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Under the cooperation, Landscape Finance Lab (LFL) and Integrity Global Partners (IGP) plan to leverage public and private capital to develop innovative financial mechanisms for investing in landscapes, they said.

“Through our high-integrity approach to project design and execution, we aim to restore confidence in the supply of nature-based credits coming into the market as well as to enable investors to build investment portfolios with attractive risk-adjusted returns and optimising carbon and other co-benefits for communities and biodiversity,” a spokesperson for IGB told Carbon Pulse.

The two firms will apply proprietary landscape and carbon assessment tools – including LFL’s 4 Returns Framework – to mutually evaluate a pipeline of investment opportunities in order to enhance the credibility of both carbon and biodiversity assets, they said.

“It’s an exciting time for our sector. Sustainable landscapes are a key strategic solution to addressing the combined global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and food and water shortages, whilst creating jobs and improving livelihoods,” said Roopal Kanabar, LFL’s strategic finance advisor.

Landscape Finance Lab was formed in 2016 as a spin-off of green group WWF and has since supported the establishment of over 20 landscape projects in 17 countries.

It currently has a pipeline of €15 million worth of landscape projects under development.

Integrity Global Partners, meanwhile, was founded last month (<https://carbon-pulse.com/198194/>) by a group of carbon and environmental markets experts.

Its goal is to unlock capital at scale to deliver high-integrity nature-based projects in the Global South.

“This partnership with Landscape Finance Lab represents a continuation of our work to build a global collaborative hub with best-in-class partners and gives us immediate velocity to scale our efforts to bring environmental assets to market in some of the largest and most important biodiversity landscapes in the world,” co-founder and CEO Cheri Sugal said.

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