



1t.org US Working Groups

Each of the 1t.org US Working Groups (WG) meets quarterly, via Zoom or in-person if the occasion presents itself, for an extended dialogue on sectoral policies, activities, and opportunities. The goal of the WGs is to build capacity toward the shared goal of conserving, restoring, and growing one trillion trees by 2030. The self-selected WG membership takes an active role in shaping not only the agenda discussed, but also the priorities of the WG and collective action it takes, resources directed, and goals targeted.

Sample Agenda

1. Introductions
 - Welcome new members;
 - Review of and follow-up on the last WG meeting;
 - Short sampling of other WG meetings with tangential thematic work.
2. Updates
 - Announcement of new 1t.org initiatives;
 - WG members have an opportunity to highlight achievements, new programs, etc.
3. Strategy session for upcoming events and/or priority initiatives
 - Collective coordination for policy/programs, i.e. UNFCCC COP27, Climate Week, etc.
4. Presentation
 - A WG member highlights their work via an extended exhibition, video, etc., of their work within the thematic area.
5. Call for action
 - Members can offer or ask for help with resources, capacity, funding, etc., around their work;
 - Highlighting of opportunities to contribute comments on new state/national legislature, i.e. SEC rules;
 - Announcements of new opportunities to contribute to new or on-going 1t.org efforts such as white papers.
6. Conclusion/Closing remarks
 - Reminder of important 1t.org dates, including next WG meetings;
 - Invitation for members to present at the next working group meeting.

International Forests Working Group

Chairs: *TBD*

The International Forests Working Group will coordinate the efforts of 1t.org US members to advance their engagement in the conservation, restoration, and growth of international forests in an informed, equitable, sustainable, and ecologically sound way. While the membership of 1t.org US is based in the United States, they have identified their specific interests as the stakeholders of policies, projects, programs, investments, and value chains of international forests and natural climate solutions. This working group seeks to build on and scale up their international work and influence by collaborating to build internal capacity, sharing information and data, establishing and buttressing best practices, identifying needs and opportunities, and collaboratively planning for and responding to major international events. The International WG will aim to work closely with its diverse membership to enhance equitable and sustainable North-South investment of human, technological, and financial resources, as well as advance both bilateral and multilateral support towards sustainable development outcomes and natural climate solutions. This includes but is not limited to, closely working with the US State Department, USAID, the World Bank Group, UNFCCC, and the World Economic Forum. The International Forests WG will also be the key point of engagement with the other regional 1t.org Chapters, namely 1t.org China Action, 1t.org India, 1t.org Sahel, 1t.org Amazon, and 1t.org Mexico. The International Forests WG will also endeavor to amplify and share its memberships' successes and messaging around major thematic topics, as a means of building a broader 1t.org US and global community going forward.

Carbon Finance Working Group

Chairs: *TBD*

The Carbon Finance Working Group has the mandate of organizing its 1t.org US member stakeholders to wield carbon finance as a tool to further the goal of conserving, restoring, and growing one trillion trees by 2030. The members use the WG meetings to explore and advance their engagement on and participation in the highly complex and technical topic of carbon finance and carbon markets. While some stakeholders of 1t.org US may wish to use the means of accounting by a measure of trees grown or hectares conserved, it is the goal of this WG to make available, encourage, and build the capacity of those stakeholders who wish to participate towards the more transferrable accounting measure of Carbon Emissions kiloton. With that goal in mind, and a broad range of capacity within carbon finance, WG members will include stakeholders ranging from project developers, monitoring, verification, and reporting (MRV) experts, and carbon credit brokers to those private sector corporations and investors exploring options for offsetting their own emissions. The Carbon Finance Working Group will facilitate robust presentations and discussions of the rapidly advancing carbon markets, best practices for

carbon accounting, regulatory frameworks, co-benefit accounting, natural climate solution accounting methodologies, MRV technologies, and access to voluntary vs. compliance markets, among other topics. Most importantly, the Carbon Finance WG will create an enabling environment for its diverse stakeholders to achieve their collective goals of offsetting and achieving net-zero emissions in an equitable and sustainable manner. The Carbon Finance WG will also endeavor to amplify and share its memberships' successes and messaging around major thematic topics, as a means of building a broader 1t.org US and global community going forward.

