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COP30, Belem AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE Station at Goeldi Museum, Events organized by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and its partners

The Regional Hub in Lima of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) promotes sustainable initiatives across Latin America and the Caribbean, connecting Swiss expertise with regional priorities on climate change, water, and disaster risk reduction. Working with governments, regional organizations, and civil society, it advances inclusive, evidence-based solutions through dialogue and strategic partnerships. Within the Road to Belém initiative, the Regional Hub Lima highlights how innovation and cooperation strengthen climate resilience across the Andes and the Amazon.

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Territories for Resilience: Connecting Climate, Forests, Risks, and Economies in the Amazon; co-organized by the Inter-American Development Bank, the Wyss Academy for Nature, and the Swiss Cooperation Regional Hub Lima

The Amazon stands at the frontline of the climate crisis. This session will showcase territorial approaches that link climate action, forest conservation, disaster risk reduction, and bioeconomies, emphasizing inclusive governance, innovative finance, and local leadership of Indigenous peoples, communities, and youth. A participatory dialogue to turn local experiences into regional cooperation for a resilient and inclusive Amazon.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bridging Climate and Biodiversity Action in the Amazon; co-organized by CIFOR- ICRAF and the Swiss Cooperation Regional Hub Lima

This event connects climate and biodiversity agendas through investments in agroecology and locally led nature-based solutions, building on outcomes from COP16 in Cali and looking ahead to COP30 in Belem and beyond. Gathering Indigenous peoples, farmers, scientists, policymakers, and investors to promote inclusive, sustainable Amazon-based solutions that restore forests and strengthen local economies.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. From the Andes to the Amazon: Jointly Developing Innovative Actions for Climate Adaptation; co-organized by CONDESAN, the Andean Mountain Initiative, and the Swiss Cooperation Regional Hub Lima

From the peaks to the rainforest, the Andes and the Amazon are united by water and resilience—a connection highlighted by IPCC findings on glacier retreat and shifting water cycles. This high-level dialogue, led by Switzerland, CONDESAN, and regional partners, will showcase science-based cooperation and innovative solutions that connect mountains and forests to strengthen water security, biodiversity, and climate adaptation. It also calls for recognizing Andes–Amazon interdependence as a global priority for building a resilient and inclusive future.

Territories for Resilience: Connecting Climate, Forests, Risks, and Economies in the Amazon

November 11, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m, Estação AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium,
COP30 Belem

Context:

The Amazonian forest, essential for global climate stability and regional resilience, faces mounting pressures from land degradation and unsustainable economic practices originating in both the Amazon and the ecologically interconnected Andes. This critical Andes-Amazon corridor, a biodiversity hotspot, is where climate change intensifies floods, droughts, and fires, undermining the resilience of forests, livelihoods, and economies. These environmental challenges are compounded by complex social dynamics, such as migration, which reshape land use and heighten risks for ecosystems and communities alike. In this context, forest ecosystems—which regulate water, store carbon, and sustain cultures—remain the region's strongest defence; their degradation multiplies vulnerabilities and erodes adaptive capacities across the entire biome.

Challenges and Opportunities:

Convened by Switzerland, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through its Amazonia Forever Program, and the Wyss Academy for Nature, this side event showcases how a territorial approach integrates climate action, forest conservation, risk reduction, and resilient economies. It builds on collaborations in risk governance, innovative finance, and strategies to present scalable partnerships. It positions territories as practical laboratories where inclusive governance, disaster risk management, and bioeconomy converge to strengthen resilience. Crucially, with the meaningful participation of Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, local communities, and youth, the solutions generated here act as a vital bridge: they provide tangible pathways to embed local action within national and regional frameworks, thereby offering key levers for systemic transformation and the direct realisation of global commitments like the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.

Objective of the Event:

To advance territorial approaches that integrate climate action, risk reduction, and inclusive economic transformation in the Amazon, promoting resilient economies through collaborative models, sustainable finance, and governance, while strengthening ACTO-led regional cooperation and ensuring that local experiences inform Amazon-wide governance and contribute to global commitments, with robust participation from Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, local communities, and youth.

Expected Outcomes

- Identification of territorial approaches as integrative frameworks for climate action, risk reduction, and inclusive economic transformation in the Amazon.
- Strengthened regional cooperation under OTCA, ensuring that local experiences inform Amazon-wide governance and contribute to global commitments with robust participation from all voices.
- Inputs to inform policy dialogues and collaboration frameworks in COP30 and beyond

Panelists



Martín von Hildebrand: Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), anthropologist and environmental leader with decades of experience advancing Indigenous rights and Amazon conservation.



Marylaure Crettaz Corredor: Head of the Regional Thematic Hub in Lima, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.



Ellen Acioli: Sector Specialist for the Amazon at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Amazon-born biologist with 18 years of experience in forest conservation, climate justice, and sustainable development.



Tatjana von Steiger: Head of Global Policy Outreach at the Wyss Academy for Nature at the University of Bern. She works at the intersection of global norms and their implementation in sustainability policy.



