



SOLUTIONS FROM THE LAND-
A Non-Profit Entity focused on Land Based Solutions to Global Challenges

Vision

By 2050, agricultural systems, forests and other land uses are managed to simultaneously satisfy domestic and global demand for safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fiber; support economic security and sustainable development; reduce hunger and malnutrition; improve soil, water and air quality; enhance biodiversity and ensure ecosystem health and deliver mitigation and adaptation solutions to a changing climate.

Mission

To identify and facilitate the implementation of integrated policies, practices and projects at a landscape scale that will result in land being sustainably managed to produce food, feed, fiber and energy while enhancing biodiversity, protecting and improving critical environmental resources and delivering high value solutions to combat climate change.

Action Areas

Multi-stakeholder cooperation and collaborative action	Knowledge sharing and learning forums
Platform for transformative action and not negotiation	Place based, landscape scale projects

Guiding Principles

Through the initial SFL Dialogue consensus was reached a number of guiding principles which should both inform and guide the work of the initiative. In pursuit of integrated solutions to accomplish our vision, SFL embraces:

- increasing production on working lands while providing a broad range of value-added goods and services, including ecosystem services;
- protecting and restoring high-value conservation areas and conserving biodiversity;
- landscape-scale planning that balances production and conservation;
- consensus-based decision making that respects the values and views of participating stakeholders;
- thinking and acting on multiple scales: farm, landscape, regional and global;
- tailoring solutions to meet the unique values, needs, assets and limitations of developed and developing countries;
- technology that will enhance production, human capacity and the efficient use of resources and inputs and reduce pollution and waste;



- effecting change through policy, voluntary initiatives and consumer awareness campaigns including mitigation markets, government payments, mandated purchases, buyer-to-buyer arrangements;
- market-based solutions that reward innovation and incentivize healthy land use;
- establishing benchmark goals, measuring progress, and evaluating results; focusing on outcomes, not just practices and programs;
- multi-stakeholders collaboration (producers, businesses, foundations government and nongovernmental organizations)
- expanded research and extension outreach work on integrated land management solutions;
- systems that reward incremental progress against bold goals;
- equity among stakeholders while breaking the historic relationships amongst stove-piped interests and land use objectives; and
- the importance of recognizing private property rights.

Desired Outcomes

SfL envisions a future that is significantly different from the past:

- Productivity is increasing in ways that allow landscapes to provide the full range of needed ecosystem services.
- Landowners and managers are making more efficient use of inputs, reducing waste and overall consumption of natural resources.
- Farmers, ranchers, foresters and other land managers are supported and compensated for their stewardship of ecosystems and the ecosystem services the land provides, such as clean water and air, wildlife habitat, biodiversity and carbon sequestration.
- Communities are engaged constructively at the policy level to participate with land owners and managers in resolving competing priorities in their own home landscape.
- Policy decisions about land use and land management at all levels reflect the results of multi-stakeholder assessment and negotiation so that regulatory frameworks support, rather than inhibit, sustainable land management.
- Integrated land use approaches are the major framework for planning and are incorporated into policy statements and initiatives.
- There is increased public sector funding for an integrated land use agenda.
- Cross-agency collaboration, resource-sharing and regulation alignment are widespread.
- The U.S. is playing a key role in promoting integrated land use policy internationally.
- Research institutions are re-organized to serve integrated solutions from the land.
- Market mechanisms are in place that encourage and incentivize farmers and the private sector to manage ecosystems sustainably.