



Forest and Farm Facility

Global Conference

9–13 September 2026

Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Plurinational State of Bolivia

**Scaling what works:
Producer-led solutions for improved
livelihoods and forest landscapes**

**Empowered organizations of family
farmers, Indigenous Peoples and local
communities for productive forests
and food systems transformation**



Presenting the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) groundwork results

The Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) has shown that, **when family farmers, Indigenous Peoples and local communities organize, extraordinary things happen.** Building on more than a decade of direct investment in 420 forest and farm producer organizations (FFPOs)¹ across 15 countries, **this five-day global event will demonstrate the transformative role of forest and farm producer organizations in agrifood systems**, through the voices, realities and leadership of forest and farm producers themselves.

The FFF is a co-managed partnership hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) together with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the global network of agri-agencies (AgriCord). It operates in 15 countries – Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Nepal, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia – and it supports regional and global FFPO networks across Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific.

Since 2012, the FFF has worked to strengthen forest and farm producer organizations representing an estimated 1.5 billion forest and farm producers globally. Through Phase 1 (2012–2017, USD 19 million) and Phase 2 (2018–2026, USD 65 million), **the FFF has demonstrated that investing directly in FFPOs is an effective pathway for achieving multiple sustainable development goals** simultaneously.

The FFF invests directly in local people's own organizations, supporting them to pursue their own visions of sustainable prosperity. The FFF's distinctive approach focuses on strengthening their internal governance, allowing these organizations to harness their collective strength to shape more enabling local-to-global policies, incubate businesses, accelerate climate resilience and biodiversity action, and improve access to social protection and cultural services.

In Phase II alone, FFF support has shaped 336 more enabling policies and legislations at local to national levels as well as 26 policies and processes at the regional-to-global level. It has established 73 business incubation units in apex-level organizations that have enhanced value addition in 505 businesses. It has upscaled restoration and sustainable management across 688 693 ha of forest landscape, benefiting 355 072 people. It has improved access to social protection and cultural services for 282 659 people, in each case exceeding initial targets. **This ground-up approach, working through FFPOs, has proven so successful that it has leveraged more than USD 1 billion investment into similar programming.**

¹ FFPOs are here defined to include formally or informally organized groups of family farmers, Indigenous People, local communities, and women's groups managing forests and farms. The structures and priorities of these organizations may differ, but their members' lives have interdependence with forest landscapes.

Building on the achievements for true transformation

As Phase II of the FFF draws to a close, and its model has proven highly effective in bringing about systemic change and transformative outcomes, a critical question arises: **How can the groundwork laid by the FFF be scaled to promote the uptake of productive forests and agroforestry worldwide?** The global conference will bring together key stakeholders to explore and answer that question.

It comes at the right time. At COP30, the Brazilian government launched a Plan to Accelerate Solutions (PAS) under Axis 3, Key Objective 9 of the COP30 Action Agenda called TERRA – Together for the Expansion of Resilient and Restorative Agroecology and Agroforestry. **Within TERRA, the FFF has been designated as the implementation mechanism of the Global Productive Forests Initiative (GPFI)**, which seeks to break the dichotomy between production and conservation, and drive a global transformation in agroforestry led by producer organizations, integrating economic, social and environmental benefits.

This event will showcase what interlinked local-to-global producer organizations can achieve. It will demonstrate their potential for impact at scale, through their vast geographical footprint and strength in numbers but also in diversity. It will feature these organizations as fountains of locally led innovation, generating synergies between ecological restoration, food and nutritional security, income generation and climate action, in line with the ambitions of the GPFI.

The global conference aims to gather momentum for a future phase of the FFF that builds on this groundwork to drive a just rural transition globally, scaling up a model that has already proven its effectiveness.