Miguel Saravia: Miguel is the Regional Director of the Wyss Academy for Nature at the University of Bern, where he leads the Academy's activities across South America.



Charo Lanao: Coach with broad experience in training, consulting, and public speaking in over 15 countries. Facilitator with Atinchik, ICA, and Art of Hosting, fostering meaningful collective creation.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Strategic framing
2. High-level contributors: SDC Representative, Head Regional Hub, Swiss Embassy in Peru, Mrs. Marylaure Crettaz, IDB Representative Ms Ellen Acioli, WA Representative, Head of Global Policy Outreach, Mrs. Tatjana von Steiger, ATCO General Secretary, Mr Martin von Hildebrand.
3. Participatory Dialogue: Guided group reflections on challenges, opportunities, and scaling territorial solutions linking climate risk, forest and economic resilience in the Amazon.
4. Closing & Networking: Visual synthesis, closing reflections by OTCA, and a networking coffee facilitated by Charo Lanao.

Logistics

- Language: English (interpretation available in Spanish and Portuguese – bring your own headphones); Duration: 90 minutes, followed by a coffee break at the Planetary Embassy Chalet; Venue: Estação AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium
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Amazonian Solutions: From Cali to Belém and Beyond

Bridging climate and biodiversity action in the Amazon through investments in agroecology and locally owned nature-based solutions

November 11, 2:00-3:00 pm, Estação AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium

Context:

Since National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) were established at the 1992 Earth Summit as the principal means for enacting the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), numerous biodiversity-related plans have been developed. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and CBD COP16 in Cali gave new impetus to biodiversity action. Likewise, UNFCCC COP30 in Belém is expected to deliver key advances on protecting forest ecosystems – and supporting the people who depend on them – in the name of climate. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are key instruments for aligning climate action, but the challenge remains: how to translate commitments “on paper” into tangible action “on the ground.”

Challenges and Opportunities:

There are clear synergies between climate and biodiversity action. Agroecology and nature-based solutions (NBS) represent critical pathways in the Amazon, including: i) land restoration; ii) Community forestry and sustainable forest management; iii) Sustainable extractivism and socio-biodiversity products; iv) Integrated fire management. While external investments are necessary to address the immense financial gap, these solutions must be locally owned, tailored to local opportunities and needs, and rooted in the sustainability initiatives of Amazonian peoples and landscapes. However, Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities – the foremost stewards of biodiversity and climate – often lack voice in policymaking and land use planning. Technical gaps persist, particularly at the subnational and local levels, along with weak mechanisms to share knowledge across Amazonian territories. Moreover, the absence of adequate financial infrastructure hampers scaling up and redirecting investments towards agroecology and NBS in ways that ensure fair benefit-sharing and local ownership.

Objective of the Event:

To explore how agroecology and nature-based solutions can form part of locally led agendas for Amazonian sustainability, while bridging climate and biodiversity objectives with social and economic sustainability. The event will bring together Indigenous representatives, family farmers, scientists and policymakers to discuss good practices, solutions, bottlenecks, and capacity gaps for scaling up investments in agroecology and NBS at the subnational level in the Amazon.

Expected Outcomes

- Identification of locally led solutions, barriers, and opportunities for scaling agroecology and NBS in the Amazon.
- Strengthened visibility of Indigenous Peoples, family farmers, and researchers as key actors in climate and biodiversity action.
- Contributions to the Agroecology Transformative Partnership Platform, fostering collective learning across Amazonian territories
- Inputs to inform policy dialogues and investment frameworks in the lead-up to COP30 and beyond

Panelists



Marylaure Crettaz Corredor: Head of the Regional Thematic Hub in Lima, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.



Kokoixumti Temb  (Wendel Temb ): Temb  Leader of Alto Rio Guam  Indigenous Land (TIARG) – Master's Degree in Sustainable Development and Agri-Food Business Management – IFPA Castanhal



Maria do Carmo Sousa: Teacher - Technical Advisor/Quilombola Leader of the Bragantina Network. Master's degree in Languages and Knowledge in the Amazon and Quilombola researcher from the Community of Itamoari.



Victor Tiago da Silva Catuxo: Extension Agent at EMATER-PA and Program Coordinator: Sustainable Territory Promotion and ABC+PAR  Program at the Par  State Secretariat for Agricultural Development and Fisheries (SEDAP)



Thomas Mitschein: Sociologist – Professor/Researcher at the Tr pico em Movimento Program at the Federal University of Par  Ph.D. in Sociology, Economic History, and Political Science WWUM

Agenda

1. Opening remarks: CIFOR-ICRAF, SDC
2. Presentations of actions to expand agroecology and Nature-based solutions: Indigenous representative: Temb /Tenetehara, Upper Guam  River; Representative of local communities: Bragantina Network
3. Panel discussion with: Indigenous representative: TIARG - Wendel Temb , Local communities: Bragantina Network - Maria do Carmo, Public sector SEDAP: Victor Tiago, Resercher UFPA: Thomas Mitschein, CIFOR-ICRAF: Andrew Miccolis, SDC: Marylaure Crettaz, ATCO: Martin von Hildebrand

