Catalytic strengthens partnerships with climate philanthropy to advance forest-positive investments in the Congo Basin

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*Catalytic Finance Foundation welcomes the **David and Lucile Packard Foundation** as a new funder of Canopy Trust and joins **Forests, People, Climate**, strengthening its engagement with the philanthropic community to mobilise finance for sustainable development and forest conservation.*



The **Packard Foundation** becomes the first philanthropic funder of Canopy Trust, providing grant support to help build businesses that protect forests and attract private investment that improves livelihoods and reduces deforestation in the Congo Basin.

The critical role of philanthropy in catalytic finance

Philanthropic capital plays an essential role in unlocking investments that conventional financing mechanisms often cannot reach. With greater flexibility, longer investment horizons and a higher tolerance for risk, philanthropic funders are uniquely positioned to support innovative financing approaches, strengthen early-stage projects and help overcome barriers that prevent private capital from reaching underserved markets.

In blended finance structures, philanthropic resources can provide concessional or first-loss capital, fund technical assistance and support the development of investment opportunities. By addressing risks and financing gaps, these contributions can help mobilise additional capital at scale.

For Catalytic, strengthening relationships with climate philanthropies is therefore an important part of its mission to design and deploy financing solutions that accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. As part of this commitment, **Catalytic has recently joined Forests, People, Climate (FPC)**, a global collaborative bringing together philanthropic funders, civil society organisations and regional partners working to halt and reverse tropical deforestation while supporting just and sustainable development.

The collaborative focuses on three of the world's most important tropical forest regions: the Congo Basin, Indonesia and the Brazilian Amazon. Its work aims to mobilise and better align philanthropic funding, strengthen local leadership and advance solutions that protect forests while supporting the communities who depend on them.

Catalytic's participation in FPC provides an opportunity to deepen exchanges with philanthropic partners, share experience in blended finance and sustainable investment, and explore synergies between grant-based support and investment-oriented solutions.

Through Canopy Trust and its broader work in catalytic finance, Catalytic seeks to contribute to a common objective: turning commitments to forest conservation into sustainable economic opportunities and investable projects that deliver lasting benefits for people, nature and climate.

Catalytic's engagement with FPC is an important step towards strengthening the partnerships needed to achieve this ambition.

Learn more:

- David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Forests, People, Climate