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Nova Economia Florestal: conectando
governos, povos e oportunidades

Working Session:
**Valuing Standing Forests: Subnational Engagement with the
Tropical Forest Forever Facility**

Thursday, 22 May 2025

Centro de Convenções da Universidade Federal do Acre

- 1. Overall Objective:** Since it was first announced, the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) holds great promise for bringing much-needed funding to the states, provinces, and regions around the world that are doing the hard work of forest conservation. Important planning meetings for the design of this facility have been taking place in recent months and are still ongoing. And as we head into COP 30, we expect the TFFF to be front and center as countries determine pathways forward for turning forest conservation into much-needed profits that benefit the communities living in tropical forest regions across the world. Given this, it is time to begin a dialogue about subnational engagement in the TFFF and to co-construct mechanisms for subnational governments to work with national governments for implementation of this forest conservation facility.
- 2. Specific Objectives:** This session will present the TFFF and have a discussion among participants for how the eventual implementation of this facility can work for the states and provinces of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force.
- 3. Overview:** This session will begin with an "interview/conversation" format featuring one of the TFFF designers from the Brazilian National Government as well as the Secretary of the Environment from the GCF Task Force annual meeting host state, Acre, Brazil. This overview will be followed by a question and answer period and subsequently a general discussion on the TFFF. We aim to end the session with a list of important and viable possibilities to promoting subnational – national collaboration.

4. Agenda:

Time	Description	Responsible
14:30	Opening Comments on Context	Frances Seymour
14:40	What is the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF)?	Andre Aquino
15:00	Facilitated Discussion on the TFFF	Frances, Andre, Leonardo Carvalho
15:30	Break out Groups by country/language + civil society group (or welcome to join by country)	<p>Questions to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When governments are considering how to spend revenues from this new facility, what are some principles for allocating across different stakeholder groups? - What are the lessons learned with REDD+ around forest monitoring, benefit sharing, infrastructure? - What is the relationship between subnational governments' challenges and "front-line forest managers" (with funds allocation, re: strategies for maintaining forests AND as recipients of these revenues) - What would ongoing subnational engagement with the TFFF look like? (proposed governance structure includes advisors to the secretariat, national-subnational protocol)
16:00 – 17:00	Session Break, Networking, World Cafe	
17:00 – 18:00	Reporting Back From Table Discussions, Whole Group Question and Answer, Thematic Integration, Preparation for Friday Report	
12:30 - 1:00	Reporting Back, Question and Answer, Thematic Integration & Preparation for Friday Report	Facilitators: Gunars Platais, Frances Seymour