



## **SIDE EVENT** **ACTO at the UNFF**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
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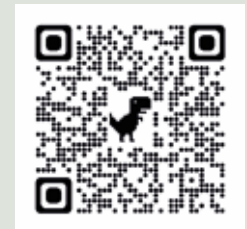
The event will be held  
within the 17<sup>th</sup> Session  
of the United Nations  
Forum on Forests  
(UNFF)

### **Amazonian Regional Forestry Cooperation and its contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the Global Forest Goals and Targets**

 **New York local time: 1:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.**  
**Brasilia local time: 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m.**

 **Spanish | English**

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#### **EVENT OBJECTIVE**

To present the Amazon Region's contribution to the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, under the new ACTO cooperation instruments, and to learn about the challenges and needs to be covered for its implementation.

#### **CONTEXT**

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) is an intergovernmental organization constituted by Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela, which signed the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT 1978). One fifth of the world's forest area is located in the territories of these countries, and approximately 70% of that area is located in the Amazon Region.

The Amazon forests are recognized for their importance and crucial role against climate change, and it is also recognized the need i) to face the continuous risks to which the forests are subjected such as deforestation and degradation, and ii) to promote a sustainable development scheme according to the region's characteristics



and the needs of each country.

Promoting conservation and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)/Integral and Sustainable Management of Amazonian Forests through coordination, cooperation, and implementation actions among ACTO Member Countries; and develop the necessary capacities to satisfy the new requirements and deadlines of the global Forest and Biodiversity agendas, the Member Countries of ACTO adopted in 2021 two new guiding instruments for long-term regional cooperation and management. These instruments are the Regional Forest Program and the Biological Diversity Program for the Amazon Basin/Region.

Both instruments guide the development and implementation of strategic actions for collaboration and cooperation among the countries to improve forests and biological diversity management in the Amazon Region, as a whole, beyond the national borders of each country.

In addition, its implementation seeks to contribute to the achievement of global goals and objectives in support of international agreements and conventions, in particular, the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), among others.

## PROGRAMME

### Welcoming and Opening remarks

- Carlos Lazary, Executive Director of PS/ACTO, welcome remarks and information on the scope of the event
- Alexandra Moreira, General Secretary of ACTO, the context of ACTO and its regional work on forests and biological diversity
- UNFF Secretariat/United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (to be confirmed).

### Presentation of the Forest and Biological Diversity Programs of ACTO

- Scope of the Forest Program and Biological Diversity Program for the Amazon Basin/Region in the context of the international agreements and conventions signed by the ACTO Member Countries.



- Video - Introducing the Forest Program and the Biological Diversity Program and their articulation with the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the Global Forest Goals and Targets.

### **National initiatives and progress made** (to be confirmed).

Initiatives and progress achieved by the countries in the Amazonian territories and the contributions to the fulfillment of global forest objectives and ACTO programs, as well as to the challenges for their implementation.

### **Synergies of Inter-institutional Cooperation, intervention of the representatives of strategic international organizations and institutional** (to be confirmed).

Institutional cooperation synergies that can be identified within the framework of ACTO Programs and the work of organizations and institutions in the Amazon.

- Forestry Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO Rome).
- United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

### **Closure of the Event**

