The Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the Amazon

Summary

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The UN System in Brazil, the Federal Government and the Brazilian Amazon States Consortium have partnered to accelerate the sustainable development of the Brazilian Amazon. 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, the Federal Government and the Amazon States Consortium will raise external and internal resources, including by the creation of a United Nations Multiparter Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance a coordinated response to support the sustainable development of the region.

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The overarching goal of the Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the 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 Brazil-UN Fund 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.
The Fund will seek to achieve the following outcomes:

- Strengthening governance mechanisms to promote sustainable territorial development and the effectiveness of national laws, reducing illicit activities.
- Promotion of sustainable and inclusive economic development in harmony with natural ecosystems, with a view to transitioning to a new model of regional development.
- Empowering the population living in the region (forest, rural areas and in urban centers), and supporting sustainable cities and human settlements.
- Strengthening 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.

Strategies

- Strengthening data generation and sharing;
- Empowerment of the population living in the forest, rural areas and in urban centers;
- Support to Sustainable Cities and Communities;
- Mobilization of the Financial Sector;
- Enabling the circular economy and sustainable consumption;
- Strengthening land tenure governance and development of payment for environmental and climate services;
- Strengthening Institutional Capacity;
- Promotion of research and development.

The Brazil/UN Fund for the Sustainable Development of the Amazon will support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by United Nations Member States, and the corresponding Shared UN System Framework for Action on "Leaving No One Behind".

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