



## Programmatic-financial mechanism to support sustainable development of the Amazon in an integrated and cooperative way

The UN System in Brazil and the Interstate Legal Amazon Consortium have partnered to accelerate the sustainable development of the Brazilian Amazon, in an integrated and cooperative manner, taking into consideration the regional opportunities and challenges. This partnership proposes a territorial approach to boost human and economic development in harmony with natural ecosystems, via the establishment of a programmatic-financial mechanism.

Among the areas of cooperation, the UN System and the Interstate Consortium will raise external and internal resources, including by the creation of a United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance a coordinated response to support the sustainable development of the region.

### The MPTF

The overarching goal of a United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Sustainable Development in the Brazilian Legal Amazon is to promote a coordinated response to accelerate the sustainable development of the Legal Amazon in an integrated and cooperative manner, considering the regional opportunities and challenges.

The unique environmental characteristics and the specific social and economic profile of the region indicate the need to advance public policies aimed at regional development, through a territorial approach, with a view of benefiting its population by tackling inequalities and fulfilling human rights.

The financing made possible by the MPTF will strengthen the region's capacity to face the triple planetary crisis – climate change, air pollution, and biodiversity loss. Initiatives will contribute to mitigate the Amazon's participation in the causes of the triple planetary crisis and to reduce the adverse environmental, social, and economic effects on its territory. The focus will be on the most vulnerable population groups, by generating economic alternatives, protecting their ways of life and livelihoods, and ensuring their physical, water, energy, climate, sanitary, and food security.

#### **To that end, the Fund will:**

- Strengthen governance mechanisms to promote sustainable territorial development and the effectiveness of national laws, reducing illicit activities.
- Promote sustainable and inclusive economic development in harmony with natural ecosystems, with a view to transitioning to a new model of regional development.
- Empower the population living in the region (forest, rural areas, and urban centers), and support sustainable cities and human settlements.
- Strengthen the management of socioenvironmental issues (e.g. urban solid waste, GHG emissions, release of pollutants in the air, water and soil) and risk management, mitigating the causes, increasing resilience and adapting to adverse effects.

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## 2030 Agenda

The Multi-Partner Trust Fund for the Sustainable Development of the Legal Amazon will support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by United Nations Member States, which anchors the imperative to address inequalities in the normative basis of Member States' existing human rights commitments to secure equality and non-discrimination for all, and the corresponding Shared UN System Framework for Action on Leaving No One Behind: Equality and Non-Discrimination at the Heart of Sustainable Development.

## The partners

The creation of a United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Sustainable Development in the Brazilian Legal Amazon is an outcome of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the United Nations System in Brazil and the Interstate Legal Amazon Consortium. The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation to facilitate and strengthen mutual collaboration in common actions and projects to accelerate the sustainable development of the Brazilian Legal Amazon, in line with the Consortium's Green Recovery Plan, launched in July 2021.

## The Consortium

The Interstate Legal Amazon Consortium was created by the governors of the nine states that compose the Legal Amazon region in Brazil. They were driven by the ambition to reformulate the political guidelines to address the challenges and obstacles that for decades have limited the full development of the region, seeking the creation of integrated short- and medium-term solutions within the 2019-2030 horizon.

The Consortium is composed by the state governments of Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, and Tocantins. The presidency of the Consortium is rotating and currently is under the leadership of Amapá state.

## The UN System in Brazil

Given the context of the Brazilian Legal Amazon and its challenges, the United Nations Country Team in Brazil established, in May 2021, a Thematic Group for the Sustainable Development of the Brazilian Legal Amazon. The Thematic Group aims to work closely with national and local stakeholders, from governmental authorities, civil society, academia, private sector, media, and others, to support the strengthening of institutions and public policies in the region, as well as the transversal incorporation of sustainable development mainstreaming in strategic initiatives implemented by the UN System and its partners in the Amazon.

The Thematic Group on the Sustainable Development of the Brazilian Legal Amazon is composed of the following agencies, funds, and programs in Brazil: FAO, UNEP, ECLAC, IFAD, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UN Women, and WFP. The group is co-chaired by FAO and UNEP.

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