

Amazon Cities Forum (D2482)

Description:

The **general objective** of this TC is to provide technical and financial assistance to the implementation and operation of the Amazon Cities Forum, launched in August 2023, to promote the urban agenda in the Amazon region and enhance local governments' institutional capacity in the pathway to COP30, the first COP to be held in LAC and the Amazon.

The **specific objectives** are:

- (i) Support the organization and execution of thematic and annual meetings between representatives of Amazon cities across the region;
- (ii) Promote the exchange of knowledge and good practices on urban issues between local governments, academics, city networks, regional organizations, and other relevant actors to facilitate regional multilateral coordination;
- (iii) Collect and compile good practices and generate a systematized repository of information that contributes to identifying possible lines of work and investment priorities for sustainable development.

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Has the proposal been discussed and authorized by the responsible sector or country department/division, as applicable?

Yes

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CSD

Are there specific countries that will directly benefit from your proposal?

Yes

Mark the specific countries that will be directly benefited from your proposal?

Bolivia

Brazil

Colombia

Ecuador

Guyana

Peru

Suriname

Venezuela

Where applicable, describe how the proposal aligns with the respective country strategy (for each country selected)

N/A.

Does the proposal align to one or more sector frameworks?

Yes, the proposal aligns with at least one sector framework

Identify and describe how the proposal aligns to the sector framework(s)

Per the IDB's overarching goal of fostering regional integration, this Technical Cooperation (TC) adopts a regional approach to facilitate robust knowledge sharing and policy dialogue among local governments in Amazon Cities. This approach catalyzes bridging knowledge gaps, identifying common issues across countries, and establishing synergies and connections, thereby fostering enhanced multilevel coordination.

Furthermore, this TC is in direct alignment with the Amazonia Forever Program, particularly within its sustainable cities workstream. Through the consolidation of information and the development of a comprehensive understanding of urban settlements in the Amazon region, this initiative enables the identification of strategic areas for intervention and investment, contributing significantly to the overarching goals of sustainable development within the Amazonia Forever Program.

This TC also seamlessly integrates with the Climate Change Sector Framework, specifically emphasizing "Line of Action 2: Promote a multisector approach to tackling climate change." The Amazon rainforest is a vital ecological asset, playing a crucial role in global climate regulation. Unsustainable urbanization in the region poses a threat to biodiversity, water resources, and overall ecosystem health, also incurring poor living conditions for its inhabitants. By fostering dialogues and facilitating the exchange of experiences among local governments, the TC aims to scale up successful climate change projects. Additionally, it supports coordination and dialogue between national and subnational levels, as well as forging linkages between the public and private sectors, thereby strengthening the collective response to climate change challenges.

Regarding the Housing and Urban Development Sector Framework, this TC aligns with the "Line of Action 4: Promoting Good Urban Governance." The focus is on enhancing coordination among territorial units and advancing Knowledge to Promote Good Urban Governance through targeted capacity-building initiatives and network activities for city leaders and managers. This strategic alignment ensures that the TC contributes to building effective governance structures and resources in urban areas.

Moreover, the TC aligns with the individual country strategies, tailoring its actions to the specific priorities and needs of each country. By fostering action in cities and considering country-specific contexts, this initiative ensures that it becomes an integral part of the national development agenda, contributing meaningfully to increase the sustainability and resiliency of urban areas across the Amazon region.

Select the regional challenges and cross-cutting issues to which the proposal aligns to

Social Inclusion and Equality

Productivity and Innovation

Economic Integration

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

Institutional Capacity and Rule of Law

Gender Equality

Diversity

Justify the alignment to each selection above

Productivity and Innovation:

Through knowledge development and literature review, the proposed activities within this domain will not only contribute to an enriched understanding of sustainable and resilient investment priorities in Amazonian cities but will also identify key work streams for fostering conditions conducive to robust development. By delving into comprehensive research, this initiative aims to lay the groundwork for informed decision-making and strategic interventions in the Amazon region.

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability:

This TC aims to recognize common challenges and possible solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation considering the local context. The increasing effects of climate change in the region are leading to precipitation and water availability changes in the Amazon region, increasing the risks of planned infrastructure projects, and increases in frequency, intensity, and severity of droughts, floods and heatwaves, and continued sea level rise will increase risks to food security in vulnerable regions from moderate to high between 1.5° C and 2° C global warming level, with no or low levels of adaptation (IPCC, 2022). Acknowledging the urgency of the situation, the TC's primary focus lies in strengthening the Amazon Cities Forum's capacities to facilitate a local government network aiming at knowledge creation and resource attraction.

Social Inclusion and Equality:

This TC strives to be a catalyst for change by identifying opportunities and solutions for urbanization through a gender perspective and with a particular regard to indigenous and Afro-descendant populations. The initiative recognizes the imperative of creating inclusive urban environments that consider the diverse needs and perspectives of all community members. By emphasizing social inclusion and equality, the project aims to contribute to the establishment of cities that are not only sustainable but also socially just and equitable, considering the cultural sensibility and their relevance

to the Amazon territories.

Institutional Capacity and the Rule of Law:

Amazon cities have low institutional capacities to face their multiple and complex development challenges. By promoting the exchange of experiences and knowledge among relevant actors, coupled with targeted institutional capacity strengthening, the initiative seeks to empower local institutions and actors. In a context where institutional capacities may be limited, this TC will support the within the Amazon Cities Forum in the facilitation of a series of dialogues and capacity-building sessions between local governments to share best practices and lessons learned, fostering collaboration and effective governance essential for sustainable urban development in the Amazon region.

What is the estimated funding that you need in order to implement this proposal?

500.000

Select the expected outputs of this proposal

Institutional Strengthening Deliverables (Training products, Management Information Systems, etc.)

Policy Dialogues

Events (other than policy dialogues)

Knowledge Products

Are outputs strictly Knowledge Products?

No, the output is not strictly a Knowledge Product

Describe the motivation and main question(s) this TC intends to answer.

Describe the methodological approach to be used and the type of data (when applicable) which will be used

Please specify the type(s) of Knowledge Product (s) this TC encompasses:

Annual Reports

Magazines and Learning Materials

Others

Please provide a brief description of the output(s) selected above (The number of units planned, and the estimated cost). If you selected others, please specify.

a. **Institutional Strengthening Deliverables** (Training products, Management Information Systems, etc.): 2 training products, 1 Information Systems estimated cost: US\$100,000

b. **Policy Dialogues**: 3 thematic meetings and 1 annual meeting, estimated cost: US\$200,000

c. **Events**: (other than policy dialogues): 3 knowledge exchange meetings estimated cost: US\$100,000

d. **Knowledge Products**: 2 knowledge products, estimated cost: US\$100,000

Outcomes: If the outputs are delivered successfully, what is the change expected (in capacity, knowledge, behavior, etc.)

The expected changes are enhanced capacity, knowledge, and regional cooperation across the Amazon region. Firstly, the implementation and operation of the Amazon Cities Forum will focus on establishing a solid network of local and subnational governments and increasing their institutional capacity. The thematic and annual meetings facilitated by the TC are poised to drive a substantial increase in knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practices among representatives of Amazon cities, academics, city networks, and regional organizations. This collaboration is anticipated to foster regional multilateral coordination, enhancing the collective capacity to address urban challenges. Furthermore, the compilation of good practices and the creation of a systematized repository of information, as outlined in the specific objectives, will significantly contribute to identifying strategic lines of work and investment priorities for sustainable development. Finally, strengthening this network may lead to more informed, mobilized, and engaged Amazon cities in COP30, the first COP to be held in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region and in the Amazon.