



# UNFF Clearing House on Forest Financing

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT #2

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### DEVELOPMENTS IN FOREST FINANCING IN 2022

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#### **New search function added to the Clearing House**

Phase I of the UNFF Clearing House was launched in April 2021 with three databases, database on financing opportunities, database on learning materials, and database on good practices and lesson learned. At the time of the launch the total number of data entries was 130, it has now exceeded 200 entries. In addition to adding and updating data entries, the database functionality is also being further developed. The database on financing opportunities now has a new function that allow users to search financing opportunities by recipient types, i.e. Government recipient or Non-Governmental Organizations/Non-Profit Organizations recipient. [Click here to view updated information from the Clearing House.](#)

#### **GEF received record-high pledge for the new operating cycle**

Twenty-nine countries have jointly pledged \$5.25 billion for the Global Environment Facility. The new support increases the GEF's funding by nearly 30 percent compared to its most recent four-year operating cycle. With the new pledge, the GEF also aims for more flexible funding mechanism. [Read more.](#)

The GEF also recently announced new financing totalling \$43 million for 139 developing countries to quickly put the anticipated Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework into practice and make headway towards the goal of halting and reversing species loss this decade. [Read more](#)

#### **Great Green Wall faces challenges in accessing pledged financing**

The heads of State of the Great Green Wall (GGW) initiative met on 9 May 2022 at the UNCCD COP15. The complexity of accessing financing was identified as a key challenge for the GGW initiative. In January 2021 at the One Planet Summit, ten international donors pledged over USD19 billion for the GGW for the period 2020-2025. Yet in order to access this financing, countries have to navigate the different processes and timelines of the ten international partners in question. Accessing these funds currently requires considerable upfront investment of time and staff resources, which is creating a challenge in reaching the 2025 timeline of the GGW. [Read more about the discussion at COP15.](#) [Learn more about the Great Green Wall.](#)

#### **New financing for SDGs provides opportunity for forests**

In April 2022, the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) Facility was launched. This new multi-institutional body is dedicated to supporting development of INFFs worldwide. The INFF framework was first introduced by UN Member States in the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda as a country-led approach to strengthen public and private financing for sustainable development. Today, over 80 countries are developing INFFs. Guided by Ministries of Finance and other authorities, INFFs are a driving force for transforming national financing systems and channeling critical investment to the SDGs. This new development presents a good opportunity for forest community and policy makers at the national level to engage in the discussion and drive reform to better reflect the value of forests, drive financing to forests, and reduce agriculture subsidies that drives deforestation and forest degradation. [View the list of countries that are developing INFFs.](#)

## Other new initiatives

[The Community Land Rights and Conservation Finance Initiative](#) (CLARIFI), a new international funding mechanism formed by Rights and Resources Initiative and the Campaign for Nature, was launched in January 2022. It aims to boost climate financing to indigenous communities to help them secure land rights and preserve forested areas from the Congo Basin to the Andes. The initiative is a regranting mechanism that will allocate funding to existing Indigenous, local community, and women-led organizations and aims to contribute to raising US\$10 billion by 2030.

The [Land Use Finance Impact Hub](#) and its [Positive Impact Indicators Directory](#) were launched in April 2022 by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Climate Finance Unit and the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The hub has been developed with and for impact funds and sustainably focused financial institutions and aims to support the rollout of effective industry frameworks to track the environmental and social impacts of land-use investments. UN Member States who are involved in blended concessional financing will also find this a useful tool.



## FOREST-RELATED UPCOMING FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

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- [The LIFE programme](#)'s calls for proposals 2022 are opening to European countries. Submission deadlines vary for different calls. [Read more](#).
- [Banyan Tree Global Foundation \(BTGF\) Greater Good Grant](#) will open its call for 2023 project in June 2022. Community, NGOs and NPOs can request up to US\$10,000 per project.
- [Tinker Foundation](#)'s Institutional Grants will accept Letters of Inquiry starting from July 11. organizations working to improve the lives of Latin Americans are eligible to apply.
- [Inter-American Foundation, Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation](#) are accepting proposals all year round.

Find more such opportunities: [Browse our database on Financing Opportunities](#)



## NEW GOOD PRACTICES

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- [China uses ecological compensation for environmental and natural resources management.](#)
- [Vietnam uses financial incentives for addressing Mangrove Loss.](#)
- [Six Latin American countries use public incentives for rewarding land restoration.](#)

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## ABOUT THE CLEARING HOUSE

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The UNFF [Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network](#) (GFFFN) [Clearing House](#) is a one-stop shop for information on forest financing. This new web-based platform launched in April 2021 provides access to nearly two hundred data entries on forest financing opportunities, learning materials and good practices. Be sure to check back regularly as our information resources expand regularly.