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Defra's agroforestry vision

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Defra's response to FWF ETS submission

1. Support for farm carbon inventories
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3. Targets for Agroforestry
4. Forest Management Standards
5. Facilitating engagement between foresters and farmers
6. Designation/definition of "forests"

Agroforestry in helping to meet government commitments

- 🌳 Tree planting target
- 🌳 Net Zero
- 🌳 25 Year Environment Plan
- 🌳 Green Recovery
- 🌳 Ecosystem Service Potential

The English Tree Action Plan (ETAP)

- 🌳 The England Trees Action Plan (ETAP) sets out our long-term vision for the sector, and the steps we will take over this parliament to start the journey to that vision.
- 🌳 The strategic framework of the ETAP will deliver a number of Government ambitions. It will:
 - Provide an ambitious, long term vision for trees and woodland in England to 2050 and beyond
 - Outline Government's plans to deliver the trees aspects of the Nature for Climate Fund and other funding streams
 - Act as a call to action to land-owners and managers, the third sector, and communities to help us meet these ambitions
 - Align with other policy areas including peat and nature

The Structure of the England Trees Action Plan

- 🌳 **Long Term vision to 2050 and beyond** - The England Trees Action Plan sets out Government's long-term, generational vision for the sector and England's treescape: what it needs to deliver and how Government will help others deliver it.
- 🌳 There are **FIVE** chapters outlining over 80 policy actions Government will take during this Parliament to help meet the long term vision.

These chapters are:

1. **Expanding and connecting our trees and woodlands**
2. **Trees and Woodlands as part of the green economy**
3. **Protecting and improving our trees and woodlands**
4. **Connecting people with trees and woodlands**
5. **Knowledge and science for trees and woodlands**

Trees and Woodland as Part of the Green Economy

Supporting innovative approaches to forestry

- Support for agroforestry
- Encourage recreation and tourism in woodlands

Support for tenant farmers

- More clarity on woodland creation on tenanted land

Encouraging the use of timber in construction

- Provision of a timber innovation fund
- Develop a roadmap on use of timber in construction with key industry stakeholders
- Promoting more use of modern methods of construction

Greening finance and taxation to support woodland creation

- Launch an Impact Fund to stimulate the flow of private finance into trees and woodland
- Develop natural capital markets
- Clarity on tax treatment of woodlands

Building a bigger, skilled workforce

- Understand the workforce needs of the sector, including in support of nature and economic benefits
- Improve skills & training routes into the forestry & arboriculture sector

Agroforestry and the English Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)

- 🌳 We will provide financial support for agroforestry through the newly created English Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO):
- 🌳 **Phase 1** will be launched soon and will include support for Shelterbelts – the minimum eligible width will be reduced to 10m from the usual 20m to allow this.
- 🌳 **Phase 2** will be launched early next year and we are working through what other forms of AF that will be eligible for support in it.
- 🌳 We will ensure that there is a smooth transition EWCO to any of the governments future environmental land management schemes.

Defra Agroforestry Environmental Land Management Test and Trial

Key stakeholders involved

- Abacus Agriculture
- Woodland Trust
- Soil Association
- Organic Research Centre

 The Test and Trial will test how the adoption of agroforestry can be encouraged within the ELM schemes through **Advice and Guidance** and different **Payment Incentives** by working with regional groups of farmers, land managers, advisors and NGO's.

