

AFi Webinar: Setting clear nature, climate, and human rights goals with the Accountability Framework

Audience Questions

1. How does the definition of natural forest differ between the AFi and FAO?

The Accountability Framework adopts the forest definition from the FAO Forest Resources Assessment and provides further elaboration and clarification of this definition for use in the context of no-deforestation supply chains. Specifically:

- Given that the primary focus of no-deforestation supply chains is on protecting natural forests,
- the AFi definitions differentiate natural forests from tree plantations.
- The AFi considers deforestation to include the conversion from natural forest to tree plantations.
- This form of conversion is not included in the FAO's definition of deforestation.

2. Where can we learn about the EU Deforestation Regulation?

[This article](#) on our website has helpful information about preparing for the regulation. For additional information about the EUDR, please see the [information hub](#) provided by AFi Coalition member Preferred by Nature. Additionally, the European Union has developed an FAQ available [here](#).

3. Please tell us more about the Natural Lands Map.

WRI's Land & Carbon Lab is supporting SBTN by creating a Natural Lands Map for use in assessing natural ecosystem conversion since 2020 and identifying which lands should be protected from future expansion. The map is currently in a beta version, and 17 companies have been approved to beta test it. The map will be available for other companies to use in early 2024. One of the purposes of the best testing is to allow for the need ground truthing, and once available there will be other opportunities to provide feedback. More info can be found [here](#).

4. Is there information available about alignment between the Accountability Framework, SBTN, and SBTi and how they work together to support achieving ethical supply chain targets?

Yes, please see our guidance on target setting using SBTi/SBTN [here](#).

For SBTi, also see:

- Our Issues page on emissions [here](#).
- Joint guidance [here](#).

For SBTN, also see:

- An AFi blog article [here](#).