From the Secretariat:
“A network like ours survives three decades by being adaptive, creative, persistent, and responsive. Let’s use the three decades of experience — our wins and our setbacks — to chart an even stronger future and path forward together.”

A Year Like No Other
June 12, 2022 marked the 30th anniversary of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN). This milestone anniversary provided a unique opportunity to highlight the successes that have come from within the Network over the past three decades.

To celebrate the Network’s individual and shared successes of the last three decades, the IMFN Secretariat ran a multi-faceted, trilingual communications campaign from June to December 2022. You engaged with us, by sending us your stories, video messages, leadership nominees and Model Forest milestone moments that helped us tell this incredible 30-year story and made this anniversary shine.

Impact Snapshot
as of 31 March 2023

- 60+ Model Forests
- 30+ Countries
- 2 New member Model Forests
- 138 Trilingual social media posts across 3 platforms
Our Path to Here
The IMFN is a voluntary global community of practice whose members and supporters work toward the sustainable management of forest-based landscapes and natural resources through the Model Forest approach.

The IMFN’s vision is to support, through Model Forests, the management of the world’s forest resources in a sustainable manner, reflecting environmental and socio-economic issues from the perspective of local needs and global concerns.

The primary goal of the IMFN is to establish a global network of Model Forests that represents the majority of the major forest ecosystems of the world. It also strives to ensure that all partners, regardless of political or economic status, can contribute to, and share in, the benefits of the Network as they work toward the sustainable management of forest-based landscapes.

22/23 New Funding Highlight
On 12 December 2022, Canada’s Minister of Natural Resources announced an investment of Can$18.7 million over 4 years in support of Scaling-up Nature-Based Leadership Platforms.

Over Can$3 million was distributed to Model Forest members and partners to accelerate action against the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

22/23 Outreach Highlight
Our 15 June 2022 anniversary launch event had attendees from over 20 countries and 600+ online viewers.

Produced a six-minute montage video that features messages from Regional Network colleagues and other “friends of the Network”.

22/23 Governance Highlight
The IMFN welcomed two (2) Model Forests into the IMFN family.

22/23 Policy Highlight
The IMFN Secretariat and colleagues were present at the XV World Forestry Congress (WFC) in South Korea, the 2022 National Conference of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) in Sault Ste Marie, the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 26) in Rome and at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal.

IMFN and local forest-based development was published as part of UNFAO’s Global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) Chapter 5.
## 2022/23 At a Glance

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| IMFN and Model Forest Governance | Two new full Model Forest members | - New: Manejo Forestal Biosfera Maya Model Forest (Guatemala)  
- New: Valle de Aburrá Model Forest (Colombia)  
- Departed: Norte del Neuquén Model Forest (Argentina)  
- Departed: San Pedro de Misiones Model Forest (Argentina) |
| RESTAURacción: Wildfire Restoration in Latin America | Can$2,786,951 in FY22/23 across eight (8) projects | - 3060 people trained on forest fire management and prevention; gender equity and inclusion, leadership and governance; forest landscape restoration implementation and agroforestry — 52% were women and girls  
- 108 seeds for change created, including studies, guides, protocols, gender action plans and baselines, financial and restoration proposals, diagnostics and monitoring reports  
- Over 1500 hectares under the process of forest landscape restoration |
| IMFN Climate | Can$316,365 in FY22/23 across one (1) project | - 1 exchange, workshop and/or knowledge session  
- 7 next generation forest leaders provided with university scholarships, bursaries or awards — 57% of the scholarship holders are women. |

## Fiscal Year 2022/23 Funds Disbursed
**Can$3,103,317**

The strength of the IMFN is being part of a broader movement. The IMFN Secretariat can amplify your message. We can support your efforts and help them be recognized — local to global.
Our Thanks To Our Members And Partners

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