



October 1–4, 2024



## GENERAL AGENDA

SINCHI Institute Auditorium. Leticia, Amazonas

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
AFTERNOON

20:00 - 21:00

### Welcome Cocktail.

Location: SINCHI Institute (Av. Vásquez Cobo between Streets 15–16), Leticia.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST  
MORNING

Auditorio SINCHI, sede Leticia - Colombia

8:00 - 8:30

Attendee Registration

8:30 - 9:40

**Official Inauguration of the “II International Symposium: Cities for Life in the Amazon” and the meeting “Connecting Academia with Practice: Dialogues on Urbanization in the Amazon by the Amazon Cities Forum”.**  
Opening Remarks.

- Luz Marina Mantilla, Director of SINCHI
- María Susana Muhamad González, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia (TBC)
- Elquin Uni Heredia, Mayor of Leticia, Colombia, member city of the Amazon Cities Forum
- Laís Irene Viggiano Soares, Coordinator of the Macrodrainage Programme of the Mata Fome Hydrographic Basin of Belém, Brazil, chair city of the Forum of Amazon Cities
- Rathna Kewal, Climate Change Coordinator of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation
- Tatiana Schor, Head of the Amazon Region Unit of the Inter-American Development Bank

9:40 - 10:00

Group Photo and Coffee Break.

10:00 - 13:00

**Panel 1: Urban and Environmental Interactions: Adapting Cities to Climate Change.**  
**Objective:** To explore socio-ecosystemic relationships, highlighting how the natural environment contributes to economic development, urban life, and resilience in Amazonian cities, while also considering the flow of resources, goods, and services that impact the sustainability of Amazonian ecosystems.  
**Guiding Question:** *How can ecosystem services and biodiversity be integrated into urban strategies in the Amazon?*

**Keynote Speaker:** (40 min intervention)

- **Gustavo Durán**, Ecuador  
“Keys to (Re)thinking a New Model of Urban Development for the (Pan)Amazon: Perspectives from a Multi-Scale Analysis of the Ecuadorian Amazonian City/Network”.



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	<p><b>Speakers:</b> (20 min interventions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tarik Naghib Tavera Medina</b>, Perú “Urban Periphery in Amazonian Hillsides: Risks and Scenarios in the Face of Climate Change”</li> <li>• <b>Angelika Namdar</b>, Suriname “An analysis to propose spatial and environmental measures to protect the vulnerable coastal area Weg naar Zee”.</li> <li>• <b>Mrinalini Penumaka</b>, USA “Urban Climate Finance for Rapidly Growing Amazonian Cities”</li> <li>• <b>Elsa Mor</b>, Colombia “In the Panamazon: The Challenge of Preserving Urban Ecosystems Amidst Disorderly Urban Expansion – The Case of Leticia”.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (40 min).</p>
<p><b>13:00 - 14:30</b></p>	<p>Courtesy lunch</p>
	<p><b>Meeting: Connecting Academia with Practice</b></p>
<p><b>14:30 - 15:40</b></p> 	<p><b>Dialogues on Urbanization in the Amazon by the Amazon Cities Forum.</b>  <b>Objective:</b> To foster the collaborative construction of knowledge on the topics addressed in the morning lectures through a guided debate between researchers and representatives of member cities.  <b>Moderator:</b> Jason Anthony Hobbs, Lead Specialist, IDB Urban Development and Housing Division, Colombia.</p> <p><b>PART 1: OPENING</b>  Brief explanation of the debate dynamics and a reminder of the topics covered in the morning.</p> <p><b>PART 2: CITY MEMBER ASKS QUESTIONS TO RESEARCHER</b>  A city representative asks a pre-submitted question to a researcher, followed by a public discussion.</p> <p><b>PART 3: RESEARCHER ASKS QUESTIONS TO CITY MEMBER</b>  A researcher asks a pre-submitted question to a city representative, followed by a public discussion.</p>
<p><b>15:40 - 16:10</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>

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16:10 - 17:30



## Building Resilient Cities: Solutions for Climate Adaptation in the Amazon.

**Objective:** Discuss possible solutions to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change in Amazonian cities, focusing on community-based ecotourism, citizen participation, socio-bio economies, and sustainable infrastructure.

### PART 1 - OPENING

Brief explanation of the dynamics of the roundtables and presentation of their themes from the perspective of climate change adaptation.

