LOW-EMISSION RURAL DEVELOPMENT (LED-R) AT A GLANCE

- High deforestation caused by illegal land speculation
- 5th highest milk production nationwide, with distinctly high product quality
- Contains Colombia’s largest National Natural Park (PNN): Serranía del Chiribiquete
- 45% of territory in Forest Reserves; 30% in PNN & Conservation Districts; 9% in Indigenous & Rural Reserves
- Pilot department for Financial Instrument for Sustainable Productive Transformation (ITPS), Development Program with Territorial Approach (PDET), & Amazon Vision program
- 3rd highest emissions nationwide (84% from forest sector)

SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION

The Administrative Planning Region (RAP) Amazon initiative, led by the department of Caquetá, unites six Colombian Amazon departments (Caquetá, Guaviare, Vaupés, Amazonas, Putumayo, and Guainía) and the department of Huila in order to strengthen alignment with national policies (e.g. the new National Development Plan 2019-2022) and takes advantage of international opportunities related to LED-R topics and finance. The RAP will include the Colombian departments that have the highest deforestation rates nationwide, as well as interest in joining the Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF), presenting an opportunity for Colombia to strengthen its presence as a relevant and engaged actor in the context of tropical deforestation and climate change issues. The coalition covers approximately 6% of the Amazon biome and 42% of national territorial, and 66% deforested areas. Since the first meeting of the RAP governors in February 2017, the government of Caquetá organized – in partnership with the national Ministry of Environment – an exchange meeting between the governors of the RAP departments and of Acre, Brazil, as well as obtained finance from the KfW REDD+ for Early Movers (REM) Program, through Amazon Vision. Future goals for the RAP initiative include legal ratification of the RAP by national Congress, all departments joining the GCF, and continuing to attract international finance.
**KEY INTERVENTIONS**

**FUNDING**
- NATIONAL PUBLIC1
- DEPARTMENT PUBLIC2
- NATIONAL PUBLIC3, NATIONAL NON-PROFIT4
- MULTILATERAL OTHER5
- NATIONAL PUBLIC6, LOCAL OTHER7

**ORGANIZATION(S) IMPLEMENTING**
- DEPARTMENT PUBLIC6, ACADEMIA7
- NATIONAL PUBLIC8
- NATIONAL PUBLIC9
- NATIONAL PUBLIC10

**INTERVENTION & FOCUS**
- Caquetá Sustainable Rural Development Policy (PPDRSC) (under development)
- Incentives for Conservation program*
- Amazon Vision Program
- Development Programs with Territorial Approach (PDET)

**BENEFICIARIES**
- Producers, Indigenous peoples (IP) & local communities (LC)
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**CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

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- Economic model of extensive cattle ranching does not recognize sustainable forest use as an opportunity
- Economic dependence on mining & energy sector
- Lack of incentives for conservation & low-emission production
- High inequality between rural & urban populations
- Lack of market access for sustainable products & high transportation costs
- Cultural factors (e.g. resistance to adoption of new techniques) hinder change in productive sector

**OPPORTUNITIES**
- Multiple projects & actors working to reduce deforestation & increase rural sustainability
- Supreme Court of Justice’s 2016 decision recognizing the rights of the Amazon ecosystem (PIVAC) represents a national shift toward sustainable development & environmental protection
- High international interest in the department

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**CITATION**

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