Logistics

- Language: English, Portuguese, Spanish (interpretation available – bring your own headphones)
- Duration: 60 minutes
- Venue: Est   o AMAZ   IA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium
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From the Andes to the Amazon: Interdependence and Innovative Actions for Climate Adaptation

November 11, 5:00-6:30 pm, Estação AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium

Context:

In recent years, mountains have gained recognition in the global climate agenda thanks to initiatives like the Mountain Partnership, SDC's Adaptation at Altitude Programme, and leadership from countries such as Andorra, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, and Perú. Scientific evidence from IPCC reports and dialogues under the UNFCCC, including COP28 and SBSTA-60, has underscored the vulnerability of mountain ecosystems and their link to water, biodiversity, and disaster risks. However, the critical interconnection between the Andes and the Amazon, essential for regional resilience, remains insufficiently addressed. There is a key opportunity in Belem to position mountains as vital reservoirs of climate stability and to promote an integrated Andes–Amazon agenda that unites science, diplomacy, and cooperation.

Challenges and Opportunities:

The Andes–Amazon region faces interconnected challenges that require coordinated action across scientific, political, and financial spheres. Despite growing attention to forest ecosystems, their connectivity with mountain ecosystems remains insufficiently reflected in climate and biodiversity agendas. Closing this gap demands stronger science–policy interfaces, strategic alliances, and innovative financing. Significant knowledge and monitoring gaps persist, limiting the ability to apply policy, planning, and cooperating. Institutional frameworks, requiring coordination among countries, sectors, and governance levels to advance shared strategies on water security, ecosystem resilience, and adaptation. COP 30 provides a unique opportunity to build a common evidence base, strengthen alliances among Andean, Amazonian, actors, to position Andes–Amazon connectivity as a strategic axis within global climate and biodiversity frameworks.

Objective of the Event:

Foster a collaborative process among Andean, Amazonian, and international actors to explore and highlight the ecological interdependence between mountains and tropical forests, with a view to positioning this connectivity as a strategic axis in climate adaptation, water security, and conservation agendas. Promote a collaborative review of scientific evidence and field experiences that support the Andes–Amazon connection and its implications for ecosystem resilience. Strengthen strategic alliances between Swiss and Latin American institutions to co-design initiatives for climate change adaptation and sustainable development in this strategic region.

Expected Outcomes

- Identify knowledge gaps, emerging issues, and research priorities on environmental and social connections between the Andes and the Amazon.
- Consolidate strategic messages on Andes–Amazon interdependence for inclusion in global climate and biodiversity agendas (UNFCCC and CBD).
- Reaffirm the need to foster interregional and multiactor commitments recognizing the Andes as critical reservoirs of water and biodiversity for the region.

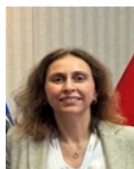
Panelists



Biviany Rojas: Chief of Staff at the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO). She has extensive and recognized experience in promoting the sustainable management of territories in the Amazon region, focusing on the intersection between human rights, environment, and development.



Marylaure Crettaz Corredor: Head of the Regional Thematic Hub in Lima, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.



Maria Apostolova: Coordinator of the Amazon Basin Water Resources Management Project at OTCA. Expert in international cooperation and transboundary water governance in Latin America.



Verónica Gálmez: Sector Lead Specialist at the IDB's Amazonia Coordination Unit, focusing on climate and natural resources in the Andes–Amazon. Formerly with the Green Climate Fund and Helvetas.



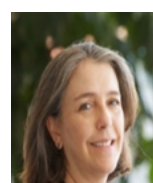
César Aréstegui: Deputy Director of Global Environmental Affairs at the Directorate of Environment, under the General Directorate for Multilateral and Global Affairs of Peru. Former Deputy Director of the Pacific Alliance.



María Argüello: Executive Director of CONDESAN, with 30+ years of experience in natural resource management and environmental governance, promoting sustainable development through science and regional collaboration.



Luis Daniel Llambí: Program Coordinator of Adaptation at Altitude, with 20+ years studying how climate and land use shape Andean biodiversity and resilience.



Paula Caballero: Director for Latin America at The Nature Conservancy. She works on new strategies and innovative partnerships to conserve the planet's most biodiverse region and promote sustainable development.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks: SDC and Secretary General of the Andean Community (CAN).
2. Presentations: Scientific insights on Andes–Amazon interdependencies (CONDESAN & TNC).
3. Panel Discussion: Multi-stakeholder dialogue on evidence, cooperation, finance, and governance.
4. Closing: Reflections and key messages towards COP30.

Logistics

- Language: English with interpretation (Portuguese, Spanish – please bring your own headphones), duration 90-minute, followed by a cocktail at the Planetary Embassy Chalet, venue: Estação AMAZÔNIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi –Auditorium,
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