



Amsterdam Declarations Partnership Statement of Ambition 2025

By undersigned countries

Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Preamble

- Recognizing the urgent need to accelerate our collective efforts to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the New York Declaration on Forests and the UN Strategic Plan on Forests, as well as the expected post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,
- Noting with great concern that considerable efforts are still urgently needed to reverse the alarming rates of deforestation and forest degradation,
- Underlining that the world now faces an additional major challenge to deliver an inclusive and sustainable recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, and that sustainably produced agricultural commodities and sustained forest ecosystems will play a vital role in helping to build back better, supporting livelihoods and overall recovery, while meeting our shared climate change and biodiversity goals, and building resilience,
- Welcoming that important political progress has been made since European governments formed the *Amsterdam Declarations Partnership* in 2015, being specifically committed to achieving sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodity supply chains to our countries,
- Welcoming specifically the establishment of a formal EU process on deforestation to which lessons-learned and outcomes of the work of the *Amsterdam Declarations Partnership* can continue to contribute,
- Being aware that EU action needs time to deliver and that the *Amsterdam Declarations Partnership* needs to contribute further to effectively scale-up concrete and timely actions to reach our common goals,

Statement of ambition for 2025:

We renew our commitment to promote sustainability in agriculture by eliminating deforestation in relation to agricultural commodities, and by working in partnership with consumer and producer countries and with all actors along the supply chains to this end.

We will take further action both nationally and as a group and will also collectively promote and support strengthened and ambitious action at European level to achieve sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodity supplies and thereby contribute to sustaining forests and their ecosystems globally.

In support of this statement and to our individual bilateral and other relevant multilateral initiatives on upscaling efforts to conserve, restore and sustainably manage forests globally, we will:

1. Support and enhance coherence in policy and action on climate, forests, biodiversity, health, agriculture, trade and development cooperation as they relate to sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodities, to put our ambition into action and scale-up efforts.
2. Support policies and measures to strengthen European markets for sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodities, including producer and consumer awareness, enhanced sustainability of public and private procurement, due diligence management, in bilateral agreements, national multi-stakeholder commodity initiatives, and public-private partnerships.
3. Support enhanced ambition in Europe and other major markets to eliminate deforestation from agricultural supply chains, including by contributing to the swift, ambitious and efficient implementation of the EU Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests under the EU Green Deal, and including a legislative proposal and other measures to avoid or minimise the placing of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation on the EU market.
4. Use international diplomacy and strengthen the dialogue on sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural supply chains with other major consumer and producer countries.
5. Intensify our work in partnership with both producer countries and other consumer countries, as well as with actors along the agricultural commodity supply chains, including producers, traders, importers and further relevant stakeholders, including civil society, indigenous peoples and scientists, to facilitate and harmonize efforts and instruments to reach sustainable and deforestation-free agricultural commodity supply chains and long-term demand for sustainably produced goods.
6. Join forces through our technical and economic cooperation to better support producer countries, as well as relevant stakeholders, and build capacity to promote sustainable, deforestation-free landscapes and jurisdictions, including through transparent and inclusive land use governance, giving priority to the protection of rights¹, especially those pertaining to lands and resources, and to the empowerment of women and girls, smallholder farmers, local businesses, vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples and local communities, and preserving High Carbon Stock and High Conservation Value areas.
7. Enhance monitoring, transparency and reporting of progress towards the aims of the Amsterdam Declarations Partnership using the latest advanced commodity supply chain mapping technologies and providing for a more inclusive and widely informed public engagement, support cross-learning approaches, and ultimately enhance the impacts of our actions.

¹ As set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



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Towards deforestation-free
sustainable commodities

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