



Accelerating inclusive climate action

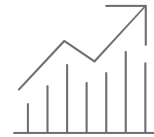


This is how we evaluate the collaborative processes in which we are involved.



RELEVANCE

Latin America is poised to lead the transition necessary for keeping the rise in global temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius. In order to do so, every sector of society must mobilize to ensure the implementation of each country's national strategy to combat climate change.



SCALABILITY

In Latin American countries, a viable approach includes working on building relationships between civil society and government on the local, national, regional, and global levels, including collaboration among different global regions.



TIPPING POINT

Progress toward the fulfillment of the Paris Agreement acts as a catalyst for reaching the goals that have been set. The capacity to incorporate climate change into other areas is growing; greenhouse gas emissions have been adopted as an indicator for decision-making; renewable energy sources are reaching competitive pricing and increasingly becoming part of national energy grids; the rates of forest restoration exceed those of deforestation; climate resilience is being incorporated into local development plans.



COLLABORATION DEFICIT

Climate change is a problem that requires collective action across multiple systems, where governments and non-state actors on varying levels can help to solve it.

To achieve this, we must address gaps in collaboration in National Climate Change Strategies: the lack of will to involve many relevant stakeholders; the inability to address climate change as a cross-cutting issue; spaces for collaboration that are nascent and not very effective in building a common vision; cases of successful transformation that are few and far between.

This is how we add value to collaborative processes.

SOCIAL CAPITAL

This collaborative process involves national governments, networks of local governments, multilateral networks, universities, civil society organizations, and private companies.

UNIFYING VISION

The countries of Latin America are recognized for their climate action innovation and leadership, and they exceed their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in alliance with all sectors of society.

SHARED ACTION AGENDAS

Shared goals include expanded capacity to implement climate change and NDCs; climate action plans created through multi-sector and multi-level input; local governments implement fully-funded climate plans; long-term low-carbon strategies are developed; innovative climate solutions are implemented and scaled; science-based policies make adaptation measures effective; and high-quality information is available for decision-making and citizen oversight.

INNOVATION

- In terms of social innovation, the energy scenarios' methodology was implemented; a regional approach to accelerate climate action was solidified (ActionLAC platform); and a method for improving household energy efficiency was applied.
- In terms of technological innovation, a methodology for estimating emissions was developed (SEEG); a national, highly precise system for identifying changes in land use was activated (MAPBIOMAS); a zero-emission maritime transport startup was launched (Sail Cargo); solar power was used to expand access to water.
- In terms of financial innovation, public-private partnerships were set up at the municipal level to access climate finance (RAMCC).

INCIDENCE

Global climate governance involving non-state actors was strengthened (Lima-Paris Action Agenda); dialogue among Latin American governments was deepened; renewable energy laws were passed in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay; local climate change plans increased in number.

Some of our **co-investors** in 2018.



Collaborative processes that generate results.

Fundación Avina helped the governments of Argentina, Paraguay, and Ecuador define their strategies for having local governments participate in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), as part of the Paris Agreement. Access to climate finance was also facilitated. For example, in 12 municipalities in Paraguay, there are efforts underway to come up with climate change strategies and develop climate-related programs and projects. In Argentina, capacities are being built to improve access to climate finance by exchanging information and ideas about climate projects happening in the provinces. An analysis of how projects align with climate finance criteria and NDCs was also carried out.

We expanded and bolstered the brokering process between Latin American and European countries to strengthen the implementation of the Paris Agreement. We promoted coordination of climate governance across different levels of government as well as across different economic sectors. The strategic alliance with GIZ and ECLAC allowed us to bring together the efforts of key climate action stakeholders across the region, facilitating the exchange of experiences and the strengthening of capacities for implementing NDCs.

