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## COMPONENT

# Climate governance



## BACKGROUND

In recent years, Latin American countries have made very significant progress in the response to challenges linked to climate change. Many countries have developed specific legislations to support their commitments to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and they are developing strategies and policies designed to achieve resilient, low-emission development. However, implementing these policies and tasks continues to remain a challenge for the coming years as it requires the development of initiatives that facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

In this context, the climate governance component supports the region improving governance and moving towards resilient, low-emissions development models by bringing together all interested parties.

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

El componente de Gobernanza Climática cuenta con una dotación presupuestaria de EURO 7 M.

## IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

- Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

## IMPLEMENTATION CALENDAR

Implementation is scheduled for a period of 36 months, from 04/04/2017 to 03/04/2020.

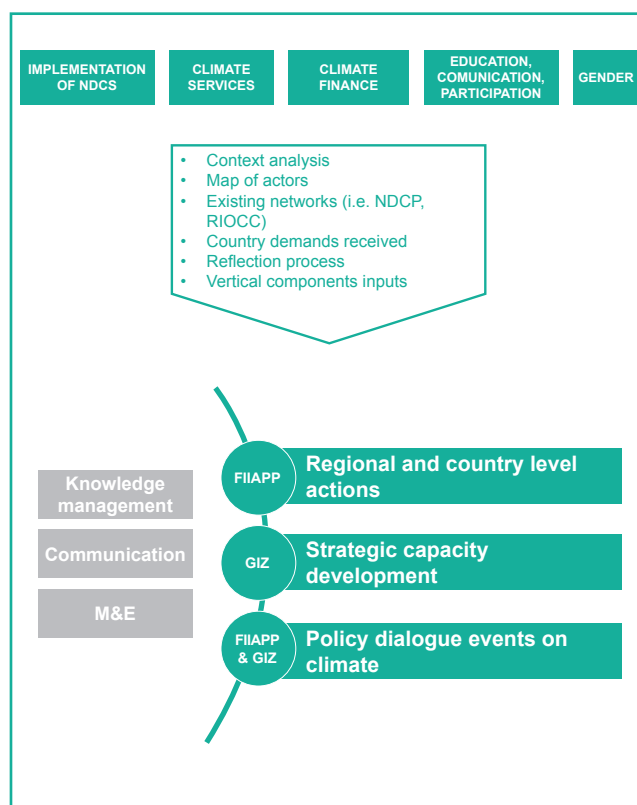
## WHAT WE DO

The component accompanies Latin American countries, seeking to promote political dialogue, knowledge exchange and management, strengthening skills and education and raising awareness on climate change.

Given the most pressing matters in the region, and taking into account the context and main challenges for tackling climate change, the component focuses on the implementation of NDCs, climate services, climate finance, education, communication, participation in climate debate and the importance of gender in climate politics.

Based on these areas of interest, countries are supported through:

- Demand-driven national and regional actions (implemented by FIIAPP)
- Strategic capacity development (implemented by GIZ)
- Policy dialogue events on climate (FIIAPP and GIZ).



## POTENTIAL SERVICES

Demand-driven **national actions between different countries or regional actors** are planned. These actions are accompanied by policy dialogue events and offer strategic capacity development which tackles issues such as the coordination between actors, sectors and levels of governance for the implementation of NDCs and the exchange of experiences between countries. The following themes are carried out in this context:

### Implementation of predicted and specific contributions at a national level (NDCs)DCs)

Commitments to reduce greenhouse gases and adaptation of climate change effects are reviewed with the specific goal to be translated into national climate change strategies, policies and action plans. Countries will also receive support to develop their measuring systems for assuring adaptation and mitigation.

### Climate services

Gathering climate information and generating climate scenarios for decision-making, policies and legislation is developed and improved. Some possible actions include the support to facilitate communication networks and climate observation systems and to enhance access, retrieval, collection and integration of historical weather information. Initiatives will also improve the accuracy of climate scenarios, quality procedures and the harmonisation of information and technical assistance by developing regional centres for climate services.

## PARTICIPANTS

The main actors will be primarily specialized public institutions from Latin America and the European Union. Meetings and spaces for participation will also be fostered for other relevant actors in the region, such as the civil society and the private sector.

Partnerships are established with actors such as RIOCC, NDC Partnership, LEDS LAC, CIHMET, CODIA and others, which would enable common responses to joint problems and defined benchmark framework strategies at a regional level.

In the implementation of the actions, synergies are especially sought with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

## PROGRESS TO DATE AND FUTURE STEPS

The work undertaken by the two implementing agencies is based on the identification of actions capable to facilitate climate governance, which were established as strategic priorities by the 18 participating countries. Workshops and meetings as well as the capacity development and policy dialogue events are carried out at country and regional level.



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### Climate finance

Policies and instruments for climate finance at international and national level and climate finance proposals are designed and implemented. Online funding systems are established; strategies to combat climate change and the integration of climate change in national budgets and investment plans are developed; "climate" budget and green investment plans are improved; inter-institutional coordination at a national level and the development of other financial instruments is enhanced.

### Climate change education, communication and learning

Awareness is raised and public participation in climate change fostered through communication campaigns.

### Gender

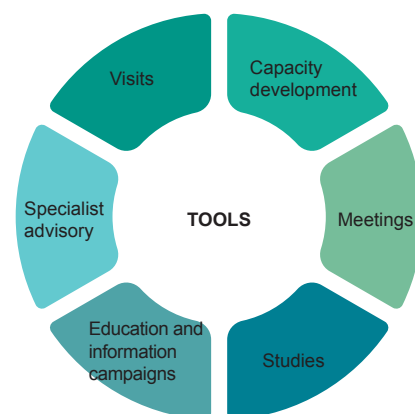
The gender perspective is integrated in national policies, action plans and other measures, including the UNFCCC Agreement processes - given their importance and relevance for the regional agenda.

### Participation

The participation of different actors in environmental decision-making is promoted through the provision of access to information, and public participation in environmental issues.

## KEY TOOLS

The key tools, put at the disposal of the 18 participating Latin American countries, are the collaboration between institutions, search for synergies, joint learning, information exchange and best practices, for which the Climate Governance component makes European and Latin American experiences available.



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