



“Community of Practice on Community-Based Forest Management in the Amazon” under the auspices of ACTO

Under SERFOR’s chairmanship of the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO), the ACTO initiative creates a permanent regional forum for sharing experiences, systematizing best practices, and strengthening forest governance and climate resilience.

Promotes

SERFOR Peru, President of RAFO (2025–2027)

Format and Duration

Online course from July through December 2026

A Knowledge Network for the Amazon

Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) is a key tool for the sustainable use of forests and the well-being of local families¹. In the Amazon, more than 420 indigenous peoples play a fundamental role in climate regulation, having sequestered approximately 340 million metric tons of CO₂ between 2001 and 2021². In this context, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA), through the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO) and under the chairmanship of SERFOR (Peru, 2025–2027), is **promoting the “Community of Practice in Amazonian Community Forest Management” among its eight member countries** (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Guyana, Suriname, and Venezuela), scaling up the lessons learned and technical exchanges developed since 2020.

The overall objective of this initiative is to generate, coordinate, and manage strategic knowledge on Community-Based Forest Management (CBM) at the Amazon regional level through a permanent forum for the exchange of experiences, thereby contributing to the

¹Law, Environment, and Natural Resources (DAR). (2022). Community Forest Management as a Climate Change Mitigation Measure. The “Conservation of Indigenous Forests in Ucayali” Project and Its Contribution to Peru’s NDCs and DCI. Lima.

²Spindel, M. (2025). Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: Global Challenges and Local Responses. Amazon Trajectories No. 5. [Policy Brief]. Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

improvement of public policies, forest governance, and climate resilience. To this end, it pursues **the following specific objectives:** (1) to establish and invigorate the Community of Practice under the RAFO mechanism as a technical platform and regional repository; (2) to identify, analyze, and systematize scalable experiences and best practices for forest and wildlife management; and (3) to promote knowledge ownership, mutual learning, and effective South-South cooperation among stakeholders in the Amazon region.

Twelve meetings to share experiences and solutions

Between August and November 2026, 12 sessions will be held, organized into four broad areas of discussion: governance and the legal framework; sustainable management of forest and wildlife resources; sustainable production systems; and climate change and community-based fire management.

N°	SESSION TOPICS	DATE	SCHEDULE
Module 1. Institutional Framework, Governance and Legal Framework			 09:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
1	Institutional framework, governance and legal framework of the forestry and wildlife sector I	21/08/2026	
2	Institutional framework, governance and legal framework of the forestry and wildlife sector II	26/08/2026	
Module 2. Sustainable Management of Forest and Wildlife Resources			
3	Access, utilization and community-based monitoring of forest and wildlife resources I	04/09/2026	
4	Access, utilization and community-based monitoring of forest and wildlife resources II	11/09/2026	
Module 3. Innovative Production Systems			
5	Sustainable production systems: Forest plantations, agroforestry systems and silvopastoral systems I	25/09/2026	
6	Sustainable production systems: Forest plantations, agroforestry systems and silvopastoral systems II	06/10/2026	
7	Community Wildlife Management (Hunting, wildlife breeding facilities, ecotourism) I	09/10/2026	
8	Community Wildlife Management (Hunting, wildlife breeding facilities, ecotourism) II	16/10/2026	

Module 4. Climate Change			
9	Community management of fire and forest fires: prevention, monitoring and early response I	23/10/2026	
10	Community management of fire and forest fires: prevention, monitoring and early response II	30/10/2026	
11	Climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies of Indigenous Peoples I	06/11/2026	
12	Climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies of Indigenous Peoples II	13/11/2026	

Four themes that connect land, production, and climate

MODULE 1: Institutional Framework, Governance, and Legal Framework (Sessions I and II)

This module lays out the regulatory, institutional, and policy foundations governing Community Forest Management (CFM) in the Amazon basin. It analyzes how the legal frameworks of member countries enable or restrict the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities to use, access, and hold land and resources. It also addresses models of community governance and inter-institutional coordination between the State and traditional authorities.

MODULE 2: Sustainable Management of Forest and Wildlife Resources (Sessions III and IV)

Focused on the technical and operational analysis of land-use management tools and community forest management plans (timber and non-timber). The module delves into traceability mechanisms, monitoring committees, and community stewardship, integrating traditional Indigenous knowledge with the use of geographic information systems and digital monitoring tools.

MODULE 3: Innovative Production Systems (Sessions V, VI, VII, and VIII)

This module addresses economic diversification and value addition in community territories through integrated models of production and conservation. It explores successful experiences in agroforestry, the management of high-value forest species, bio-businesses, and sustainable value chains (Brazil nuts, native cacao, Amazonian fruits, resins), as well as community-based wildlife management aimed at food sovereignty, animal husbandry, and community-based ecotourism.

MODULE 4: Climate Change and Integrated Fire Management (Sessions IX, X, XI, XII)

Focused on the crucial role of Indigenous communities as active barriers against deforestation and strategic allies in global climate action. The module delves into integrated fire management and forest fire prevention at the community level, as well as local mitigation and adaptation strategies, climate finance mechanisms (carbon markets, Indigenous/Jurisdictional REDD+), and the community's contribution to the fulfillment of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).