



Initiative 20x20: Restoring Soils in Latin America and the Caribbean

There is hope that, by 2020, the degraded lands of Latin America and the Caribbean will have begun to recover life. How will this be achieved?

Initiative 20x20 seeks to initiate the restoration of 20 million hectares of degraded soils and increase their productivity by 2020. The project is led by the World Resources Institute (WRI), with support from the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE, its Spanish acronym), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and CIAT.

The partnership was formed during the 20th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Lima, Peru, last December. Participants included representatives from private investors and the governments of not only Peru but also Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico.

Uniting strengths
Each partner will provide the Initiative with access to technologies, tools, databases, scientific knowledge, and human and financial resources.

CIAT and its Regional Office for Research in Latin America are supporting this international partnership, because it is consistent with our strategy for constructing an eco-efficient future and with our vision for agriculture and rural areas in Latin America.

Private finance will participate by investing US\$365 million to help restore forests and ecosystems, reduce poverty, and improve agricultural productivity.