### PART 2 - WORKING TABLES

Representatives of member cities, researchers and partners are organised in 4 working tables to collaborate in identifying strategies to overcome threats and barriers in implementing solutions to the problems that climate change intensifies in each area.

- **Red Table - Community-based Ecotourism**

Guiding question: How to promote tourism that simultaneously promotes local socio-economic development, environmental conservation and the preservation of indigenous cultures?

**Moderator:** Juan Felipe Guhl, Research Programme Coordinator, SINCHI Institute.

- **Yellow Table - Climate Governance and Citizen Participation**

Guiding question: How to foster local, institutionalised and participatory climate governance that implements effective climate adaptation and mitigation policies?

**Moderator:** Ana Claudia Cardoso, Professor, Federal University of Pará - Brazil (UFPA)

- **Blue Table - Biodiversity and community socio-bioeconomies**

Guiding question: How to foster a competitive, durable and sustainable socio-bioeconomy that strengthens the social and natural fabrics that sustain it?

**Moderator:** Tatiana Schor, Head of Unit for the Amazon Region, Inter-American Development Bank

- **Green Table - Infrastructure for Environmental Sustainability**

Guiding question: How to provide resilient infrastructure to the impact of extreme weather events?

**Moderator:** Roi Chitti, Director of the Andean HUB of UN-Habitat

- **Purple Table - Infrastructure for Environmental Sustainability**

Guiding question: How to provide resilient infrastructure to the impact of extreme weather events?

**Moderator:** Paloma Martin, Knowledge Consultant for Amazonian Cities in the Housing and Urban Development Division of the IDB

### PART 3 - PLENARY PRESENTATION

A representative from each working group shares in plenary the main conclusions of their group.

20:00 - 22:00

Dinner at the Decameron Restaurant

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MORNING

8:00 - 8:30	Attendee Registration
8:30 - 10:00	<p><b>Panel 2: Nature-Based Solutions and Local Sustainable Innovation in Urban Planning and Development of Amazonian Cities.</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To identify sustainable urban pathways by reflecting on current challenges where nature-based solutions (NbS) and circular city models generate innovative processes.</p> <p><b>Guiding Question:</b> <i>How can NbS and circular economy principles contribute to sustainability and resilience in Amazonian cities, and what innovative infrastructure models are emerging?</i></p> <p><i>Part One</i> Keynote Speaker: (40 min intervention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belén Desmaison</b>, Peru "Towards Multi-Sited Urbanism and Planning in the Amazon"</li> </ul> <p>Speakers: (20 min interventions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eliana Souza Machado Schuber</b>, Brazil "Healthy Riverside Housing in the Amazon"</li> <li>• <b>Estevan Bartoli</b>, Brazil "Territorial Systems in Urban-Riverside Amazon: Situational Conceptions from the Margins".</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 12:00	<p><b>Panel 2: Nature-Based Solutions and Local Sustainable Innovation in Urban Planning and Development of Amazonian Cities</b></p> <p><i>Part Two</i> Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diana Marcela Paz Gómez</b>, Ecuador "Governance and territorial planning in Amazonian cities of Ecuador: gaps in decision-making".</li> <li>• <b>Mercedes Hardjoprajitno</b>, Suriname "Environmental Sciences. The Guianas Case of Urban and Rural cities in the Amazon"</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (40 min)</p>
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	<p><b>Meeting: Connecting Academia with Practice</b></p>
<p><b>13:30 - 14:30</b></p> 	<p><b>Dialogues on Urbanization in the Amazon by the Amazon Cities Forum.</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To foster the collaborative construction of knowledge on the topics addressed in the morning lectures through a guided debate between researchers and representatives of member cities.</p> <p>Moderator: Jason Anthony Hobbs, Lead Specialist, IDB Urban Development and Housing Division, Colombia.</p> <p><b>PART 1: OPENING</b> Brief explanation of the debate dynamics and a reminder of the topics covered in the morning.</p> <p><b>PART 2: CITY MEMBER ASKS QUESTIONS TO RESEARCHER</b> A city representative asks a pre-submitted question to a researcher, followed by a public discussion.</p> <p><b>PART 3: RESEARCHER ASKS QUESTIONS TO CITY MEMBER</b> A researcher asks a pre-submitted question to a city representative, followed by a public discussion.</p>
<p><b>14:30 - 15:00</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p><b>15:00 - 17:30</b></p> 	<p><b>Getting to know successful cases of nature-based solutions: possibilities for sustainable infrastructure in the Amazon.</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To learn about successful cases of nature-based solutions applied to solve different problems - infrastructure, waste and water management - and discuss their potential for replicability and scalability in the Amazon region.</p> <p><b>PART 1 - OPENING</b> Brief explanation of the dynamics of the working groups and presentation of their themes from the perspective of climate change adaptation.</p> <p><b>PART 2 - WORKING TABLES</b> Representatives of the member cities, researchers and partners organise themselves into working tables to participate in four rounds of discussions. In each round, they receive representatives of success stories, who share details and experiences about their initiatives.</p>

