



GEF Assembly side event

MOBILIZING PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCE

TO COMBAT DEFORESTATION

Can private finance re-direct capital towards sustainable land use?

With over 7.6 million ha of tropical forest lost every year. This, and the accompanying loss of ecosystems and the services they provide, threatens the security and livelihoods of local communities, reduces access to clean water and decreases soil productivity.

Agriculture alone accounts for over 70 percent of all deforestation across tropical and sub-tropical countries, With more than \$1.7 trillion held in debt, equity and other forms of capital that contribute to deforestation through the agricultural sector.

New business models decoupling deforestation from agricultural production are urgently needed to make the transition to a green and inclusive economy.

Join our panel of experts as we explore:

- Best practices & lessons learned in impact financing
- The missing links between private sector goals & deforestation policy
- Current approaches & their limitations
- How to plan within GEF-7 for higher impact & greater environmental benefits

**June 26,
16:30-18:00**

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Conference Centre**



Panelists

- Fred Stolle, World Resources Institute
- Jussi Tapio Lehmusvaara, IFC
- Paul Hartman, GEF Secretariat
- Sanjiv Louis, &Green Fund
- Steven Collet, IDH

Moderator: Ivo Mulder, UN Environment