



## SIDE EVENT

# Connecting Science, Policy and Society as an Input for Decision Making: Rapid Assessment of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services of the Amazon Basin/Region

Belém, Pará, Brazil August 5, 2023  
Room 2 / 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

### BACKGROUND

The Brazilian Government will hold, in Belém do Pará, on August 8 and 9, 2023, the Amazon Summit. Leaders and representatives of the eight countries that share the Amazon territory are expected to attend, with the objective of (i) discussing issues related to conservation, sustainable development, environmental protection and biodiversity preservation in the Amazon, (ii) produce a consensual position regarding the forest, which will be taken to future global discussions on climate action, and (iii) promoting the institutional strengthening of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO).

In addition, the so-called "Amazonian Dialogues" will take place in the days prior to the Summit, between August 4 and 6. The city of Belém will host a multiplicity of initiatives in the form of seminars, debates, side events, exhibitions and cultural events, with the aim of setting the agenda for the formulation of new strategies for the region. These initiatives will consist of what has been called "Amazonian Dialogues."

In this context, ACTO being one of the fundamental actors in both events, it has considered it essential to be able to present to the attending community the important efforts and contributions of the 8 Amazonian countries within the framework of its "Biological Diversity Program for the Amazon Basin/Region". Particularly with the implementation of one of its structural components that has to do with the contribution to science, expertise as well as research in the development of public policies of the Amazonian countries for the management of biological diversity in the Region, through the "Rapid Assessment of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services of the Amazon Basin/Region".

### CONTEXT OF THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OF THE AMAZON BASIN/REGION

To better understand the status and trends of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Amazon Region, as well as their interrelationships, opportunities and effectiveness of responses to current threats, ACTO coordinated a group of 118 experts from the Amazon countries to develop a Rapid Assessment on the state of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Region during the years 2021 - 2023, following the methodology and conceptual framework of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - IPBES, based on the compilation of information



and scientific evidence and other knowledge systems, including the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

After the Assessment documents (Technical Document DT and Summary for Decision Makers SDM) were elaborated by the team of Authors under the guidance and orientation of the corresponding Coordinators, and delivered in their first version at the end of 2022, meeting one of the criteria of the IPBES methodology, they were made available in English and Spanish for comments from external experts from the eight (8) ACTO Member Countries. After reviewing the comments received from different social actors (governmental, private, academic and civil society), they were reviewed, systematized, and adjustments were made, resulting in the final documents (Technical and SDM), which were presented in a meeting to the Scientific Committee of the Assessment. In this context, the members of the Scientific Committee endorsed both documents under certain considerations which were appropriately included in the documents by the Authors and the Technical Support Unit.

It is expected that this important Assessment, as well as its products and results, will become strategic inputs that provide relevant, timely and rigorous information for decision making; strengthening the science, policy and society interface, with the objective of directing adequate sustainable development processes in the Region, and contributing to the implementation of effective public policies, based on findings, scientific and technical data for decision makers and other social actors related to the sustainable management of biodiversity.

## **OBJECTIVE**

Present the results of the Summary for Decision Makers of the Rapid Assessment in the scenario of a high-level political event to position the work carried out as a strategic input that contributes the decision making in the Amazon Region.

## **OUTCOME**

Present, socialize and create a space for the exchange of questions and answers in a strategic public linked to the decision-making processes and management of sustainable development in the Amazon Region, from the different spaces of action.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (PS/ACTO)

Alexandra Moreira – Secretary General

Carlos Salinas – Administrative Director

### External Experts

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias – Director of the Department of Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity of the Brazilian Ministry of Environment – MMA

Ana Stewart Ibarra – Director of the InterAmerican Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)

Luz Marina Mantilla – Director of the Amazonian Institute for Scientific Research SINCHI

Marielos Peña-Claros – Co-Chair of the Science Panel for the Amazon (SPA)

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Sandra Acebey – Chapter 3 Coordinator and Co-Chair of the Rapid Assessment

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**DETAILED AGENDA OF THE SIDE EVENT**

Time	Intervention	Panelist	Context
<b>Block 1 – Presentations of the Rapid Assessment: Process and Results</b>			
9.02 - 9.07 (5min)	Welcome Remarks	Carlos Salinas PS/ACTO	
9.10 - 9.20 (10min)	Presentation of the Rapid Assessment Process	Natalia Méndez TSU	
9.21 - 9.36 (15min)	Presentation of the Key Findings of the Rapid Assessment Summary for Decision Makers	Sandra Acebey Co-Chair of the Rapid Assessment	
<b>Block 2 - Discussion with national, regional and global experts</b>			
9.36 – 9.43 (7 min)	Presentation of the experts and formulation of 1 <sup>st</sup> question	Alexandra Moreira PS/ACTO	
9.43 – 9.48 (5min)	Response	Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias Director of the Department of Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity – Brazilian Ministry of Environment	
9.48 – 9.53 (5min)	Response	Ana Stewart Ibarra Director of the IAI	
9.53 – 9.58 (5min)	Response	Luz Marina Mantilla Director of the SINCHI Institute	
9.58 – 10.03 (5min)	Response	Marielos Peña-Claros Co-Chair of the SPA	
10.03 - 10.05 (2min)	Formulation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> question for the experts	Alexandra Moreira PS/ACTO	

10.05 - 10.10 (5min)	Response	Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias Director of the Department of Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity – Brazilian Ministry of Environment	
10.10 - 10.15 (5min)	Response	Ana Stewart Ibarra Director of the IAI	
10.15 - 10.20 (5min)	Response	Luz Marina Mantilla Director of the SINCHI Institute	
10.20 – 10.25 (5min)	Response	Marielos Peña-Claros Co-Chair of the SPA	
10.25 - 10.30 (5min)	Synthesis and rounding up of the discussion	Alexandra Moreira SP/OTCA	
<b>Block 3 – Discussion with Authors (Chap. 2 - 6 &amp; Summary for Decision Makers)</b>			
10.30 – 10.37 (7min)	Presentation of the Authors and formulation of the question	Rodrigo Moreno TSU	
10.37 – 10.42 (5min)	Response	Enzo Aliaga Chapter 2 Coordinator	Response from the state of the biodiversity in the Amazon Region
10.42 – 10.47 (5min)	Response	Sandra Acebey Chapter 3 Coordinator	Response from loss drivers and transformation
10.47 – 10.52 (5min)	Response	Mario Fernandes Chapter 4 Author	Response from the traditional knowledge
10.52 – 10.57 (5min)	Response	Rocío Polanco Chapter 5 Coordinator	Response from nature- society interactions
10.57 – 11.02 (5min)	Response	Gisela Paredes Chapter 6 Author	Response from public policy and governance
11.02 – 11.07 (5min)	Synthesis and rounding up of the discussion	Rodrigo Moreno TSU	
11.07 - 11.27 (20min)	Questions and comments from the public	Rodrigo Moreno TSU	
11.27 - 11.32 (5min)	Closing of the event	Carlos Salinas PS/ACTO	