

TC Document

I. Basic Information for TC

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL
▪ TC Name:	Support for the strengthening of regional networks in Amazonia in preparation for COP30
▪ TC Number:	RG-T4627
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▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Operation Supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract authorization:	24 Sep 2024.
▪ Beneficiary:	Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela
▪ Executing Agency and contact name:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ Donors providing funding:	OC SDP Window 3 - Sustainable Development in the Amazon(W3A)
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$450,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$0
▪ Disbursement period (which includes Execution period):	24 months
▪ Required start date:	11/01/2024
▪ Types of consultants:	Individual consultants and firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CSD/ACU-Amazon Unit
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CSD/ACU-Amazon Unit
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	N/A
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2024-2030:	Economic integration; Institutional capacity and rule of law

II. Objectives and Justification of the TC

- 2.1 **Justification.** Amazonia, spanning nine countries and covering about 40% of the South American territory, harbors the world's largest tropical rainforest, representing 35% of the total primary forest land. It not only stands out due to its great biodiversity but also influences regional and global climates. However, since the 1970s, the clearing of Amazonian forests has intensified, and millions of hectares of primary forest cover has been lost.
- 2.2 In addition to the direct land conversion and ecosystem degradation, climate change is intensifying disturbances and altering the dynamics of the Amazonia biome. Extreme droughts and flooding may be the new norm for the Amazon, challenging its

people and ecosystems. Wetter wet seasons and drier dry seasons may be in store for the Amazon Basin in the final 30 years of this century¹. Last year, 2023, evidenced symptoms of an unprecedented drought gripping the Amazon rainforest, cutting river communities off from supplies, including food provisions².

- 2.3 While Amazonia is well known for its forest biodiversity and cultural diversity, over 70% of its population resides in urbanized areas. Population in Amazonia doubles every two decades, indicating a trend in urbanization and infrastructure demands, and faces limited and inadequate access to essential services and infrastructure (water, energy, health, education, connectivity). Unplanned and unsustainable urbanization and infrastructure exacerbate threats to Amazonian ecosystems and their services, increasing the vulnerability to climate change and particularly to extreme events.
- 2.4 Despite the economic, ecological and cultural value of the Amazon biome, the finance gap to ensure its conservation and sustainable management remains in the order of the billions of dollars. From an international negotiations' standpoint, linking the biodiversity and climate change agendas has always been a limitation for countries in the region, thus efforts for finding complementarities in the provision of resources to cover the biodiversity and climate change gaps synergistically are critical.
- 2.5 Under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) in 2025, will be hosted, for the first time, in Amazonia. COP30 represents a critical milestone, marking the deadline for countries to submit new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which serve as high-level roadmaps for national climate action. It is in this context that the Amazonian countries are embarking on the road to COP30 in Belem, and they have the mandate, among others, to reflect in their updated and revised NDCs (3.0), the role of nature and biodiversity, including the role that Amazonian biomes play for climate change adaptation and mitigation. In this context, progress was made at the climate change COP28 (2023), when the decision the First Global Stocktake³ emphasized the importance of conserving, protecting and restoring nature and ecosystems towards achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal through protecting terrestrial and marine ecosystems acting as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and by conserving biodiversity.
- 2.6 Thus, building synergies between flows of finance for climate and biodiversity finance by prioritizing solutions, approaches, and potential gaps in investment can deliver for both climate and nature, while rigorously combatting double-counting. Countries will strive to advance in this climate-nature agenda and common financing approaches by COP30 in Belem, when presenting their revised and updated national climate commitments.
- 2.7 While progress towards COP30 at national level is a priority for Amazonian countries during the 2024-2025 period, regional integration and coordination will continue to be part of the multilateral agenda, particularly in transboundary regions, where climate change impacts become evident and where the effects of droughts, floods, wildfires, and other extreme events, do not respect national boundaries. Topics as preventing illegal logging and sustainably regulating land clearing and mining have intensified in some Amazonian countries and also deserve special attention. It is in this sense that

