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Together with Nature

The Corporate Commitment to the Together with Nature Principles

We, the undersigned, recognize that we are facing the long-standing global environmental crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and that we can no longer delay acting on the clear scientific evidence.

We are cognizant of our responsibility as corporate leaders to contribute to integrated climate action and Nature-Based Solutions, in collaboration with governments NGOs, civil society and others.

To minimize the risks and maximize the success of restoration and conservation efforts, we commit to uphold and practice these Four Principles for Nature-Based Solutions put forward by a [coalition of experts](#):

1. Cut Emissions

Nature-Based Solutions are powerful tools to capture carbon from the atmosphere, but they are not a substitute for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. From a climate change perspective, we must rapidly cut fossil fuel emissions, decarbonize economies *and also* maintain, sustainably manage and restore ecosystems.

2. Conserve and Protect Existing Ecosystems

Intact soils, forests, grasslands, shrublands, wetlands and aquatic ecosystems are vital repositories of carbon and biodiversity. Yet, we are losing them at an alarming rate. Protecting these last remaining strongholds of nature is critical.

3. Be Socially Responsible

We must fully engage Indigenous peoples and local communities and respect and uphold their rights and leadership. We must also proactively contribute to fair and sustainable economic models that create new employment opportunities while avoiding competition with existing activities such as food production. Only when local communities benefit from the social, economic and ecological benefits that ecosystems provide can restoration be sustainable.

4. Be Ecologically Responsible

Nature-Based Solutions must be founded on rigorous ecological principles. Biodiversity is vital for healthy ecosystems which are more productive, resilient and beneficial. Diverse mixtures of native species are most likely to provide desired benefits such as carbon storage, food production, and protection from floods, drought and disease. Monocultures of exotic species or low-diversity plantations are unlikely to provide these desired benefits.

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