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- Station 1 - Zero Waste Programme from the city of Puerto Nariño (Colombia)**  
**Moderator:** Hugo Alejandro Riaño Andrade, Manager of the Empresa de Servicios Públicos of Puerto Nariño
- Station 2 - Mechanism for the Reimbursement of Ecosystem Services of Moyobamba (Peru)**  
**Moderator:** Cecilia Sandoval Muñoz, Technical Advisor to the Management Committee of the Moyobamba Ecosystem Services Compensation Mechanism.
- Station 3 - BIOM: thermal and acoustic insulation made from rice straw (Ecuador)**  
**Moderator:** Grace Yépez, YES Innovation Cofounder and manager
- Station 4 - NBCities Initiative in Belém (Brazil)**  
**Moderator:** Fernanda Amorim, Institutional Relations and Advocacy Assistant, ICLEI South America.  
 Laís Irene Viggiano Soares, Coordinator of the Macro-drainage Programme of the Mata Fome Hydrographic Basin in Belém, Brazil.
- Station 5 - Sussuapara Conecta Urban Linear Park in Palmas (Brazil)**  
**Moderator:** Jacqueline Vieira da Silva, Presidente de la Fundación Municipal de Medio Ambiente de Palmas

17:30 - 18:00

## Key messages from Amazon cities for major global events up to COP30

**Objective:** To enable member cities to share their perspectives on what are the key messages to be formulated and taken to the global events to be held in 2024 and 2025 with a focus on building a common agenda of Amazonian cities for COP30.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD  
MORNING

8:00 - 8:30	Attendee Registration
8:30 - 10:00	<p><b>Roundtable 3. Diversities and identities in urban-Amazonian environments.</b>  <b>Objective:</b> recognize urban diversities and the forms and factors that influence rural-urban migration, the ways of life of Indigenous populations in cities, the vision of how Indigenous communities perceive urban planning and cities, and their role in urban sustainability and resilience.  <b>Pregunta guía:</b> <i>¿Cómo son y cómo influyen las migraciones externas e internas en la configuración de las identidades urbanas y los modos de vida en las ciudades amazónicas? ¿Cuál es la visión de las comunidades indígenas sobre el ordenamiento territorial y el rol que cumplen en la sostenibilidad y resiliencia urbana?</i></p> <p><i>Part One</i>            Keynote Speaker: (40 min intervention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saint-Clair Cordeiro da Trindade Júnior.</b> Brazil                “Cities and the urbanisation of society in the Brazilian Amazon: from territorial diversity to socio-cultural differentiation”</li> </ul> <p>Speakers: (20 min interventions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>José Carlos Matos Pereira,</b> Brazil                “Indigenous people in cities in the Brazilian Amazon: identities, political organization and cartographies of self-identification”</li> <li>• <b>Doménika Benalcázar Aguas,</b> Ecuador                “Intertwined Words: Multilingual Repertoires in the Ecuadorian Amazon”.</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	<p><b>Diversities and identities in urban-Amazonian environments</b></p> <p><i>Part Two.</i>            Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juan Carlos Sandoval Vásquez,</b> Ecuador                “The Amazonian cities of Ecuador: their identity is their alternative”.</li> <li>• <b>Ana Luíza Milanese,</b> Italia                “Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Urban and Regional Planning: A Critical Review”.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (40 min)</p>
12:00 - 13:30	Courtesy lunch

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**13:30 - 15:00**

## Panel 4. Regional and national perspectives on urban development in the Amazon: economy and infrastructure.

**Objective:** To identify new dynamics among Amazonian cities around regional and national infrastructure projects, the environmental and social impact they generate, and the intra-border interconnection dynamics they facilitate, including illegal economies.