¹<https://www.science.org/content/article/amazon-river-may-altered-forever-climate-change>

²<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-03469-6>

³ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2023_L17E.pdf

the role of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Agreement (ACTO) for regional integration across Amazonian countries is revalued and strengthened through the mandate received during the Amazonian Presidential Summit (August 2023). Among others, the Belem Declaration⁴ resulting from the Summit, mandated the establishment of a working group integrated by representatives of Amazon member countries and advance in the connections between ACTO and the Amazon Parliament (ParlAmaz⁵), with the aim of facilitating decision making on strategic matters.

- 2.8 IDB's Amazonia Forever⁶ is, in itself, a mechanism for the ministries of finance and planning of the Amazonian countries to coordinate and collectively support the implementation of the decisions of the Amazonian Presidential Summit.⁷ It is in this sense that Amazonia Forever is an important contribution to the sustainable development of the Amazon region by addressing a critical gap, which is the need for stronger economic-financial coordination in the region to scale-up up financing with greater innovation. This includes, but not only, financing for nature and climate.
- 2.9 Amazonia Forever achieved its first year of implementation in July 2024 with remarkable progress and results. Program project portfolio has evolved its operations in the eight Amazon countries with projects under execution and in preparation under the five thematic pillars⁸ of the program. Moreover, as collaboration and coordination are critical lines of action in the program to scale up financing and share knowledge, several partnerships, and networks were boosted over the last year to tackle different aspects of Amazonia's sustainable development challenges. Examples of these regional networks include the Amazonia Cities Program⁹, created to support sustainable and resilient plans, coordinated by the Amazon Cities Forum in collaboration with ACTO and the Brazilian government, and the Amazon Network for Research and Innovation on Biodiversity¹⁰, seeking to integrate and strengthen the capacities of its member institutes and transfer innovative solutions and technologies for the Amazonian bioeconomy. Another example is the Amazonia Network of Ministers of Education, committed to accelerating and intensifying efforts to improve access, quality, and territorial relevance of education in urban and rural areas of the Amazon Region focusing on inter-cultural education. Challenges to deliver for COP30 can also be related to the need to strengthen the link between these networks and the nature/climate agendas.
- 2.10 This TC will provide technical support for the preparation of COP30, in line with the parameters of Amazonia Forever and the Belem Declaration, aiming to align the nature and climate agendas for countries in Amazonia to deliver in a synergetic manner.
- 2.11 The TC will focus on a series of preparatory regional research and dissemination activities for advancing the operationalization of the Amazonia Forever towards COP30 through (i) sharing strategic knowledge for decision makers; and (ii) enhancing regional coordination, as stated in the programs dimensions for success. The TC will also be an important input to the operationalization of Amazonia Forever's transversal

⁴ [Declaration-of-Belem.pdf \(otca.org\)](#)

⁵ ParlAmaz as an instrument to facilitate decision making within internal judicial systems; as well as a forum among parliamentarians that would allow discussions on relevant matters for the Amazon.

⁶ <https://www.iadb.org/en/who-we-are/topics/amazonia>

⁷ <https://otca.org/en/amazon-summit-to-strengthen-cooperation-among-acto-member-countries/>

⁸ Bioeconomy and creative economies, Combating Deforestation and Strengthening Environmental Control and Security, People, aiming for adequate access to jobs and services, Sustainable Cities, Infrastructure and connectivity, Sustainable and Low-carbon Agriculture, Livestock and Forest Management.

⁹ <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/amazon-cities-forum-launched-idb-support>

¹⁰ BID | Presentan red de instituciones de investigación e innovación para proteger y aprovechar la biodiversidad en la Amazonía ([iadb.org](https://www.iadb.org))

areas: (i) strengthening institutional capacities; and (ii) conservation of biodiversity, forests, and climate.