Reforestation Working Group

Chairs: Jennifer Merli, Mastercard

The Reforestation Working Group coordinates the efforts of 1t.org US members to explore the policy, best practices, legacy, innovations, needs and opportunities within the scope of reforestation and afforestation, as a means of furthering the collective goal of conserving, restoring, and growing one trillion trees by 2030. The Reforestation WG members will include a broad range of stakeholders, ranging from component input suppliers, such as seed banks, nurseries, and planters, to private sector investors, government agencies, and international carbon accounting organizations. As perhaps the most actively dynamic of the natural climate solutions within the broad 1t.org canopy, the Reforestation WG will endeavor to explore innovations and best practices within the sector such as seed and sapling biodiversity, drone-based delivery and MRV, scientific advancement of soil carbon sequestration, agroforestry, reforestation as a means of landscape scale adaptation, and innovative financial models to more sustainably match growth cycles and mitigate risk. This WG will exhibit not only domestic reforestation best practices, but also stakeholders with on-going and expanding activities internationally. Importantly, this WG will aim to pair private sector corporations, investors, and interests directly with project developers and planters to actively seed new reforestation projects going forward. The Reforestation WG will also endeavor to amplify and share its memberships' successes and messaging around major thematic topics, as a means of building a broader 1t.org US and global community going forward.

Forest Policy Working Group

Chairs: Taldi Harrison, REI and Joel Elliot, Salesforce

The Forest Policy Working Group coordinates the efforts of 1t.org US members to explore, investigate, and advance the topic of international, federal, state, and local forest policies as a means of advancing the collective goal of conserving, restoring, and growing one trillion trees by 2030. These topics will broadly include, but are not limited to the topics of forest landscapes and climate, forest and protected lands, forest management, timber and NTFP markets, wildfire crisis management, private vs. public landownership, etc. The Forest Policy WG membership will include a broad range of partisan and non-partisan stakeholders that include but are not limited to local, state, and federal legislators and agencies, policy and think tank organizations, advocacy and interest groups, private sector representatives, and academic organizations. The WG will host active and timely dialogues and campaigns to advance important policies and legislation, highlight best practices, offer opportunities to collaborate on policy papers, and build capacity within its membership to do these and other activities. The Forest Policy WG will also endeavor to amplify and share its memberships' successes and messaging around major thematic topics, as a means of building a broader 1t.org US and global community going forward.

Urban & Community Forests Working Group

Chairs: Beatra Wilson, USFS and Dan Lambe, Arbor Day Foundation

The Urban & Community Forests Working Group coordinates the efforts of 1t.org US members to explore the topic of and advance activities to conserve, restore, and grow one trillion trees by 2030, within the urban, suburban, and peri-urban settings and community-based context. As a uniquely prescient issue in our daily lives and for our modern time, the Urban & Community Forests WG will endeavor to bring together a broad range of stakeholders to explore and inform the many opportunities to enhance tree cover within these environments, and do so in an equitable, efficient, and ecologically sound way. These stakeholders will include local, state, and federal agencies, urban land use planners, advocacy and interest groups, philanthropic organizations, private and financial sector, property developers, and community organizations. Using informed knowledge of the social and economic legacies which have shaped our urban environments and advanced scientific tools, this WG will help shape the next phases of community development as a collaborative body with the shared goal of using natural climate solutions. The Urban & Community Forests WG will also endeavor to amplify and share its memberships' successes and messaging around major thematic topics, as a means of building a broader 1t.org US and global community going forward.

Tentative 1t.org Working Group Schedule

July 2022	International Forests WG		
August 2022	Urban & Community WG	Policy WG	
September 2022	Reforestation WG		Climate Week (Sept 19-25), WEF SDIS
October 2022	Carbon Finance WG	International Forests WG	
November 2022	Urban & Community WG		COP27 (Nov 7-18)
December 2022	Carbon Finance WG	International Forests WG	
January 2023	Policy WG		Davos (Jan 15-20)
February 2023	Reforestation WG	Urban & Community WG	
March 2023	Carbon Finance WG	International Forests WG	
April 2023	Urban & Community WG	Policy WG	
May 2023	Reforestation WG	Carbon Finance WG	1t.org Summit (tentative)
June 2023	International Forests WG	Urban & Community WG	
July 2023	Policy WG		
August 2023	Reforestation WG	Carbon Finance WG	
September 2023	Policy WG		Climate Week 2023
October 2023	Carbon Finance WG	International Forests WG	
November 2023	Urban & Community WG		COP28
December 2023	Reforestation WG		

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