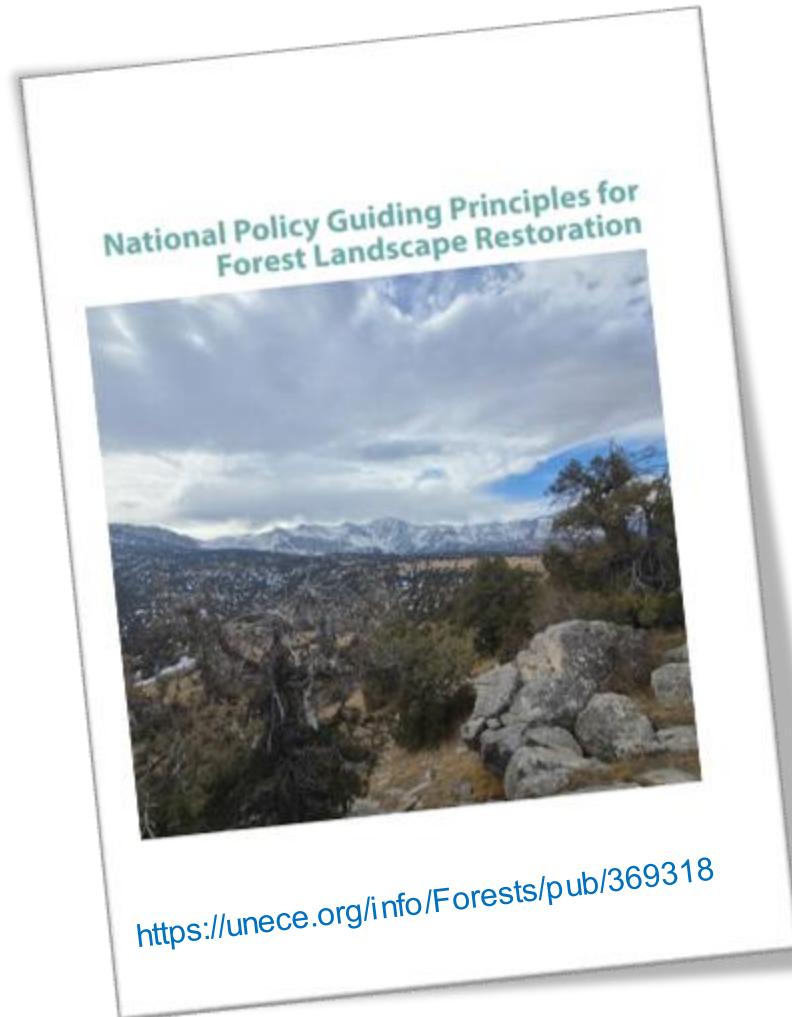
Rationale for the National Policy Guiding Principles



- There are guidelines and tools available (about 9 guidelines and best practices)
- Conservation, afforestation, and reforestation activities have been carried out for many years, **but FLR poses new challenges**



Rationale for the National Policy Guiding Principles



Lesson learned: what is needed in addition, is an **integrated approach** that takes into account capacity and needs of **all main stakeholders**

Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) requires effective policy frameworks to meet goals and commitments

Governance checklist – 7 guiding principles



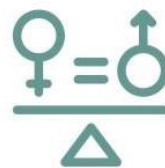
Governance checklist – 8 cross-cutting principles



**Build on commitments
and partnerships**



**Ensure a participatory
approach**



Mainstream gender



**Address needs of people
with disabilities**



**Biodiversity
protection**



**Adapt to
climate change**



Regional approach



Alleviate poverty

Principle 3 - Development of a national FLR strategy



Criteria:

- Areas that are deforested, degraded or are prone to degradation and deforestation are identified;
- Areas with highest potential for successful FLR are prioritized;
- An assessment of human and financial capacities available for FLR is completed, highlighting strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT);
- Based on the problem tree and on the FLR related assessment, a national FLR strategy is developed for ensuring effective and sustainable FLR measures;
- Developed FLR strategy is embedded in national strategies and is clearly formalized in the national legal and administrative system.

Principle 6 - Implementation strategies for effective FLR



- Protect and restore **what exists**
- Restore forest landscape through **planting, nature-based regeneration** and other technical measures
- Greening other non-forest sectors in support of FLR:
 - Greening agriculture by alleviating drivers of forest landscape degradation resulting from agricultural practices
 - Greening infrastructures investments
 - Greening urban and peri-urban centers

Governance checklist – the benefits



Framework for streamlined policy and strategy development



Comprehensive approach and broad stakeholder support



Higher visibility



Increased funding opportunities



Effective contributions to national and international commitments

Process

1. Regional Policy Dialogue on Forest Landscape Restoration

- 9 February 2022 | [Virtual](#)
- **Organized by:** UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

2. National Forest Policy Dialogue: Validating a National Strategy Proposal for Forest Landscape Restoration in Kyrgyzstan

- 23-24 June 2022 | [Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan](#)
- **Organized by:** Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section & FAO Country Office in Kyrgyzstan

3. National Forest Policy Dialogue: Forestry Sector Feasibility Towards Resilient Landscapes Restoration in Uzbekistan

- 20-21 September 2022 | [Tashkent, Uzbekistan](#)
- **Organized by:** State Committee on Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section & FAO Country Office in Uzbekistan

Forest Landscape Restoration and its components in 2023

- 1. Master-planning forest landscape restoration and afforestation efforts**
- 2. New project on food-water-energy nexus and its implementation in the urban context**
- 3. New project on non-wood forest supply chains and forest landscape restoration**
- 4. Development of the Knowledge sharing platform on forest landscape restoration**



Thank you!

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