



Background

We are facing the twin threats of climate change and biodiversity loss. One cannot be solved without addressing the other.

With investments that harm nature currently outfunded 100:1 compared to those which protect and restore nature, transforming our relationship with nature is a pre-requisite for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement as well as creating a nature-positive future, for people and the planet.

With only 3% of global climate finance spent on nature-based solutions, and only 1% for adaptation the COP26 Presidency is encouraging countries to include nature-based solutions in their climate plans.

To help mainstream and mobilise finance for nature from public and private sources the Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI), in partnership with Scottish Government, Scottish Forum on Natural Capital, Global Canopy, Nature for Climate and UNDP, is delivering a hybrid 'Finance for Nature' programme during COP26.

The programme, running across two days, will bring together, in-person and virtually, leading global experts working to enable transformative change towards a nature positive economy along with senior figures from the finance sector to help build nature positive economies and societies. The programme will feature a series of practical sessions to highlight specific opportunities, understand barriers, create solutions; and foster future collaboration between nature and the global ethical finance community.

Register your Interest

The Finance for Nature programme has a restricted capacity so if you are interested in participating (in-person or virtually) please email h.burley@globalcanopy.org with your company, job title, which day/session(s) you are interested in and any other information that might be relevant.

Virtual participation

If you are interested in participating online, please register using [this link](#).

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Day 1 Programme

Time	Session	Overview
Thursday 04-Nov (Ross Priory, Loch Lomond)		
0830 – 1130	Accelerating Ecosystem Restoration: Finance, Collaboration & Capacity Building <i>Session by Art of Forest</i>	How do we accelerate our combined efforts in ecosystem restoration? Financing options, grassroots, leadership capacity building and carbon markets evolution
All day	Trase Finance & Deforestation-Free Finance Hub	A rolling demo of the Trase Finance tool & Deforestation-Free Finance roadmap interactive website.
1315 - 1345	Welcome and Introduction to the day / 5 min video journey	Setting the scene: Going from the Global Problem to UK to Scotland's contribution.
1345 – 1415	High-level Panel - TNFD: What is it and why does it matter?	TNFD, launched in June 2021 to provide a risk management and disclosure framework to organisations to assess, report and act on nature-related risks. Hear from the senior team at TNFD and newly announced members of the Taskforce.
1415 – 1430	Break	
1430 – 1500	TNFD Aligned Research and Testing: Nature-related risk reporting in soy supply chains	This workshop will present the project and highlight the initial lessons learnt during testing. It will serve as an opportunity for audience members to provide feedback on the project.
1500 - 1545	Supply chain showcase with Nestlé UK	LENs provide a compelling business case for investing in the landscape and a platform to aggregate payments for ecosystem services. Problem solving key policy, delivery and science issues associated with financing LENS initiatives.
1545 – 1600	Break	
1600 - 1700	Success Factors for Blended Finance: Applying the OECD's Five Principles (in association with Riverwoods)	De-risking investments: roles for public and philanthropic funders- Riverwoods is an exciting, ambitious initiative, launched in 2019 to create a network of thriving riverbank woodlands and healthy river systems across Scotland.
1715 - 1800	Aligned Accountability - a common database on deforestation for the finance sector	How to identify if a company or client is deforestation-free or working towards this goal? This session will ask how we fill the deforestation data gap, drawing on the work of a new partnership initiative to provide Aligned Accountability.
1800 - 1845	Summary of the day & Networking Reception	Recap of the day and action points, and a chance to mingle.

Day 2 Programme

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Friday 05-Nov (Ross Priory, Loch Lomond)		
All day	Nature Tech Exhibition Stands	An exhibition and live consultancy for finance to explore the application of modern technology to help enable, accelerate and scale-up nature's ability to combat climate change and deliver a range of other benefits for people and the planet.
1000 - 1015	Interview with William Watt (TBC)	
1015 - 1045	Financing UK Nature launch	Presentation and Q&A - UK approach to market-making for nature
1045 - 1100	Break & Video Showcase	Video showcases on green financing initiatives from Scotland throughout the day.
1100 - 1145	Scottish Government Presentation and Q & A	Scotland's market-making approach
1145 - 1230	Discussion: Peatland Code and private finance seminar	How do we build on Scotland's potential for financing peatland restoration and take it to the next level?
1230 - 1300	Video Showcases	Video showcases on green financing initiatives from Scotland throughout the day.
1330 - 1345	Interview with Jeremy Leggett	A social entrepreneur and writer and founder and exec director of Bunloit Rewilding Ltd. Bunloit is a start-up enhancing carbon, growing biodiversity and accelerating the rural green new deal on Scottish estates (two at present).
1345 - 1445	Workshop: Blended finance to revitalise wasted land resource: Scotland's vacant & derelict land	Vacant and Derelict Land in Scotland offers a significant, if challenging, opportunity for development. If a hybrid funding model – based on a public sector cornerstone funder – can be developed, what needs to be done?
1445 - 1500	Break & Video Showcase	Video showcases on green financing initiatives from Scotland throughout the day.
1500 - 1545	Plenary - Panel discussion on progress and opportunities	Reflecting on progress in Scotland, and opportunities for UK and international collaboration
1545 - 1600	Closing statement and moving into action	Repeat 10 x 3 min showcase videos each streamed at end for online audience

Further Information

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