

Restore, Conserve and Protect Forest and Tree Cover for NDC Implementation in India (RECAP4NDC)

“Building a Forestry Carbon Credit Roadmap for Uttarakhand under RECAP4NDC”

Venue: Hyatt Centric, Rajpur Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Date: 27 November 2025, Thursday

Context

Restore, Conserve and Protect, Forest and Tree Cover for NDC Implementation in India (RECAP4NDC) is an Indo-German bilateral technical cooperation project of the German Federal Government, with direct commissioning by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and jointly implemented with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India. This project is being led by GIZ India, in collaboration with five other consortium partners that includes the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) India, the Forest Survey of India (FSI), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), the Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

The project aims to promote forest landscape restoration (FLR) in four states - Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand - and the Delhi national capital region. GIZ oversees project coordination, financial management, and grants to partners, while leading policy, planning, regional implementation, and facilitating South-South exchange, international cooperation and PPPs. IUCN India focuses on FLR model research and implementation, financing strategies, and baseline studies in Uttarakhand with its partner NGO. ICFRE leads capacity building, training, and knowledge sharing, while contributing to policy and restoration models. TERI drives FLR financing, engaging stakeholders, mobilizing private sector participation, and exploring innovative funding options.

Under RECAP4NDC, TERI, in collaboration with GIZ, is organizing a one-day strategic workshop with the Uttarakhand Forest Department. The workshop aims to build strategic understanding on the scope of carbon markets under Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), while also engaging key stakeholders including forest officials and representatives from other line department. Workshop is designed to introduce the core concepts of forestry carbon credits, including leading international standards and the project lifecycle from design to credit issuance. Inputs, feedback, and training of officials will play a crucial role in shaping project design and enhancing awareness. To operationalize these opportunities, the workshop will cover essential data, geospatial, and stakeholder requirements that determine project feasibility. By connecting carbon finance with forest landscape restoration (FLR) and India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) goals, the workshop will catalyse the development of a roadmap to pilot and scale financially sustainable projects. This initiative has immense potential to deliver multiple co-benefits, including biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and improved livelihoods for local communities.

**Expected Outcomes

- Awareness on forestry carbon markets among UKFD and other stakeholders.
- Draft roadmap for initiating carbon projects in Uttarakhand.
- Potential landscapes identified under RECAP4NDC.
- Support to RECAP4NDC goals on finance and capacity building.

Workshop Agenda (One-Day)

0930-1000 hrs	Registration
Inaugural Session	
1000-1005 hrs	Welcome Remarks Ms Aparna Pandey, State Advisor RECAP4NDC, GIZ India
1005-1010 hrs	Opening Remarks Mr Sushanta Kumar Patnaik, CCF, Projects & Community Forestry/Nodal Officer, RECAP4NDC
1010-1015 hrs	Unveiling of Publications by UKFD & GIZ 1. Selection of Project Landscapes under RECAP4NDC 2. Mapping the Policy & Legal Preparedness on Forest & Landscape Restoration in Uttarakhand
1015-1030 hrs	Project Introduction and Context Setting Mr Kundan Burnwal, Deputy Project Director, RECAP4NDC, GIZ India
1030-1045 hrs	Inaugural Address Mr. B. P. Gupta, PCCF Van Panchayat, Uttarakhand Forest Department
1045-1100 hrs	Tea Break
Technical Session: I (Introduction to Carbon Finance Project for RECAP4NDC)	
1100-1115 hrs	"Introduction to Carbon Finance and Markets: National and International Perspectives" Dr J V Sharma, Senior Director, Land Resources Division, TERI
Technical Sessions: II (Description of Carbon Project Design & Requirement)	
1115-1215 hrs	1. Designing NbS Carbon Projects: Concept & Approaches 2. Project Requirements, Data and Activities for Projects Mr Varun Grover, Fellow, Land Resources Division, TERI & Mr Rachit Kumar, Associate Fellow Land Resources Division, TERI
1215-1300 hrs	Approach of feasibility assessment for Carbon finance Project Development in Uttarakhand Ms Afrin Zaidi, Research Associate, Land Resources Division, TERI
1300-1400 hrs	Lunch
Technical Session: III (Activities with the participants)	
1400-1430 hrs	Case Studies of Carbon Finance Project Mr Rachit Kumar, Associate Fellow Land Resources Division, TERI
1430-1500 hrs	Green Credit Programme Mr. Ajaya Kumar, Scientist E, Green Credit Cell, ICFRE, Dehradun
1500-1525 hrs	Open Discussion Session
1525-1530 hrs	Vote of Thanks Ms Surbhi Chauhan, Research Associate, TERI