



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

The Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multidonor Trust Fund is dedicated to protect 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 by improving environmental governance and fostering sustainable economic alternatives. 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 recently announced 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 lines of action:

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.

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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

2022-2026

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## Total budget

USD 38'700'000

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## SECO contribution

CHF 8'000'000



## 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 cultural heritage. The IDB's Amazon Unit leads internal and external strategic coordination and implementation of the initiative's financial instruments. The partnership also includes IDB Invest, the IDB's multilateral investment institution for the private sector, and IDB Lab, the IDB'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 include:

- Amazon-positive value chains with sustainable intensification of best practices, that support to smallholders and medium-size farmers/forest owners and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities as stewards of forests
- Increased resilience and enhanced livelihoods of Amazonian communities
- Increased sustainability and reduced impact on deforestation of commodity supply chains
- Increased sustainability, traceability, and value added in timber 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

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