



# Forests, Food Systems & Livelihoods

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# Forests will feature prominently in key summits over net 12 months

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- Forests are integral to the Food Summit
- Key building block for the Forest, Agriculture & Commodity Trade (FACT) Dialogue at COP26
- And on to CBD COP15 & Stockholm+50 in 2022
- Forests now very visible in news cycle – particularly issue of fires
- How to fully leverage this moment for forests?



# Commodities remain key driver of deforestation





A photograph of the European Parliament building in Brussels, featuring its iconic semi-circular glass facade and multiple tiers. In the foreground, a row of flagpoles displays various national flags, including the European Union flag. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The text is overlaid in white, bold font across the lower half of the image.

**Growing pressure for action from Regulators,  
Investors, Downstream Companies and  
Campaigners (include Youth)**



# At same time complexity of interlinked issues becoming clearer

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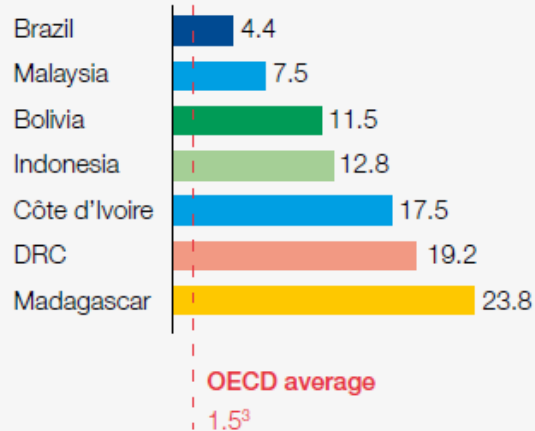
1. Huge social agenda – jobs and livelihoods for 1.6 billion people – linked issues of land rights & conflict
2. Growing demand for food and commodities out to 2030 and beyond
3. Growing climate impacts on production areas
4. Complex and regionally specific dynamics in landscapes
5. How to better manage the trade offs and enable broader transformation of food system?



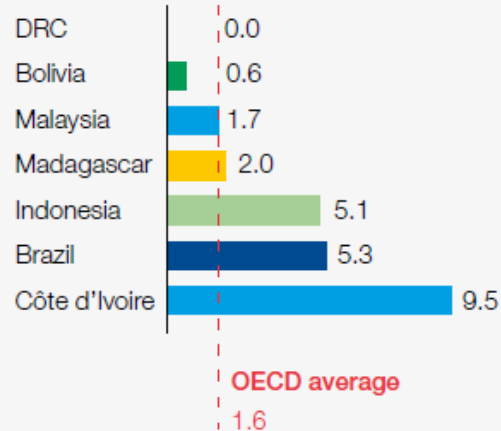
# WEF/TFA publishing new report in Sept to highlight trade offs and lay out path forward

## The role of agriculture in GDP, exports and employment in tropical countries

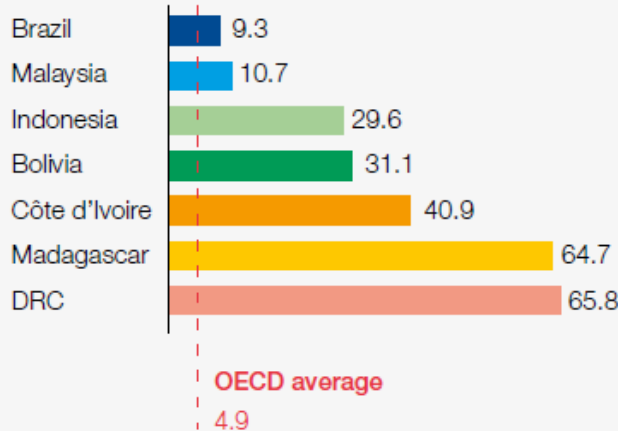
### Agriculture, forestry and fishing value added (% of GDP) 2018



### Agricultural raw material<sup>1</sup> exports (% of merchandise exports)<sup>2</sup> 2018



### Employment in agriculture (% of total employment) 2018

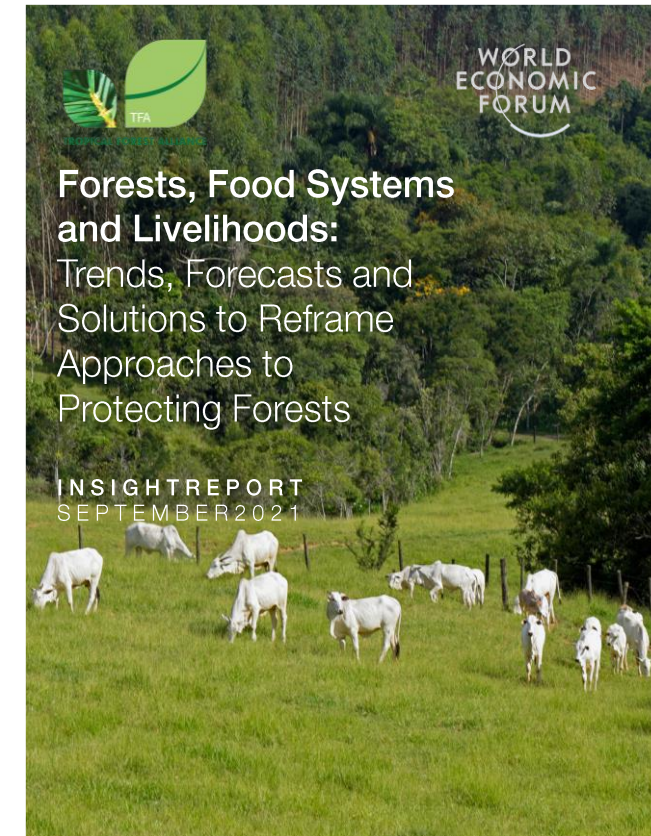


1. Agricultural raw materials comprise SITC section 2 except fuels, including categories such as live animals, meat and meat preparations, cereals, vegetables and fruit, beverages, machinery, pharma etc.

2. Merchandise exports show the f.o.b. (free on board) value of goods provided to the rest of the world.

3. 2017 average.

Sources: World Bank data.





# REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. **Food systems** approach is key
2. **Livelihoods** needs to be central
3. Better **tailor solutions** to commodity & geography
4. **Corporate action** remains important but insufficient
5. **Innovative finance & policy** essential to incentivize producers
6. Need to all get better at **collective action!**

