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Guidance for Applying the Regen10 Outcomes Framework

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Why this guidance exists

Many actors are using the Regen10 Outcomes Framework, and it can help in different ways depending on what you are trying to do. We have organized the guidance around three tasks:

- **Define** what regenerative outcomes your own work intends to contribute to
- **Map** how an existing tool, standard, program or methodology relates to the Framework
- **Coordinate** multiple actors around shared outcomes, clarifying their different contributions and responsibilities

There are three guidance documents, one to support each of the above tasks. What you are using the Framework for, and therefore how you use the guidance, will depend on the scale you work at, the decision you are making, and who that decision affects.

These guidance documents support actors at different stages of their regenerative journeys, from initial design and priority-setting to adapting existing programs, tools or strategies and reviewing progress.

What the Outcomes Framework is

The Regen10 Outcomes Framework describes what regenerative agrifood systems look like. It sets out outcomes, not practices: healthy soils, ecosystem integrity, food security and resilient livelihoods, for example. Because it does not dictate how to farm, actors in different contexts can apply it in ways that suit them.

It has outcomes at two levels, farm and landscape, that depend on each other. Landscape-level outcomes provide the enabling conditions for farm-level outcomes, and farm-level outcomes shape the health and resilience of landscapes. Both levels cover twelve dimensions, from air and climate to infrastructure. It is not a certification, assessment methodology or compliance tool.

You can find the full Framework here.

How to think about applying the Framework

A few principles apply regardless of which guidance document you are using:

- **Outcomes need to be interpreted in context.** The context in which farmers and other actors operate differs across the world; the same activity can affect different outcomes depending on the ecological, social, economic, governance and cultural context in which it takes place.
- **Dimensions and outcomes are interconnected and interdependent.** Progress on one may enable or constrain progress on others, creating synergies, dependencies and trade-offs that need to be actively managed rather than assumed away.
- **Different actors have different spheres of influence and responsibilities**. No single actor controls every condition that affects an outcome. You can influence some outcomes directly, others need collaboration, and some depend on wider enabling conditions, such as policy, markets, finance and infrastructure. Depending on others does not mean your own effort falls short. The actors with the mandate and capacity to address those conditions hold the responsibility for them, although you remain responsible for the impacts of your own work. This matters especially for farmers, who should not have to meet expectations that depend on conditions they do not control.

- **Using the Framework does not necessarily mean addressing every outcome at the same time.** Prioritization is expected and may be necessary. The Framework is comprehensive so that actors can make an informed choice about where to focus, holding an awareness of the whole picture and without disregarding material adverse impacts, dependencies or significant trade-offs outside their selected priorities.

- **Indicators are illustrative, not prescriptive.** An indicator is a measure or observable signal that provides evidence of progress toward an outcome. The Framework's indicators signal the types of evidence that are relevant to each outcome without mandating specific metrics, allowing for contextual adaptation. Indicator selection and measurement should be tailored to the setting, informed by relevant stakeholders and rights-holders, fit for the intended purpose and proportionate to available data and resources.

- **The Framework should support transparency.** Being clear about what your work does and does not contribute to is part of using the Framework well – not a weakness to cover up.

Farmers and other rights-holders at the center

At its heart, the Framework recognizes farmers, farm workers, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other land stewards as rights-holders and essential custodians of biocultural landscapes. Their rights, agency and meaningful participation should be respected throughout application of the Framework, and their traditional knowledge systems and governance practices are critical for interpreting, prioritizing and contextualizing outcomes.

Many users of this guidance will be organizations designing programs, policies, standards, sourcing strategies or investments. But regardless of who is using the Framework, its ultimate purpose is to enable regenerative outcomes at farm and landscape scale in ways that strengthen the agency, rights, livelihoods and stewardship roles of farmers and other land stewards. This principle runs across all three documents, whichever task you are using them for.

What the Framework can and cannot do

The Framework can provide a common reference for defining, mapping and coordinating around regenerative outcomes. It can inform broader processes – strategy development, transition planning, policy development, governance, facilitation, finance, monitoring – by giving those processes a shared sense of what 'regenerative' means. It can help track progress toward regenerative outcomes, make visible who is contributing to those outcomes, and where there is space for others to do more. By making outcomes visible, it can support recognition of the value that actors, such as farmers, create.

It does not, on its own, constitute a methodology for any of those broader processes. Using the Framework will tell you what outcomes your work can contribute to; it will not tell you how to build a transition plan, design a governance structure, structure a financing mechanism or set up a monitoring system. These processes need to happen in a multi-stakeholder, place-based setting. Regen10 has been facilitating this work across different geographies, and this guidance can help other actors lead it in their own context. Regen10 does not assess, rank or endorse individual tools or initiatives against the Framework – instead it provides a common reference that supports transparency and comparability, while initiatives retain their own methodologies, tools and scope.

This guidance is a first version. The ways of using the Framework are being tested in practice. For example - Regen10 is applying the Outcomes Framework through its 360 place-based engagements. These are multistakeholder processes, currently in Brazil and Kenya with other locations planned, where local partners use the Framework to surface shared transition priorities for a landscape. What we learn from them feeds back into this guidance.

Which guidance should I use?

Start by asking what you are trying to do:

Are you trying to work out what regenerative outcomes your own work intends to contribute to?

→ Use **Defining regenerative outcomes for your work.**

This is for anyone defining outcomes for their own work: a farmer reflecting on their farm's direction, a farmer organization designing support for its members, a business setting a sourcing strategy, a policymaker designing a support scheme, an NGO planning a program of work.

By the end of this process you will have a clear plan of the regenerative outcomes your work is intended to support, and the scope of your contribution to them. You can use it to guide the strategy, program, policy or investment decisions that follow.

Are you trying to understand how an existing tool, standard, program or methodology relates to the Framework?

→ Use **Mapping regenerative outcomes for your work.**

This is for actors who already have something – a certification scheme, an M&E system, a set of indicators – and want to understand what it covers against the Framework's outcomes, and where it does not. A gap is not automatically a shortcoming, because many tools have a deliberately narrower purpose.

By the end of this process you will have a coverage map showing how the tool addresses each Framework outcome, with notes on its scope and gaps. You can use it to improve your own tool, compare tools, or decide whether a tool is right for you.

Are you trying to bring multiple actors together to coordinate their different contributions around shared outcomes?

→ Use **Coordinating action around shared outcomes.**

This is for landscape partnerships, coalitions or initiatives where several actors need common outcomes to align around, while clarifying their different contributions, responsibilities and dependencies.

By the end of this process you will have a shared reference of outcomes and a clearer understanding of each actor's contributions, responsibilities and dependencies. You can use it to plan and coordinate the work that follows.

These guidance materials are not mutually exclusive. The same actor may use more than one, but each is worth completing as its own process. A landscape partnership, for example, might use 'Defining regenerative outcomes for your work' to define its own outcomes as a partnership, and 'Coordinating action around shared outcomes' to coordinate the contributions of its individual members. If you are not sure where to start, 'Defining regenerative outcomes for your work' is a good first step if you have not yet defined what your work aims to achieve.



Regen10 is a global multi-stakeholder initiative working to support an inclusive, regenerative, and equitable agrifood systems transition. We believe the path to regenerative agrifood systems at scale requires three things: clarity on what regenerative outcomes look like across contexts, evidence on what enables or blocks transitions, and alignment among the diverse actors whose decisions shape agrifood systems. This work is grounded in Regen10's ten core principles, which hold farmer-centricity, equity, and inclusion at the center of everything we do.

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