

TC Document

I. Basic Information for TC

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL
▪ TC Name:	Conceptual Framework for the inclusive and sustainable development of amazon territory - Part 2
▪ TC Number:	RG-T4466
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▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Operation Supported by the TC:	.
▪ Date of TC Abstract authorization:	27 March 2024 .
▪ Beneficiary:	Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Suriname and Guyana
▪ 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\$400,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$0
▪ Disbursement period (which includes Execution period):	24 months
▪ Required start date:	1 May 2024
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms and individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CAN-Andean Group
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CAN/CCO-Country Office Colombia
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality; Productivity and innovation; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Indigenous People; Afro-descendants; Environmental sustainability; Gender equality; Diversity

II. Objectives and Justification of the TC

2.1 **The Amazon is crucial for the health of the planet.** The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) emphasizes that the Amazon houses immense biodiversity, with millions of plant and animal species, many of which remain undiscovered or undescribed.¹ The Amazon is critically important to ecosystems worldwide: it provides between 35% and

¹ <https://www.worldwildlife.org/places/amazon>

40% of Latin America's fresh water, regulates air quality, stores net carbon emissions, and regulates nutrient and hydrological cycles for the South American continent. The Amazon region (also referred to as AR in this document)² is also home to more than 30 million people, which include approximately 1.5 million indigenous people and more than 5 million people of African descent. Protecting the AR is thus essential to preserve this unique biodiversity and the ecological balance of the planet.³ Despite the vast and unique natural wealth, historical development models have been unable to seek sustainable pathways to utilize resources, develop the region's economy and sustain the communities and cultural heritage and diversity the region possesses. Furthermore, the lack of a universal landscape and territorially based vision across the multiple countries that form the AR have ended up in individual and disperse development efforts.

- 2.2 **In order to support the conceptualization of a holistic development model for the Amazon, the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) developed a territorial framework that mapped development gaps in 5 countries of the Amazon Andean Region (AAR)⁴ (RG-T4173).** This study concluded that without the benefit of a well-planned territorial investment framework, communities in this region may continue to lag compared to their coastal counterparts and maintain an extractive relationship with the Amazon, endangering its ecosystems. Lack of data to inform these investment frameworks is also evident. The study also developed a series of recommendations on how to propose interventions that could promote sustainable, inclusive and green development - ensuring key natural wealth and resources are protected. A key recommendation stemming from this analysis is the need to look at the AR as a whole, including Suriname, Guyana and Brazil. The reason for this is that while the AAR is an important subregion, one cannot fully comprehend the extent of development challenges and potential interventions without considering its neighboring countries, which have a direct impact on the development challenges in the AAR given the porous nature of borders within the Amazon region.
- 2.3 **This Technical Cooperation (TC) therefore aims to address this recommendation and carry out a geospatial gap analysis for the AR.** Specifically, it will characterize development gaps across social, economic, demographic, infrastructure, productivity, production, human capital, and environmental protection aspects in Brazil, Suriname and Guyana, linking them to those identified in the AAR. This will result in a geospatial gap analysis for all 8 IDB member states that have territory in the AR. The TC will also build on the original AAR territorial framework by analyzing specific case studies in the AR, as a first step to developing comprehensive investment plans in different regions of the continent. The studies will be selected by the operational teams in the Department of Andean Countries and the Amazon Unit at the IDB. The beneficiaries of this TC will be the populations of the AR in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, through the benefits of generating evidence to inform regional-specific development and investment plans.

² The Amazon Region for this TC includes areas classified as Amazon Basin according to RAISG within the borders of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.

³ <https://www.worldwildlife.org/places/amazon>

⁴ These include Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

- 2.4 **TC alignment.** This TC is aligned with the IDB Group Institutional Strategy: Transforming for Scale and Impact (CA-631), specifically with the core objective of bolstering sustainable regional growth and the areas of operational focus of biodiversity, natural capital and climate change, regional integration and gender equality and inclusion of diverse population groups. Likewise, this TC is in accordance with the objectives of the bank's program, "Amazonia Forever" prioritizing social inclusion and equality; productivity and innovation; and regional economic integration across Latin America and the Caribbean.

