

1. General information

ExpoMIF is organized by the **Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)**, in coordination with the **Amazon Network for Integrated Fire Management (RAMIF)** and the **Amazon Regional Observatory (ORA)**, instances that constitute the political, technical and knowledge management framework for Amazonian cooperation in the **Integrated Fire Management (IFM)**. The ExpoMIF is organized in partnership with the CoRAmazonia Project (GIZ), with the support of the Swiss Cooperation (SDC), and in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through the FiRE Project and the Global Fire Hub, as well as with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Amazonía+ Program, funded by the European Union.

Conceived as a regional platform for cooperation and technical and diplomatic diplomacy, ExpoMIF is dedicated to promoting IFM in the Amazon and has as one of its central objectives to encourage articulation between local communities, public institutions, international cooperation organizations, academia and the private sector, integrating traditional knowledge, scientific knowledge and innovation. The face-to-face event will be held on **April 21 and 22, 2026, in Villavicencio, Colombia**, and will feature pre and post-activities aimed at regional articulation and the consolidation of agreements between participants.

2. Background

The Amazon basin is facing an unprecedented socio-environmental crisis. The sustained increase in wildfires threatens biodiversity, global climate stability and the livelihoods of millions of people. These events, which are increasingly frequent and intense, can no longer be addressed solely from reactive responses, especially in a context aggravated by climate change and deforestation.



Faced with this scenario, in 2023 the eight ACTO Member Countries¹ signed the **Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for the Integral Management of Fire (MoU IFM)**. This political instrument lays the foundations for the creation of the **RAMIF** and demands concrete mechanisms for the implementation of public policies in the Amazonian territories.

In this framework, **ExpoMIF** emerges as an **operational arm of Amazonian cooperation for fire management**, transcending the traditional event format and consolidating itself as a **permanent platform for technical and diplomatic diplomacy**. Its design connects the regional political vision with the territorial reality, creating a true "market of solutions" where the exchange of knowledge and the mobilization of financing allow scaling effective practices for the protection of the Amazon Forest.

3. Objective

The objective of ExpoMIF is to make visible and **promote the exchange of Best Practices (BPs)** and successful experiences of IFM in the Amazon, strengthening regional capacities through the **articulation** of technical and local knowledge, differential and gender approaches, and cooperation between public, community, academic, private sector and international cooperation actors. Likewise, the event seeks to promote multi-stakeholder articulation, strengthen RAMIF and ARO/ORAs, promote collaboration agreements that facilitate the replication and scalability of effective solutions, and generate strategic inputs that contribute to the design and **strengthening of public policies** and regional IFM agendas.

¹Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela



4. Public

ExpoMIF will bring together representatives of Amazonian and Latin American countries, community delegations and indigenous peoples, government institutions, international cooperation agencies, the private sector, academia and grassroots organizations, promoting inclusive and multisectoral dialogue.

5. Format and programming

Each day of ExpoMIF has been carefully structured to align with the IFM approach, integrating plenary sessions, an experience fair, thematic panels, exchange spaces, and intercultural moments aimed at strengthening coordination, cooperation, and learning among participants.

The good practices will have stands at the experience fair, and each practice will be represented by two participants. During the event, they will be able to establish collaboration agreements among the practices themselves and with participating agencies, organizations, and institutions. These exchanges will be visualized through a “Thread Map”, which will allow participants to identify the connections generated throughout the event.

The program will also include thematic panels related to different aspects of IFM, aimed at discussing how multisectoral articulation and knowledge exchange can contribute to an appropriate implementation of IFM in the territories.

The provisional program includes:

- **Day 0 (April 20)**

- Reception and registration of participating delegations.
- Intercultural integration activity to promote mutual understanding among brigadistas, public institutions, organizations, and cooperation partners.
- Cultural welcome space to facilitate the first informal connections among participants.

- **Day 1 (April 21)**
 - Official opening ceremony with authorities from ACTO, Colombian institutions, and representatives of international cooperation.
 - Presentation of the regional fire context and the ExpoMIF exchange methodology.
 - Opening of the experience fair and the exchange spaces among the good practices.
 - Thematic tables and technical dialogues focused on discussing challenges of integrated fire management and opportunities for cooperation among different actors.

- **Day 2 (April 22)**
 - Synthesis of the main exchanges from the previous day.
 - Continuation of dialogue and collaboration spaces among participants.
 - Presentation of the “Thread Map”, visualizing the connections and agreements generated during the event.
 - Dialogue space with the most demanded experiences and reflection on mechanisms for scaling up, cooperation, and sustainability.
 - Development of a collective synthesis with orientations to strengthen IFM implementation and regional cooperation networks.
 - Protocol and cultural closing of ExpoMIF.

- **Day 3 (April 23)**
 - Departure and mobilization of participants.

Note: the event will have simultaneous translation into Spanish, English and Portuguese.

6. Categories

To facilitate the targeting of BPs, **5 thematic categories have been organized:**

1. **Fire Management practices:** Forest firefighting, prevention techniques, prescribed burning, cultural use of fire by indigenous and local communities, and post-fire ecology.
2. **Innovation and digital tools:** Use of satellite monitoring, drones, early warning systems and mobile applications for risk management.
3. **Capacity development:** Development of technical and operational capacities at different levels, community, technical and institutional, through training routes.
4. **Communication and awareness:** Awareness-raising campaigns, behaviour change and environmental education for prevention.
5. **Governance for sustainability:** Territorial management models, regulatory frameworks and sustainable financing mechanisms.

7. Call to action

ExpoMIF is projected as a regional legacy for Amazonian cooperation. Its hybrid model, multi-stakeholder architecture, and innovation approach make it an essential platform to protect forests, strengthen communities, and promote integrated fire management as a possible path to address climate change. Being part of ExpoMIF means being part of the regional transformation.

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