

Launch of the Amazon Regional Biodiversity Program

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 **July 1st, 2021**  **10:00 am – 12:30 pm BRT (UTC -3h)**  **Register here**

In commemoration of the 43rd anniversary of the signing of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) wishes to invite to the Webinar in which will be launched the Regional Program of Biological Diversity for the Amazon Basin/Region, to be held virtually on July 1st, 2021.

The Amazon has the largest contiguous tropical forest in the world and is one of the most important biodiversity hotspots on Earth. Its ecosystems provide essential functions and services for climate regulation, as well as for the development and well-being of more than 40 million inhabitants, including approximately 400 indigenous peoples.

The 8 Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) in compliance with their mandates, and under a commitment to cooperation and contribution, worked hard during the 2020 and 2021 management, in the search, construction and agreement of a common vision to guide and manage the conservation and sustainable use of Amazonian biodiversity. As a result of this effort, the Regional Program of Biological Diversity for the Amazon Basin/Region was approved on May 21, 2021.

One of the structural components of the aforementioned document is the development of a Rapid Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the Amazon Region, which is carried out in accordance with the methodology of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). This analysis will provide information on the status, threats, opportunities and trends of Amazonian biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as generate recommendations for decision-makers to guide national and regional biodiversity management policies.

The Webinar will have the important participation of representatives from the CBD, IPBES, BMZ, ABC and the eight Amazonian countries - Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.

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Preliminary Agenda

10:00 **Welcome Words**

10:05 **Opening Session**

Mrs. Alexandra Moreira, Secretary General – ACTO
Ambassador Ruy Carlos Pereira, Director – ABC
Mr. David Cooper, Deputy Executive Director – CBD
Mrs. Ana María Hernández, President – IPBES
Mrs. Jeannette Sánchez Z., Director Natural Resources Division – ECLAC
Mr. Wolfram Morgenroth-Klein, Head of Division – BMZ

11:00 **Presentation of the ACTO Regional Program of Biological Diversity and the Rapid Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the Amazon Region**

Ms. Alexandra Moreira, Secretary General – ACTO

11:20 **Intervention of representatives of ACTO Member Countries**

Reflections and expectations of representatives from **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela**

12:20 **Final words and closure of the event**

Ambassador Carlos Lazary, Executive Director – ACTO