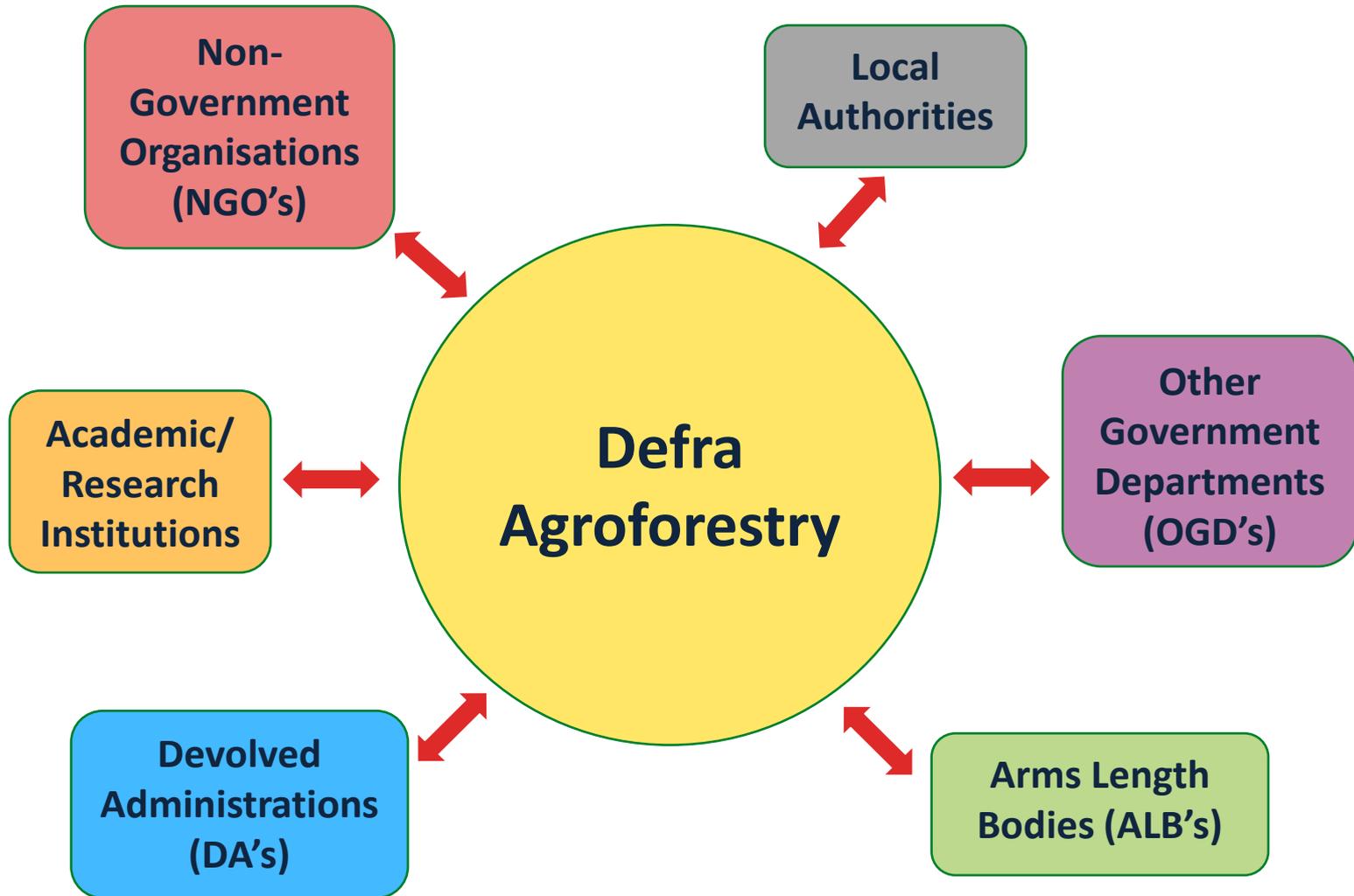
Defra Agroforestry and Environmental Land Management Schemes

🌳 We will include support for tree planting, woodland creation and management, and agroforestry across our new **Sustainable Farming Incentive**, **Local Nature Recovery scheme** and **Landscape Recovery scheme**.

🌳 More information on the new Environmental Land Management schemes can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-land-management-schemes-overview/environmental-land-management-scheme-overview>

Defra Agroforestry key working relationships



Our ask of you

- 🌳 **Encourage landowners/tenants** to apply for agroforestry in EWCO when it becomes available
- 🌳 **Work with us** to identify barriers, increase interest and uptake in agroforestry throughout the UK so we can meet the government planting targets
- 🌳 **Help the UK** to become a world leader in agroforestry systems
- 🌳 **Help us to develop industry wide guidance** on the skills and training needed to establish and manage agroforestry systems



Questions & Thank You