Regen10 publishes first draft of inclusive, outcomes-based regenerative food systems framework

- Global endeavor publishes first iteration of work exploring how best to measure and track the transition to regenerative food systems.
- Regen10 was founded to explore how to most effectively accelerate and scale a food transition which truly benefits people, nature, and climate.
- Guided by 10 principles which hold equity and inclusion at their core, the work is based on engagement with a range of food system actors, including farmers and businesses.
- At COP28, Regen10 will highlight the benefits of a landscape-level approach to food system transformation.
- Regen10 invites future participation from across food systems: from farmers to corporates, landscape stewards to policymakers.

Dubai, 6 December 2023: Regen10 today publishes its “Zero Draft Outcomes-Based Framework.” The document is the first iteration of Regen10’s work and will form the basis of extensive consultation and testing over the next 12 months, before the launch of its Outcomes Framework, at the end of 2024.

The zero draft represents a holistic and inclusive approach to measuring progress towards regenerative food systems, while improving farmers’ livelihoods, benefiting nature, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Regen10 was founded as an international collaboration to put farmers at the heart of the transition towards regenerative food systems, while learning from Indigenous Peoples and farmers themselves, many of whom are already implementing regenerative and agroecological approaches.

Tara Shyam, Director of Regen10, said: “We are proud to share the first draft of our work at COP28. This will be the basis for a year-long process to consult and learn from farmers and other landscape leaders. Engaging across the full breadth of international food systems is critical if we are to accelerate a transition which truly accounts for the needs of people and the planet.”

The framework, once in use, will empower farmers and landscape stewards by enabling the collection and use of primary data at farm and landscape level, to understand the impact of different agricultural practices.

Collecting data against this framework will generate evidence for farmers, landscape stewards and other food systems actors on how to achieve people, nature and climate-positive food systems.

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Arnold Puech d’Alissac, President of World Farmers’ Organisation (WFO), said: “The release of this document marks a significant milestone towards developing a truly outcome-based, farmer-centric framework. This results from a deeply inclusive and consultative process that prioritizes the voices of farmers, their needs and expectations, and their diversity of views. On behalf of the world's farmers, we look forward to participating in the next steps as co-creators of regenerative food systems that are positive for people, nature, and climate.”

The Framework is being developed in consultation with a full range of food system actors including business, whose engagement is critical to a successful transition. Regen10’s framework aims to complement, rather than duplicate, other ongoing efforts.

Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, WBCSD, said: “Alignment on the outcomes achieved by regenerative food systems, designed with and for farmers while delivering improvements for climate and nature, is critically important. Regen10 is making great progress towards building this shared understanding around the definitions and outcomes necessary to create regenerative food systems that benefit people, nature and climate. WBSCD is committed to helping drive business engagement for ambitious, consistent and credible results as we collectively work to agree an outcomes framework over the next 12 months.”

It is critical that such an ambitious endeavor is not simply a theoretical exercise, and for it to be successful we need to understand the experiences of farmers and landscape stewards, including Indigenous Peoples, and to explore the associated costs, trade-offs and returns when embarking on a regenerative transition.

Regen10 has already engaged with numerous landscapes across the world, and at COP28 will publish the initial findings from this research in a “Landscapes Discussion Brief”, developed in partnership with 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People. A full “Cost of Transition” report will be published in early 2024.

To help build a clear understanding of the status of the global transition, Regen10 is mapping the landscapes across the world which are already exploring regeneration. This will be an ongoing project, and an early version of the digital map will be published at Regen10.org during COP28.

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Regen10 COP28 events – held at the Food and Agriculture Pavilion and available via livestream:

**Reshaping our food systems: Landscape transformation for people, nature, and climate, 9 December, 18:30 – 19:30 GST.**

At this event, Regen10 and 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion people, with Commonland and EcoAgriculture Partners, share lessons and insights about the enabling conditions for landscape regeneration, the expected financial costs and benefits of these transitions, and the need for a common long-term vision and commitment at landscape level.

*Watch the livestream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dTwn8pPx9I*

**Towards an Evidence, Outcomes, and Principles-Based Transition to Regenerative Food Systems, 10 December, 14:30 – 15:30 GST.**

This event introduces the *Regenerative Food Systems Outcomes Framework: Zero Draft.* The event will highlight how the framework is intended to build an evidence base that makes clear what can be measured at farm and landscape level and captures deep environmental, social, and economic outcomes. The event will also explore how the framework can act as a blueprint for existing frameworks, especially those focused on corporate reporting, to guide them as to how the metrics can evolve ensuring all actors equally prioritize people’s livelihoods, economic growth, and the climate.

*Watch the livestream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVcUupVODEU*