

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 (TBC): 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

- **Welcome and Strategic framing**
- **High-level contributors:** SDC Representative, Marylaure Crettaz, IDB Representative, Verónica Galmez, Wyss Academy for Nature Representative, Tatjana von Steiger, AC Representative, General Secretary, Mar Martin von Hildebrand (TBC)
- **Participatory Dialogue:** Guided group reflections on challenges and opportunities to scale territorial solutions linking climate, risks, forests, and economic resilience in the Amazon.
- **Closing & Networking:** Visual synthesis, closing reflections by ACTO, 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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