



Global
Deforestation

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation

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Overview

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation is supported by the NGO Forest Coalition with additional support provided by The Advocacy Team.

The NGO Forest Coalition has provided the Secretariat for the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation since its launch in spring 2022.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation provides a cross-party forum to discuss and promote greater awareness of the impacts of global deforestation for communities, the climate, for nature and human rights. The group will consider the UK's role in contributing to global deforestation, as well as considering UK and international approaches to addressing global deforestation.

NGO Forest Coalition Members



MIGHTY EARTH



**Global
Witness**



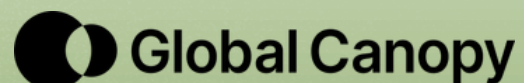
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Finances

The NGO Forest Coalition receives its funding from membership contributions and from a UK foundation. NGO Forest Coalition members are: Cool Earth, Earthsight, Environmental Investigation Agency, Fern, Friends of the Earth UK, Global Canopy, Global Witness, Mighty Earth, Rainforest Foundation UK and WWF-UK.

Reem Berrada, is a paid The Advocacy Team employee and supports the Secretariat functions of the APPG. The Advocacy Team does not receive foreign funding and a list of the organisations current clients can be provided on request. The funding comes from the NGO Forest Coalition.

A number of the NGO Forest Coalition members run projects around the world which may be funded by foreign governments, but they have each confirmed that any such funding is restricted to those specific projects, and it does not fund their contributions to the Coalition. Funding for the NGO Forest Coalition is thus not provided by any foreign government. The Secretariat is working for the Coalition members only, and is not working for or on behalf of a foreign government.

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Areas of Focus

The APPG has played a crucial role in driving parliamentary engagement and action on deforestation and deforestation-linked human rights abuses. By facilitating dialogue between MPs, civil society, industry, and affected communities, it has elevated the issue on the political agenda, informed legislative scrutiny, and supported efforts to push government to implement robust responsible and sustainable supply-chain policies.

In 2021, the Environment Act became law, with Schedule 17 of that law promising to tackle global deforestation. Four years on we are still waiting because the secondary legislation required to introduce due diligence on imported forest-risk commodities - has not been put before Parliament. This delay continues to be a key area of focus for the APPG.

It is critical that the UK government takes prompt and effective action to address the impact of UK consumption on the world's forests. With Schedule 17 of the Environment Act already in place, the government has the opportunity to act swiftly by finalising secondary regulations needed to implement the law. In doing this, the government must ensure that the due diligence regulations are genuinely effective, using a regulatory structure that requires companies to conduct comprehensive due diligence and ensures robust enforcement and reporting requirements. The APPG continues to champion these essential measures.

There is no way to reach net-zero targets without action on deforestation. And while the UK is the 15th largest contributor to tropical deforestation in global terms, the Environmental Audit Committee found the intensity of UK consumption (measured in footprint per tonne of product consumed) is higher than that of China. This reinforces why the APPG's focus on deforestation and deforestation-linked human rights abuses remains so urgent and necessary.

Activities



24/03/2025

The APPG on Global Deforestation Marks International Day of the Forests 2025 with the APPG on International Conservation

The APPG on Global Deforestation hosted our annual flagship in partnership with the APPG on International Conservation bringing a cross-party group of MPs, Peers and leading figures to discuss the state of deforestation and deforestation-linked human rights abuses ahead of COP30 in Bélem.



**INTERNATIONAL
2025 DAY OF
FORESTS**



13/05/2025

Indigenous leaders meet Members of the APPG on Global Deforestation to discuss UK leadership to safeguard their rights and combat deforestation

Indigenous leaders have called on the UK to ensure the protection and recognition of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' (IPs and LCs) land and territories, to guarantee funding goes directly to them, to stop its focus on the carbon credit market and to push for ambitious legislation under the Environment Act. The delegation from Brazil, Indonesia and Malaysia made their key demands during meetings in Parliament with the APPG on Global Deforestation and with civil servants.

MPs in attendance included the co-chairs of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation Anna Gelderd and Pippa Heylings, as well as Bambos Charalambous and David Taylor.

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31/10/2024

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the new All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Deforestation met in Parliament to discuss the current state of deforestation action and focus on priorities for the new group.



The APPG supported Members during Westminster Hall Debate on Deforestation

Barry Gardiner, the Labour MP for Brent West, led the Westminster Hall debate. “One of the things that fuels people’s disillusionment with politics is that so much fanfare surrounds policy announcements, but so little of the hard graft of delivery gets done after the announcements are made. If we told the public that we had just destroyed the entire New Forest, they would be horrified, yet that is the area of forest that our failure to enact the due diligence recommendations has eradicated since 2021.”

MPs from across the political divide demanded action.

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