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Restore Local Policy Dialogue 1: Regreening African Landscapes with the Right Policy Mix.

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• **Securing Policies**: A key cog of WRI’s Restore Local Blueprint.

- **Developing capacity** of Restoration Champions, so that a strong pipeline of restoration projects is ready to receive funding and deliver impact.

- **Deploying finance** to Restoration Champions directly, and helping other financing channels increasingly fund local restoration.

- **Securing policies** from local and national governments that incentivize and fund restoration for health, food security, livelihood and climate benefits.

- **Monitoring, reporting, verifying and learning** in accurate and cost-effective ways about the progress of individual restoration projects and the impact of restoration across the landscape.

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**LANDSCAPE POLICY ACCELERATOR**

Restore Local blueprint has four major parts:
LANDSCAPE POLICY ACCELERATOR

- WRI’s main tool for providing FLR policy support to governments.
- Develop skills, promote knowledge exchange, identify key challenges and co-create innovative policies, regulations, and public incentives to speed up FLR efforts.

- Critical components:
  - Research to identify policy gaps and opportunities.
  - Direct engagement with policymakers, FLR stakeholders
  - Peer-to-peer policy accelerator workshops
  - Co-creating policy solutions with governments
  - Knowledge and experience sharing:
    - Exchange learning visits
    - **Policy Accelerator Webinar Series** – to share progress, lessons, inspiration, tools, experiences, and best practices.
MILESTONES OF PROGRESS: THE STORY SO FAR

• Incepted in Latin America in 2021
• Tailored Accelerator workshops and mentoring sessions for Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico.
• Milestones:
  o Mexico: Scaling PES-Matching Funds
  o El Salvador: A new environmental compensation policy
  o Guatemala: Streamlining monitoring of Incentive Policies
MILESTONES OF PROGRESS: THE STORY SO FAR

• Deploying in Africa and Indonesia since 2013

• Africa: Pilot Accelerator workshops, policy stock takes, engagement w/ policymakers and FLR stakeholders – Rwanda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi

• Milestones:
  o Rwanda: Revamping the Tree Reproductive Material Strategy
  o Kenya: Supporting Makueni County Forest Management and Landscape Restoration Bill
  o AFR100: AFR100 Policy Working group
  o Restore Local Policy Dialogue Series
RESTORE LOCAL POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES

Sharing progress, lessons, inspiration, tools, experiences, best practices

Restore Local Policy Dialogue 1: Regreening African Landscapes with the Right Policy Mix

Restore Local Policy Dialogue 2:
Financing Mechanisms for Forest Landscape Restoration in Africa: What is the role of public policies?

Restore Local Policy Dialogue 3:
Empowering Communities to engage in FLR through Economic Incentives and Market-Based Policies.
THANK YOU!