

# GCF task force

Building low-emissions development  
partnerships across more than 1/3rd of  
the world's tropical forests



## ADVANCING SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE & THE PLANET ACROSS 38 STATES & PROVINCES

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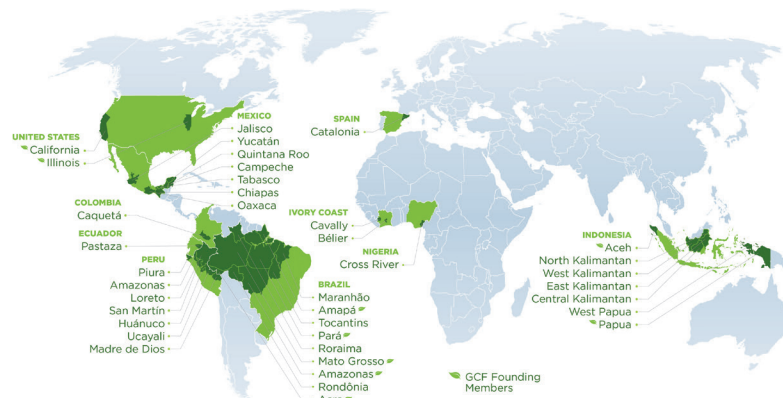
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## WHO WE ARE

The **Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force** is a subnational collaboration of 38 states and provinces working to protect tropical forests, reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and promote realistic pathways to forest-maintaining rural development through direct partnerships with subnational governments, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples, and local communities.



## OUR MISSION

is to **empower** a coalition of subnational jurisdictions and their partners to **implement** innovative jurisdiction-wide programs for **sustainable low-emissions development** built upon improved **forest governance**, novel **technical and financial mechanisms**, enhanced opportunities for **indigenous peoples and local communities**, and **ongoing leadership** in national, regional, and international climate policy forums.

### GCF TASK FORCE MEMBER STATES INCLUDE

**100%** of the Brazilian Amazon

**85%** of the Peruvian Amazon

**60%** of Indonesia's Forests

**65%** of Mexico's Tropical Forests





## OUR APPROACH

Mobilizing **funding & finance** channeled directly to states & provinces

Engaging **indigenous peoples & local communities** through partnerships & collaboration

Tackling **commodity-driven deforestation** through private-sector partnerships



## FACILITATING PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION TO ADVANCE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- + **Governors**
- + **Civil Society**
- + **Private Sector**
- + **Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities**



## AREAS OF WORK

- » Aligning subnational governments with indigenous peoples & local communities
- » Regional partnerships to address commodity-driven deforestation
- » 2050 deep-decarbonization pathways for states and regions
- » Unlocking accessible funding & finance

## WHY FORESTS?

- » The world's forests store more carbon than is currently contained in the atmosphere.
- » Deforestation & forest degradation contribute up to 13% of total global emissions.

**Forests & land use are a central part of the climate solution.**

Forest conservation & improved land management can contribute up to 30% of the climate solution by 2030.

**Delivering social & environmental benefits to member states & provinces and beyond.**

As the largest subnational collaboration of tropical forest governments in the world, the GCF Task Force provides a global platform to advance subnational forest policy leadership, public and private sector engagement, and Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities' inclusion in forest governance. Our initiative areas include tackling commodity-driven deforestation, mapping deep-decarbonization pathways, enabling inclusive rural development, attracting forest financing channeled directly to states & provinces, and facilitating multi-stakeholder platforms for collaboration.

**Advancing solutions for people & the planet starts with good governance:**

- » Subnational governments provide critical opportunities for policy innovation & leadership.
- » Jurisdiction-wide programs—rather than isolated projects—provide a comprehensive approach to low-emissions development.
- » Network governance including multi-stakeholder platforms for collaboration provides the foundation for effective, durable initiatives.