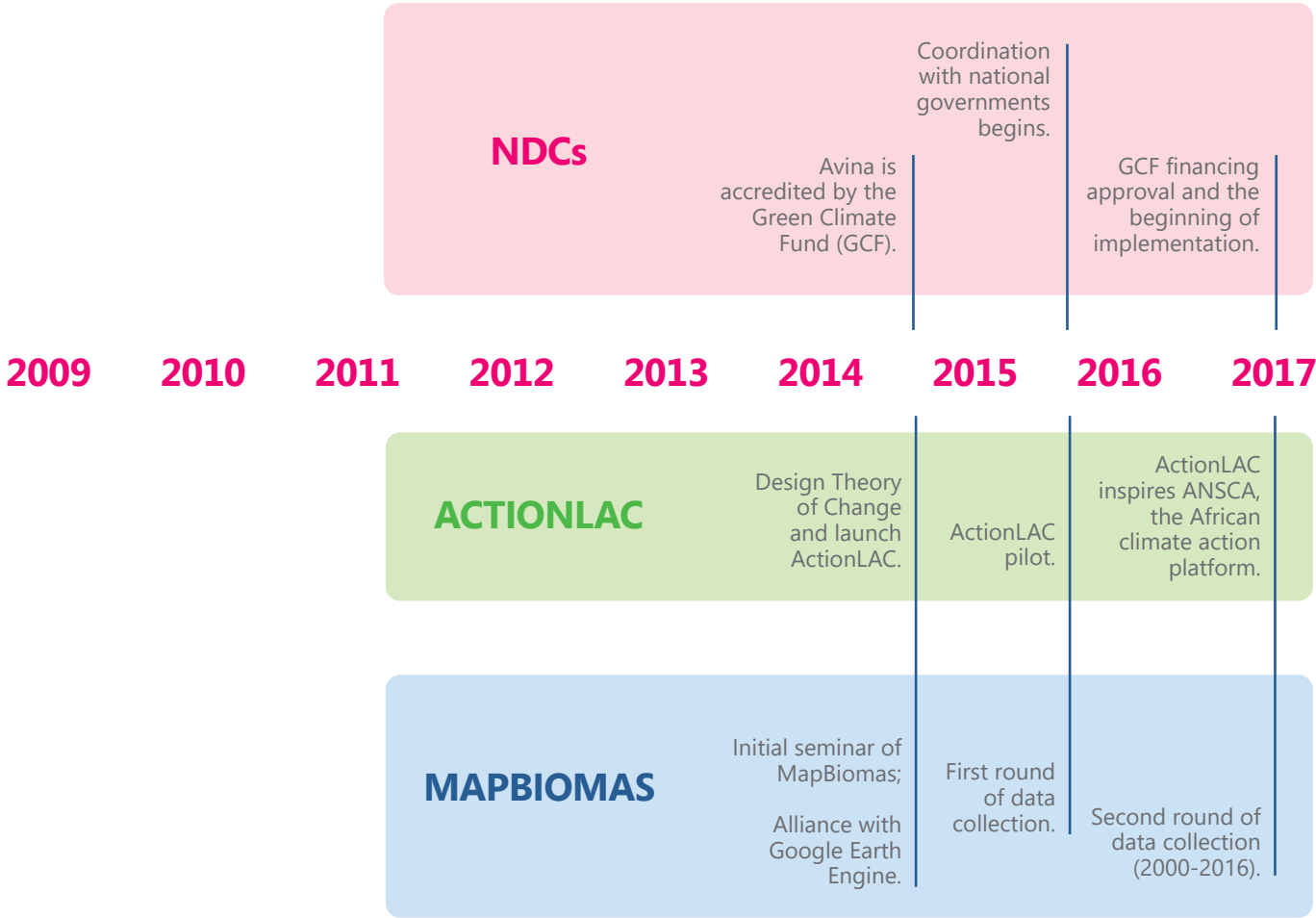
ActionLAC was recognized globally as a pioneering climate action initiative. ActionLAC is an open platform created to accelerate climate action among non-state actors and local governments. It fosters innovation and collaboration to support the implementation of NDCs and to position Latin America in the global climate agenda. ActionLAC's work was analyzed in a scientific article about mechanisms for climate coordination, published in the peer-reviewed academic journal *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law*

and Economics. UN Environment also recognized the platform as an example of how to coordinate climate action among non-state and subnational actors in its report, "Bridging the emissions gap - The role of non-state and subnational actors."

For the first time, Brazil has mapped three decades of information collected from monitoring changes in land use and occupation. The MapBiomass project, launched in 2018, is an initiative that brings together universities, NGOs, and technology companies. It allows users to conduct research using data from satellite monitoring of land use in Brazil, collected annually since 1985. The information is independently collected, previously unpublished, and freely available to the public via the largest land-use database in the country. The navigation tools allow users to customize views to explore data over time from states, municipalities, protected areas, indigenous lands, and other geographic areas.



Timeline.



Relevant data.

NDCs.

The Readiness de Argentina project mobilized \$431,226 USD; \$592,813 USD was raised in Paraguay; in Ecuador, an agreement was signed to mobilize \$559,516 USD starting in 2019.

EUROCLIMA.

The Euroclima project involves representatives from 18 Latin American governments that have participated in relationship-building events with members of the European Union and that have made progress in systematizing the implementation of NDCs. A regional meeting took place in August 2018 in Santiago, Chile.

ACTIONLAC.

- Red Argentina de Municipios Frente al Cambio Climático is a network made up of 157 municipalities with a combined portfolio of 190 projects that have mobilized \$714,377 USD. Red Chilena de Municipios ante el Cambio Climático has 55 municipal government members, representing 38.3% of the national population.
- Red de Empresas Líderes por la Acción Climática is a network of business leaders committed to climate change with 38 members from across Latin America.
- 671 participants from 20 different Latin American countries took part in 16 online sessions led by 27 climate experts as part of the Proceso de Capacitación en Acción Climática (Climate Action Training), resulting in 93 climate action plans.

AMOUNT INVESTED TO DATE

The collaborative process on behalf of Climate Action has seen an overall investment of \$17 million USD, impacting 10,166 direct beneficiaries and more than 41 million indirect beneficiaries.

Testimonial

*Carlos Gentile,
Argentine Undersecretary for Climate Change
and Sustainable Development*



"With the support of Avina as an implementation partner, Argentina has kicked off its first project with the Green Climate Fund. Through this joint initiative promoted by the Office of the Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development and the National Advisory Board on Climate Change, we are working with 24 jurisdictions across the country, different ministries and civil society institutions and the private sector, prioritizing high-impact mitigation strategies, developing proposals for financing that will allow us to accelerate the implementation of Argentina's contribution as part of the Paris Agreement."



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