III. Description of activities/components and budget

- 3.1 The activities financed by this TC are divided across two components:
- 3.2 **Component 1: Development gap analysis for all 8 IDB AR member states and identification of key opportunities to foster an inclusive and sustainable growth in Suriname, Guyana and Brazil (US\$350,000).** This activity will generate a development gap database for all 8 IDB AR member states – Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Suriname, Peru and Venezuela and develop an initial analysis of key opportunities to foster an inclusive and sustainable growth in Suriname, Guyana and Brazil. The database will build on the work done in RG-T4173 and will develop a comparable geospatial database on development gaps for all 8 countries. For this, new data will have to be generated and the existing data will have to be calibrated to create comparable measures across the whole territory. The analysis will allow the team to identify emerging social, economic, and environmental trends across approximately 20 sectors,⁵ generating data at the department level for all gaps analyzed and will serve as an analytical input for technical teams across the IDB and governments.⁶ Indicators on gender and diverse population groups will be included. The team will also generate an analysis on key opportunities to foster inclusive, sustainable growth in Suriname, Guyana and Brazil, building on the study carried out for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Venezuela in RG-T4173.
- 3.3 **Component 2. Region specific studies (US\$50,000).** This component will facilitate a regional study on development gaps in the AR, building on the technical inputs developed in Component 1. This study will assess sectorial issues, such as trade, commerce, regional integration or other topics of relevance. It will aim to be a key input for future regional development and investment plans for these countries. The regional study will also link the results of the territorial analysis to the bi-oceanic corridors initiative that is being promoted by the Integration and Amazon teams at the Bank. This component will also fund any additional studies or summary of country-specific or subregional results required for dissemination. Any dissemination activity carried out for these studies will also be included in this component as specified in the results matrix.
- 3.4 **The total amount requested for the four components under this TC is US\$400,000.** The funds will be provided by OC SDP Window 3 – Sustainable Development in the Amazon (W3A). The disbursement and execution period will be

⁵ The final number of gaps will be agreed to with each respective country team in Brazil, Guyana and Suriname respectively.

⁶ As with the first territorial framework, the Amazon region will be defined based on the RAISG, Pan American and/or the OTCA definition.

24 months. The following table provides further detail on the resource allocation for each component.

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding	Source of IDB funding
Component 1	A development gap analysis and identification of key opportunities to foster an inclusive and sustainable growth in Suriname, Guyana and Brazil	350,000	NA	350,000	OC SDP Window 3 – Sustainable Development in the Amazon (W3A)
Component 2	Region specific studies	50,000	NA	50,000	OC SDP Window 3 – Sustainable Development in the Amazon (W3A)
Total		400,000	0	400,000	

IV. Executing agency and execution structure

- 4.1 **This TC will be executed and supervised by the IDB.** This TC will fund research and dissemination activities, utilizing geospatial data that will be generated for the purpose of this study. It will therefore be executed by the Andean Countries through the Bank's Country Office in Colombia, in coordination with the Amazon Unit, The Caribbean Country Department and the Country Office Brazil. The focal point will be the Country Economist in Colombia, yet all technical products for Suriname, Guyana and Brazil will be conducted under to co-supervision of each respective Country Economist for these countries.
- 4.2 **Supervision and monitoring will be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Terms of Reference.** No supervision costs are foreseen since this will be carried out directly from CAN. Likewise, an evaluation report will be made at the close of the TC, which will identify achievements and lessons learned, which will serve as a reference for related operations. All annual and final reporting exercises conducted in accordance with the TC Monitoring & Reporting System-TCM (OP-1385-4).
- 4.3 **All activities to be executed under this TC have been included in the Procurement Plan** and will be contracted in accordance with Bank policies as follows: (a) AM-650 for Individual consultants; (b) GN-2765-4 and Guidelines OP-1155-4 for

Consulting Firms for services of an intellectual nature and; (c) GN-2303-28 for logistics and other related services.

V. Major issues

- 5.1 **Information availability risk.** This risk is related to the Bank's ability to obtain the information and data necessary to conduct the analysis required in each of the activities. To mitigate this risk, the Bank will be in complete coordination with the authorities of the country to inform them about the purpose and scope of each of the activities, while requesting, as far in advance as possible, the management of the information through the official channels. of the Bank with the country.

VI. Exceptions to Bank policy

- 6.1 There are no exceptions to the Bank's policy.

VII. Environmental and Social Aspects

- 7.1 This TC will not finance feasibility or pre-feasibility studies of investment projects with associated environmental and social studies; therefore, it falls outside the scope of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).

Required Annexes:

[Results Matrix_97991.pdf](#)

[Terms of Reference_57138.pdf](#)

[Procurement Plan_89342.pdf](#)