



MEDIA ADVISORY

Government of Ghana convenes National Landscape Forum on Natural Resource Management and Forest Economy for inclusive and sustainable growth

ACCRA, April 2, 2025 - The Government of Ghana (GoG), with support from the World Bank, is organizing a 3-day National Landscape Forum to bring together professionals and interested persons from public, private and non-governmental agencies working in the areas of natural resources management (NRM) and environmental sustainability in Ghana. The forum aims to showcase achievements of government initiatives in NRM sectors, facilitate dialogue, and highlight opportunities for synergies across NRM sectors to achieve stronger impacts. The forum will also identify pathways towards harnessing the forest-based economy that drives economic development and generates employment to make the country more resilient and also to improve the productivity of the sector.

The GoG has rolled out several programs to support the sustainable management of its natural resources and environmental restoration, which have been supported by the World Bank through several investments, technical assistance, and a carbon finance programme:

- The Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) programme, through support from the World Bank's Global Program on Sustainability, has supported the Government in developing the land accounts, the ecosystem extent accounts, and the ecosystem services accounts, using the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).
- Ghana is one of Africa's champions on Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), as well as one of the first countries globally to receive carbon payments from the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) for emissions reductions generated in the cocoa forest mosaic landscape through propagation of the shaded cocoa systems.
- Ghana's integrated landscape management approaches have been piloted by the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology (MEST) and the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources under the Ghana Sustainable Land and Water Management Project, Ghana Landscape Restoration and Small-Scale Mining Project, and Forest Investment Programme (FIP).

These flagship projects helped consolidate implementation experience related to integrated and participatory landscape management. They have supported policy reforms and institutional strengthening in the forestry sector, while also piloting innovative approaches to sustainable land and water management (SLWM) and community management of natural resources.

- **WHAT:** High-level National forum to officially launch and present the results for the Natural Capital Accounts developed under the NCA programme, discuss key outcomes of current GoG-World Bank projects and advance strategic planning on how Ghana can better develop the forest-based economy, with expected outcomes of increased intersectoral understanding of existing challenges and enhanced capacity to plan for future interventions.
- **WHO:** Policy makers, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Development Partners, Academia, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Traditional Authorities, Research institutions, the media and Think Tanks.

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, 2nd April to Friday, 4th April, 2025
- **TIME:** 9:00am each day
- **WHERE:** Marriot Hotel, Airport City, Accra,

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