- 2.12 **Objectives.** The purpose of this TC is to support the strengthening of the regional integration among Amazonian countries to deliver effectively for COP30. The specific objectives are: (i) strategic support for technical and political dialogue on issues of common interest among Amazonian countries and support for the establishment of regional knowledge sharing agendas; (ii) strategic support to the strengthening and continued operationalization of regional collaboration networks; and (iii) mobilization of effective and coordinated actions for climate finance opportunities for COP30.
- 2.13 **Beneficiaries.** The main beneficiaries of the TC will be public sector officials from sectoral ministries, organized groups of parliamentarians in Amazonian countries, and relevant government officials responsible for the climate-nature agendas and their coordination in the eight Amazonian countries¹¹.
- 2.14 **Strategic Alignment.** This TC is consistent with the IDB Group Institutional Strategy: Transforming for Scale and Impact (CA-631) and is aligned with the objectives of: (i) address climate change; and (ii) bolster sustainable regional growth, since it contributes to improving the protection of Amazonian forests and ecosystems, and the sustainable development in the region. This TC is also aligned with the operational focus areas of: (i) biodiversity, natural capital and climate action; (ii) regional integration, by promoting a strengthening of the economic-financial cooperation system of the countries of the Amazon basin. It aligns with IDB Integrated Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Sustainable and Renewable Energy (GN-2609-1), by targeting activities that reduce GHG emissions, enhance carbon stocks, and/or increase resilience, and relates to at least two sectoral frameworks: (i) Environment and Biodiversity Sectoral Framework (GN-2827-8) and (ii) Climate Change Sectoral Framework (GN-2848-13). It is part of the Amazonia Forever Program through its five pillars. This TC is aligned with the OC SDP Window 3-Sustainable Development in the Amazon (W3A) (GN-3036-4) in the themes of Bioeconomy; Sustainable Agriculture & Livestock Management; Human Capital; and Sustainable Infrastructure & Sustainable Cities. The TC is also aligned with the IDB Group Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025 (GN-2848-9) in the areas of adaptation and mitigation. Finally, this TC is consistent with the Country Strategies that prioritize sustainable and inclusive development of ecosystems – Bolivia 2022-2025 (GN-3088), Brazil 2019-2022 (GN-2973¹²), Colombia 2024-2027 (GN-3238), Ecuador 2022-2025 (GN-3103), Guyana 2023-2026 (GN-3187), Peru 2022-2026 (GN-3110), and Suriname 2021-2025 (GN-3065), as well as IDB Roadmap for Venezuela 2021-2023¹³.
- 2.15 **Complementarity with other initiatives.** This TC will have complementarities with the Bank's initiatives financed under IDB's Amazonia Forever Program, especially using the information and lessons learned from operation "Technical and logistical support for the preparation and execution of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Colombia (CBD)" (CO-T1759) through which it is supporting the Colombian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

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¹¹ Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela.

¹² The IDB Group Strategy with Brazil (GN-2973) is still in force. An extension to this document was approved until November 15, 2024 (GN-2973-3). The new Country Strategy is in preparation.

¹³ Country strategies remain valid for one year beyond the stated period, as they remain active throughout the preparation of the following strategy.

