


Inaugural Zamba Heritage Congress

*From Commitment to Action:
Africa's Forest Legacy*

 **JW Marriot, Nairobi, Kenya**
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About FSC

Just as we depend on forests, forests depend on us. At the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) we unite individuals, businesses, governments, and NGOs under a common goal: protecting healthy, resilient forests for all, forever. FSC is a non-profit organization, providing trusted solutions to help safeguard the world's forests and tackle today's deforestation, climate, inequity, and biodiversity challenges.

About the Event

The Zamba Heritage Initiative was launched by FSC and partners including the Nature Conservancy and the African Forest Forum. This first Congress is not just a meeting—it's a launchpad for bold actions in pursuit of responsible forest management that will generate both local and global benefits. In addition to complementing other high-level events, the Congress will serve as a fundraising platform for sustainable forest management across the continent. By bringing together Africa's leaders, global donors, and investors, we will ensure that forest protection and sustainable development remain at the heart of the global sustainable development and climate agenda.



This high-level gathering will:

- Launch the Zámbe Heritage Action Plan, a 10-year roadmap with clear targets to place 30 million hectares under sustainable management, restore 5 million hectares of degraded land, and unlock \$400 million in finance for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).
- Set the stage to mobilize ambitious pledges from African governments, donors, and investors.
- Position African forests as a top priority in global climate negotiations and growth in SFM, carbon markets, and nature-based solutions.
- Strengthen partnerships among African nations, donors, impact investors, and conservation organizations.
- Help to mainstream sustainability in African and global wood-based supply chains.



Objectives:

- High-Level Advocacy: Secure commitments from African governments, multilateral agencies, and investors to scale forest protection and sustainable use.
- Resource Mobilization: Present investment opportunities to unlock a minimum of \$400 million for forest conservation and restoration.
- Drive Commitments from Africa: Secure pledges from African nations, donor countries, and multilateral institutions.
- Catalyze Public-Private Partnerships: Connect governments, investors, and NGOs to scale sustainable supply chains, carbon credits, and forest-based enterprises.
- Drive Knowledge & Innovation: Showcase best practices in sustainable forest management, sustainable sourcing in global markets, carbon finance, and nature-based enterprises.
- Advance Policy & Partnerships: Strengthen collaboration among AU, SADC, COMIFAC, CAFI, CITES, and UN agencies for a unified African forest agenda.