



# Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund (AMDTF)

The Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund is dedicated to protecting the amazon forest and to sustainably empowering its communities.

## Rationale

Home to more than 30 million people, the Amazon region is of critical importance to ecosystems worldwide: it provides between 35% and 40% of Latin America's fresh water, regulates air quality, stores net carbon emissions and regulates nutrient and water cycles for the South American continent. More than two million people are indigenous, many of whom live below the poverty line and are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Therefore, promoting sustainable and inclusive development models across the Amazon biome is a cornerstone for advancing the SDGs in this region.

## Objectives and activities

The Amazon Bioeconomy and Forests Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund primary purpose is to assist Amazon countries in reducing pressure on forest ecosystems. The fund was created in 2021 as one of the primary sources of donor funding for the IDB's Amazon Initiative and will support the goal of the Amazonia Forever Program. The fund seeks to boost resource mobilization from the public and private sectors in support of the Amazon, with a focus on three objectives:

1. Assisting Amazonian countries in reducing pressure on forest ecosystems through improved environmental governance and sustainable economic alternatives based on the bioeconomy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the land-use sector.
2. Empowering small- and medium-scale land users, particularly indigenous peoples and local communities, to conserve and sustainably use forests by promoting the bioeconomy and protecting and restoring forest areas.
3. Developing normative frameworks and scaling up economic solutions with the public sector, private sector, and civil society actors to significantly reduce deforestation and ecosystem degradation from domestic and international commodity supply chains, improving the livelihoods of small- and medium-scale farmers.

## Project organization

The Fund is administered by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as a multi-donor trust fund within the IDB's Amazon Initiative, which was established in response to the request of the eight Amazonian countries for a focused effort aimed at promoting sustainable development models based on the region's human capital, biodiversity, and

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### Country/region

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

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### Executing agency

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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### Duration

2022-2027

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### Total budget

USD 53,290,000

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### SECO contribution

CHF 8,000,000



cultural heritage. The IDB's Amazon Coordination Unit leads internal and external strategic coordination and implementation of the initiative's financial instruments. The partnership also includes IDB Invest, the IDB Group's private sector, and IDB Lab, the IDB Group's innovation laboratory. Current other donors are Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Italy. The initiative is being implemented in close coordination with the Amazonian countries and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO).



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## Outcomes

The expected outcomes in the Amazon region include:

- Amazon-positive value chains with sustainable intensification of best practices, that support smallholders and medium-size farmers/forest owners and Indigenous Peoples, Afro-Descendants and Traditional Communities as stewards of forests
- Increased resilience and enhanced livelihoods of Amazonian communities
- Increased sustainability, traceability, and value added in commodity supply chains
- Landscape-level interventions towards forest conservation and investments that reduce deforestation and forest degradation, while also maintaining and/or improving ecosystem services
- Revitalization and restoration of degraded landscapes and waterbodies for improved ecosystem and ecosystem services in the Amazon region
- Strengthened environmental governance and normative frameworks


## Sample of achieved results


The Amazon Bioeconomy and Forests Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund projects under implementation have delivered initial results that illustrate the Fund's impact:

- In Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, the Incubator of Indigenous Bioeconomy Companies strengthened indigenous organizations' capacity to manage the incubation ecosystem and is directly benefiting 10 indigenous enterprises in the three countries, with an impact on 1,626 families.
- In Colombia, the "Indigenous Fund Capitalized by Natural Capital Token – INDII Fund" in its first phase successfully developed a proof of concept for a financial-technological model, creating a platform for the issuance of non-fungible INDII tokens representing hectares of rainforest in indigenous reserves in the Colombian Amazonia. These tokens seek to involve the public in the monitoring and protection of indigenous territories.
- Through the Payments for Environmental Services (PES) pilot project in the state of Pará, Brazil, for example, 75 farmers already received PES, covering approximately 150 hectares for regeneration, maintenance, recovery, and preservation activities.
- In Ecuador, the project "ALIADOS: An Innovation-investment Hub for Regenerative Bioeconomy" is providing technical assistance in the areas of regenerative agriculture, business capacity building, food processing systems development, and marketing and sales. To date, 729 farmers from 18 Kichwa communities in the Orellana and Napo provinces are benefiting from this project. Of these, 400 farmers (71% of whom are women) are actively organized into 14 communities of practice to innovate and implement regenerative agriculture and market their products. The project has sequestered an additional 7,927 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

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