(CMESD) in the technical and logistical coordination for the preparation and execution of the COP16 of the CBD to be held in Colombia in October 2024. The IDB will support the CMESD in the identification and design of financial instruments and innovative mechanisms for biodiversity conservation. Synergies will also be sought with ongoing efforts under “Positioning Latin America and the Caribbean as an ambitious region on climate and nature at COP29 and COP16” (RG-T4493) which began implementation in July 2024 to create a space for dialogue to help identify common policy issues for the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region in the context of the international climate and biodiversity negotiations and the Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Reform Agenda to facilitate regional collective action, as well as the dialogues and strategies that this TC will generate in relation to the financing of COP 16 and 29 to showcase its strategic focus on natural capital, biodiversity and climate change. This TC will seek, based on the information gathered in these other operations, to establish synergies for technical and political dialogue on issues of common interest among Amazonian countries, as well as to give continuity to strategic alliances for strengthening regional integration in the run-up to COP30. Also, it will complement the efforts from regional networks under Amazonia Forever, such as those supported by operations “Consolidation of the Green Coalition of Public Development Banks of the Amazon Region” (RG-T4413), “Bioprospecting for the Development of the Amazon Bioeconomy” (RG-T4161), “Amazon Cities Forum” (RG-T4447), “Support for the establishment of a regional cooperation program for the Amazon” (RG-T4327), and “Building Synergies to Support the Interstate Legal Amazon Consortium” (BR-T1606). Finally, this TC will coordinate with other research activities that are being carried out within the IDB Group, or at the level of the countries of the Amazon Region, through the cross-referencing of information and data, and discussion on the results obtained with the purpose of building a consolidated and accessible repository of knowledge.

III. Description of activities/components and budget

- 3.1 Component 1. Strategic support for technical and political dialogue on regional coherence (US\$180,000).** The objective of this component is to support regional action following the Belem Declaration to strengthen institutional coherence and governance for the facilitation of decision making on strategic matters, including COP30. These activities include: (i) regional dialogue seminars and workshops (in person and virtual) to advance the implementation of the Belem Declaration on matters related to climate change, biodiversity, bioeconomy, climate extreme events, among others; (ii) policy-level regional dialogues with Amazonian parliamentarians (ParlAmaz as a convening forum) for information and knowledge exchange and dialogue; (iii) generation of knowledge products of regional interest, such as analyses of opportunities for policy coherence among Amazonian countries, particularly on matters related to transboundary nature; and (iv) support the communication and dissemination of knowledge products generated through the abovementioned dialogues and exchanges towards COP30.

Expected results. (1) development of knowledge products on regional policy coherence on transboundary strategic matters in Amazonia for the analysis and provision of recommendations for policy alignment among amazonian countries; (2) alignment of regional Amazonian coordination efforts contributing to the governance strengthening of ACTO.

- 3.2 Component 2. Strengthening of regional networks for a targeted presence and contribution at COP30 (US\$120,000).** The objective of this component is the strengthening and consolidation of strategic regional networks for a targeted

contribution at COP30. The activities to be financed include: (i) generation of knowledge products describing the state of art of nexus between climate and nature the specific work areas of at least two regional networks. These are high-quality and state of art products including knowledge products and reports on strategic themes aligned with Amazonia Forever thematic pillars; and (ii) organization of technical meetings and dialogues to share the knowledge and key lessons among communities of practice, including Amazonian countries' representatives. These activities may be developed in person or virtually.

Expected results. The component will help strengthen the mapping of regional networks' priorities and opportunities for operationalization through the lenses of the climate and biodiversity agendas targeting COP30 as a global platform to demonstrate scale and impact. It will also help identify opportunities for future investments based on Amazonian countries' priorities as stated in their country strategies.

- 3.3 Component 3. Mobilization of effective and coordinated action for climate finance (US\$150,000).** This component will support the implementation of the long-term ambition of Amazonia Forever through climate finance. The activities to be financed include: (i) studies for demonstrating climate additionality in key sectors that might be currently underrepresented in Amazonia Forever's portfolio of operations; and (ii) diagnostic and analyze on climate vulnerability for key sectors contributing to climate resilient development in the Amazon region.

Expected results. The component will deliver products associated with requirements for unlocking climate finance access through international funding for key and underrepresented sectors and themes, such as contextual and technical analysis, identification of climate change impacts, and climate additionality assessment.

- 3.4** All knowledge products derived from this Technical Cooperation will be the Bank's intellectual property. The knowledge products generated within this technical cooperation will be the property of the Bank and may be made available to the public under a creative commons license. However, at the request of a beneficiary, in accordance with the provisions of AM-331, the intellectual property of said products may also be licensed to one or more beneficiaries through specific contractual commitments that shall be prepared with the advice of the Legal Department.

