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Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO) for the Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management

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Format: Hybrid

Concept Note

I. Background

[Provide brief background information on the daily/half-day session]

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), composed of its eight Member Countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela) is the official intergovernmental mechanism for cooperation and political and technical dialogue in the Amazon Region. Through coordinated joint actions, the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO promotes sustainable development and equitable, shared benefits among ACTO's Member Countries, as established in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

Within this framework, ACTO has developed the Regional Amazon Forest Program, primarily focused on sustainable forest management. Following a mandate from the Presidents of the eight countries, its implementation was further strengthened through the creation of the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO), a regional mechanism that coordinates forest-related policies and actions across the Amazon Region.

The RAFO plays an important role in advancing sustainable forest management on the Amazon and it is of outmost importance for reducing deforestation and forest degradation, aligning its objectives with the global commitments reaffirmed under COP30 and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). Its coordinated approach enhances coordination of policies and actions, fosters knowledge exchange, and strengthens collective actions to safeguard Amazonian forests which are essential worldwide.

RAFO currently has an approved Work Plan that outlines a series of priority activities for the coming years. In this context, and as part of the initial steps toward implementing these activities, RAFO aims to organize a session with its members to share successful experiences in sustainable

forest management and to identify the challenges and opportunities for replicating these practices at the regional level.

II. Objectives

[Describe main objectives and expected outcomes of the daily/half-day session]

Objectives

1. Promote dialogue and cooperation fostering the exchange of successful experiences and best practices in sustainable forest management in the eight ACTO Member Countries supported by the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO).
2. Identify common challenges and opportunities to strengthen coordinated regional actions for reducing deforestation and forest degradation, in line with the commitments of COP 30 and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF).

Expected outcomes

1. Strengthened interaction and coordination among the eight Member Countries of ACTO through RAFO to advance joint efforts in sustainable forest management.
2. Compilation and dissemination of successful national experiences that can inform RAFO's Work Plan and promote replication across the Amazon Region.
3. Common understating regional challenges and opportunities to implement effective strategies for reducing deforestation and forest degradation.
4. Reinforced alignment of regional forest governance actions with the goals and commitments of COP 30 and the UNFF.
5. Next steps identified through a roadmap of coordinated regional initiatives and partnerships to support RAFO's implementation and long-term sustainability.

III. Programme/Schedules of Events/Speakers

[Provide a list/schedule of events to be held during the daily/half-day session, including brief description of each event, modality (panel, launch, interviews etc.), and names of speakers]

Time	Subject	Panelist
10min (5min each)	Opening session	UNFF PS/ACTO
8min	Work Plan (2025-20247) of the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO)	Presidency of the RAFO
First Panel – National Successful Experiences and Best Practices in Sustainable Forest Management		
40min (5min each)	Presentation of 2 national successful experiences/best practices in sustainable forest management: - Community-based forest management - Forest monitoring systems	Representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela

	- Restoration and reforestation initiatives - Sustainable value chains	
Second Panel – Identifying Common Challenges and Opportunities		
27min (3min each)	Key challenges and opportunities for scaling up sustainable forest management and strengthening coordinated actions through RAFO	Representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela Representative of UNFF
5min	Close Remarks	PS/ACTO
90min		

IV. Expected main messages

[Provide up to 2-3 expected main messages of the daily/half-day session]

1. RAFO represents a strategic regional mechanism for aligning national and international forest policies, strengthening the Amazon countries' jointly contributions to global climate resilience.
2. Regional cooperation through the RAFO is key to achieving sustainable forest management in the Amazon Region to reduce deforestation and forest degradation in line with COP 30 and UNFF commitments.
3. Sharing knowledge and best practices strengthens regional capacity and coherence, enabling replication of successful sustainable forest management initiatives across the Amazon Region.

V. Focal Point/Contact

[Provide the name and contact information of the focal point(s) of the daily/half-day session]

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