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CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
COFO	Committee on Forestry
COP26	26th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
ECCA30	Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia restoration by 2030
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FLR	Forest Landscape Restoration
FLRM	Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GPFLR	Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration
ha	Hectare
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NPGP	National Policy Guiding Principles for Forest Landscape Restoration
ROAM	Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (IUCN)
SDGs	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
SWOT	Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats analysis
UN	United Nations
UN Decade	United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
USD	United States Dollars
WRI	World Resources Institute

BACKGROUND

Despite a plethora of tools and trainings available for practitioners and policymakers in the realm of forest landscape restoration (FLR), there is a lack of guidance on creating a favourable enabling policy environment for successful and sustainable FLR interventions. The National Policy Guiding Principles (NPGP) outlined in this document have been developed to support such policy development. In light of the global commitments pledged under the Bonn Challenge, such support could be beneficial in order to increase the success of countries' ongoing restoration efforts.

The document has been developed as a tool for national forest authorities engaged in FLR, and aims to support them in identifying and adapting their national FLR-related policies, strategies and laws according to available best practice and evidence. The NPGP are composed of thematic and cross-cutting principles, which contain basic ideas or rules explaining how FLR should work (see Chapters 4 and 5). Each principle is introduced by a rationale, followed by a set of proposed criteria (i.e., the requirement that must be met to consider that the principle is applied), and a short description of the expected benefits.

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