- 3.5** The total cost of this operation is US\$450,000 which will be financed with resources from the OC SDP Window 3 - Sustainable Development in the Amazon (W3A). The unit responsible for disbursements will be CSD/ACU.

Indicative Budget

Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Total Funding
Component 1	Strategic support for technical and political dialogue on regional coherence	180,000	180,000
Component 2	Strengthening of regional networks for a targeted presence and contribution at COP30	120,000	120,000
Component 3	Mobilization of effective and coordinated action for climate finance	150,000	150,000
Total		450,000	450,000

IV. Executing agency and execution structure

- 4.1** This TC consists of a Bank's own initiative, resulting from its experience and expertise. The Bank will be the executing entity of this TC through the Amazon Coordination Unit

of the IDB (CSD/ACU) and will have an execution period of 24 months. Considering the strategic importance of this technical cooperation and its regional nature, CSD/ACU will be executing this operation in coordination with the Bank country offices, including sector specialists (CSD, IFD, SCL, INE) in HQ and in the corresponding country offices, and the Vice-Presidency of Countries (VPC).

- 4.2 In case an activity is to be held in any of the beneficiary countries, a non-objection letter from the corresponding governmental agency will be obtained.
- 4.3 The Team Leader, a CSD/ACU specialist, will be responsible for the supervision of the TC and will act as a focal point, with the support of the project team members. The TC monitoring and supervision will be in accordance with the IDB policies and procedures and through the Technical Cooperation Monitoring and Reporting System (TCM).
- 4.4 The Bank will follow its procurement policies and guidelines related to contracting processes: (i) individual consultants will be hired according to the guidelines established in Regulation AM-650 Complementary Workforce; and (ii) contracting of consulting firms for services of an intellectual nature and the contracting of logistics services and non-consulting services in accordance with the Corporate Procurement Policy (GN-2303-33) and its Guidelines.

V. Major issues

- 5.1 No major risks are expected for the execution of this technical cooperation, but certain risks were identified. First, there is an operational risk, considering the diversity of actors, activities, and the number of participating countries. In some cases, there are multiple actors even within the same country to be involved. It might lead to potential miscommunication, coordination challenges, and conflicts arising from varying cultural, regulatory, and operational contexts. The risk will be mitigated through close coordination between ACU, and the different sectors and countries involved and by working closely with strategic regional partners. The coordination risk will be mitigated by ensuring close coordination between the project team and the different sector teams in VPS, and with VPC. For inter-institutional coordination, the project team will plan accordingly and ensure client engagement to manage stakeholder interests.
- 5.2 A second risk is the relevance of products for policy dialogue and decision-making. Products may lack alignment with policymakers' needs or priorities, undermining their effectiveness in facilitating stakeholder engagement, meaningful dialogue and effective outcomes. The risk will be mitigated by dedicated efforts in dissemination and engagement of relevant stakeholders during preparation as well as after completion of activities, both in national and regional levels. This mitigation measure will also include the systematization and documentation derived from the activities under each component.
- 5.3 A third and final risk identified relates to temporal challenges due to COP30 taking place in the last quarter of 2025. This hard deadline poses additional temporal limitations to accomplish all products on time, which might result in rushed deliverables, compromising quality and thoroughness in project outputs. A mitigation measure will be to design implementation timelines that follow COP30 preparatory schedule, with the adequate and prompt communication to all individuals and firms to be procured for the implementation of the different activities.

VI. Exceptions to Bank policy

- 6.1 No exceptions to Bank policy have been identified for this operation.

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

- 7.1 This Technical Cooperation is not intended to finance pre-feasibility or feasibility studies of specific investment projects or environmental and social studies associated with them; therefore, this TC does not have applicable requirements of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).

Required Annexes:

[Results Matrix_4971.pdf](#)

[Terms of Reference_36845.pdf](#)

[Procurement Plan_62068.pdf](#)