**Guiding question:** *How do global market and policy dynamics influence infrastructure projects and urbanisation in the Pan-Amazon, and what are the resulting environmental, social and intra-regional interconnectedness impacts?*

### Part 1.

Keynote Speaker: (40 min intervention)

- **Ana Claudia Cardoso**, Brazil  
“The utopia of forest urbanisation: lost heritage or solution for adaptation in the 21st century?”.

Speakers: (Interventions: 20min)

- **Pablo Cabrera Barona**, Ecuador  
“Amazon Urban Regionalisation”.
- **Daline Teresa Portocarrero Apolaya**, Ecuador  
“From extractive enclaves to cities of habitation. Urbanisation and quality of life in the midst of extractivism and globalisation. A comparative analysis of the cities of the Peruvian Amazon in the 21st century”.

**15:00 - 15:30**

Coffee Break

**15:30 - 17:00**

## Panel 4. Regional and national perspectives on urban development in the Amazon: economy and infrastructure.

### Part Two.

Speakers:

- **Patricia Llanos Torrico**, Bolivia  
“Participatory Mapping and Open Data for the Development of the Bolivian Periphery (Municipality of Palos Blancos - North of La Paz)”.
- **João Paulo Soares de Cortes**, Brazil  
“Disordered Urbanisation and Risk Communication in Santarém-PA: Challenges in the Peripheral Amazon”

Q&A (40 min)

**17:00 - 18:00**

Consolidation of the International Network of Amazonian Cities for Life in the Amazon.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
**MORNING**

<p><b>6:30 - 7:00</b></p>	<p><b>Arrival at the meeting point. Departure to Puerto Nariño, Amazonas.</b>          Meeting point: Puerto Civil</p>
<p><b>7:00 - 8:30</b></p>	<p>Travel up the Amazon River to Puerto Nariño.</p>
<p><b>9:00 - 10:30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 5. Cities and local issues in Amazonia.</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To explore how urban dynamics in Pan-Amazonia are interrelated with specific social and environmental problems. Environmental racism, migration phenomena, and housing issues are some of the issues that today directly influence Amazonian cities' social and economic structures.</p> <p><b>Guiding question:</b> What solutions could be implemented to improve the quality of life and promote more equitable and sustainable urban development? What comprehensive approaches could be implemented to address the challenges effectively?</p> <p><i>Part One</i>          Keynote Speaker (40 min intervention)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juan Felipe Guhl</b>, Colombia              “Urbanisation processes, ecosystems and urban ecosystem services, a regional and local perspective in the Colombian Amazon”.</li> </ul> <p>Speakers: (20 min interventions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>María Augusta Salas Cando</b>, Ecuador              “Housing policy in the Waorani Dikapare Community in the province of Orellana in Ecuador Respect, freedom and dignity? Progress and development?”.</li> <li>• <b>Camilo Molina Bolívar</b>, Ecuador              “Refuge Cities and Forced Migration: Strategies for Local Integration in the Colombian-Ecuadorian Amazon”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:30 - 11:00</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p><b>11:00 - 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 5. Cities and local issues in Amazonia.</b></p> <p><i>Part Two.</i>          Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cynthia Elena Corrales Carrasco</b>, Peru              “They are not being seduced, they are being exploited. The reality of sex trafficking in the Amazonian Triple Frontier. Rethinking urban and social development in the area”.</li> <li>• <b>Yuri Santana Rodrigues</b>, Brazil              “Agribusiness interference in urban policy and the reproduction of environmental racism in the municipality of Santarém, Pará, Brazil”.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (40 min)</p>
<p><b>12:30 - 13:30</b></p>	<p>Courtesy lunch</p>

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13:30 - 14:30	Pre-COP16 Puerto Nariño - Cultural Exhibitions.
14:30 - 15:30	Tour in Puerto Nariño, Amazonas. Recognition of the experience of the 'Zero Garbage Programme' in Puerto Nariño.
15:30 - 16:00	Arrival at the meeting point. Departure to Leticia, Amazonas.
16:00 - 17:30	Travel on the Amazon River. Return to Leticia, Amazonas.



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