

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Advisory Board

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY

On 1 March 2019, under [Resolution 73/284](#), the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2021–2030 as the [United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) (UN Decade) with the primary aim to ‘prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide’. The UN Decade is co-led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in close collaboration with the secretariats of the Rio Conventions, other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and entities of the United Nations system together with a wide range of global, national, and local partners. To date, over [200 partners](#) have joined formally the UN Decade, from global entities to local ‘Actors’.

As per the [strategy](#) of the UN Decade, an [Advisory Board](#) is the main external body of the UN Decade’s governance structure. The Board’s main objective is to amplify the UN Decade’s key messages, link to their respective networks, and offer relevant perspectives and schools of thought in response to the challenges and barriers for implementing the UN Decade.

With the board’s first term coming to an end in April 2023, this call invites for applications to join the board for the next term May 2023 to April 2025.

REQUIREMENTS

The membership of the Advisory board is composed of outstanding professionals in ecosystem restoration-related disciplines with a significant public profile, a large network, and an impact record on ecosystem restoration. They stand out through a significant public profile with significant outreach and thought leadership driven by highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior for people and planet. Outstanding professionals in other sectors of relevance for the UN Decade may also be considered as members.

The members shall further have a track record in strategic thinking and planning and collectively represent a comprehensive and forward-looking view of what is needed for a global #GenerationRestoration movement. While benefitting from the UN Decade [architecture](#) and support from the UN Decade Secretariat, board members commit to self-organize and seek collaborations to kickstart and move initiatives in support of the UN Decade forward, in collaboration with the UN Decade [Task Forces](#) and [partners](#) where relevant.

Fluency in English language is a requirement.

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Advisory board members serve for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and are designated in their personal capacity based on their individual experience and expertise, not in their organizational or national capacity. Members are not commissioned and do not receive any financial compensation.

Most board meetings will be organized by videoconference whose frequency will be decided by the board at its first meeting. In-person workshops – including hybrid formal board meetings - are envisaged one to three times over the course of the two years with additional meeting opportunities being encouraged on the occasion of key international events and conferences. Travel funds will be made available for Board Members upon request (subject to available funds).

Depending on the agenda and workload of the board, the in-person workshops will be one-half day to two day(s) long. The working language of the board meetings will be English.

More specifically, Advisory board members are expected to:

- Help amplify the UN Decade and support/lead activities;
- Raise awareness and drive global engagement on restoration through respective communities/networks/area of expertise;
- Elaborate recommendations for the implementation of the UN Decade, working with the UN Decade [Task Forces](#) and partners where relevant;
- Represent the UN Decade at events or in communication streams;
- Kickstart thematic initiatives and spearhead thematic Challenges of the UN Decade under its Action Plan;
- Advise the Secretariat team, Task Forces, and the Executive Board of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund and comment of key publications and outputs in the context of the UN Decade.

The Board is limited to a maximum of 30 members. The board shall be diverse and well-balanced, including with regards to gender and geographical representation. Board members represent key stakeholder groups such as Indigenous Peoples, local communities, civil society, youth, farmers, women's groups, restoration experts, media and culture, and private sector. The Board should generally not include Government or partner representatives, as it should complement the UN Decade's [Multi-Partner Trust Fund](#), other UN Decade [governing bodies](#) and the partnership structure, and the guidance that Governments provide to UNEP and FAO through regular UN structures.

The full Terms of Reference of the Advisory Board can be found [here](#).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter (maximum 1 page) describing the candidate's motivation and expected, concrete contribution to the Advisory Board, and a short CV (maximum 3 pages) with evidence of expertise and experience in relevant areas.

Applications should be emailed to **restorationdecade@un.org** by **15 April 2023**. The UN Decade Secretariat may contact shortlisted candidates for a short virtual meeting before extending invitations to the selected candidates.