

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.”

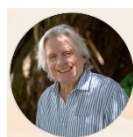
Challenges and Opportunities: There are clear synergies between climate and biodiversity action. Agroecology and nature-based solutions (NBS) represent critical pathways in the Amazon, including: i) land restoration; ii) Community forestry and sustainable forest management; iii) Sustainable extractivism 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



Martin von Hildebrand (TBC): Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO). An anthropologist and environmental leader with over five 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.



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:

- **Opening remarks:** CIFOR-ICRAF, ACTO Secretary General Martin von Hildebrand, SDC
- **Presentations** of actions to expand agroecology and Nature-based solutions: Indigenous representative: Temb /Tenetehara, Upper Guam  River; Representative of local communities: Bragantina Network
- **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  NIA SEMPRE no Museu Goeldi – Auditorium

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