A forward-looking event

This event will position forest and farm producer organizations as **indispensable partners in transforming agrifood systems, and to mobilize political commitment, investment, and coordinated action to scale proven producer-led agroecological and agroforestry solutions globally.**

It aims to:

1. **Demonstrate the strategic value of investing in forest and farm producer organizations (FFPOs)** for transforming agrifood systems on the ground.
2. **Share** experience-based and policy-relevant lessons on **how producer organizations can achieve significant, measurable results** in food security, job creation, stimulating local economies, climate resilience, biodiversity preservation and social inclusion, highlighting the tools, partnerships and innovations that make this possible.
3. **Identify** practical pathways for governments, producer organizations and financing bodies to **scale impacts through investment in five levers:** i. producer organizations; ii. capacity building and co-innovation; iii. blended finance; iv. seeds, bioinputs and technology; and v. value addition and market access, yielding integrated economic, social and environmental benefits.
4. **Catalyse political commitment, investment and action**, building on the proven, scalable mechanism of the Forest and Farm Facility to bring about a global agroecological and agroforestry transformation led by FFPOs.

Programme structure and session highlights

The event will use a combination of high-level dialogues, evidence-based case studies and interactive working sessions to move from shared learning to concrete commitments for scaling FFPO-led transformation.

Day 1 focuses on “Producers and policies” with three sessions highlighting FFPOs. The sessions cover internal development – governance, gender equity, Indigenous knowledge, and youth engagement – policy advocacy, and regenerative outcomes at farm and landscape levels. **Sessions demonstrate how FFPOs build resilient communities and shape supportive policies in agrifood systems.**

Day 2 focuses on “Inclusive business models, markets and green jobs,” with sessions highlighting the role of forest and farm producer organizations (FFPOs) in sustainable growth, innovation and restoration. The programme explores how producer organizations unlock finance, markets, foster cooperative models, use digital platforms for green business, and support smallholder agroforestry and community forestry. **Sessions aim to scale effective solutions, demonstrate strategic value, share policy insights, identify investment opportunities and build commitment for global agroecological transformation led by FFPOs.**

On Day 3, the event will spotlight the Global Productive Forests Initiative (GPFI) as a driver of climate action, focusing on agroecology and agroforestry to meet Global Productive Forests Initiative by 2030. The programme will demonstrate TERRA's five acceleration levers to scale restoration, expand partnerships with financial institutions. **Sessions will present Productive Forests as a shared pathway addressing climate change, ensuring food security and promoting social justice.**

For the final two days, the conference will move to Concepción, where participants will experience first-hand the successful FFF approach implemented in the Chiquitania region. The programme will include field visits to local producer organizations showcasing sustainable value chains and climate-resilient landscapes. **These activities are designed to foster practical learning, encourage knowledge exchange, dialogues with community leaders and strengthen partnerships for scaling impact.**



Our host country

An example of success

The Forest and Farm Facility in the Plurinational State of Bolivia has strengthened the agrifood systems of agricultural and forestry producer organizations based in the **Amazon, Yungas and Chiquitano forest regions (in 19 municipalities across 5 departments), with a focus on sustainable value chains**. From this perspective, resilient and inclusive primary production is as important as post-harvest cultural activities, value addition and linkage with the market.

The FFF has benefited about 50 organizations in the country (14 Indigenous organizations and 35 peasant organizations), strengthening at least seven value chains, including cocoa, coffee, Brazil nut, açai, majo (*Oenocarpus bataua*), oleo resins and seasonal tropical fruits; **these products are not only present in the homes of producers and local markets but are also being marketed with added value in national and international markets, for more than USD 5.5 million**. With the investment support provided, the FFF has made it possible to equip, adapt infrastructure and generate specific capacities to add value and reach new markets that demand quality and innovation, while preserving the nutritional value of the products, without deforestation.

In addition, the work carried out between 2018 and 2026 has made it easier for forest and agricultural producer organizations **to establish resilient landscapes to climate change with specific actions that allow more than 75 000 hectares under agroforestry systems** or integrated, sustainable forest management for the benefit of the families that are the beneficiaries of the programme.

Outcomes and pathways to action

During the closure of the first phase of the FFF in 2017, the **Morogoro Declaration** was adopted at the 2nd African Regional Conference of Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs) held in the United Republic of Tanzania. The declaration highlighted the **importance of forest and farm producer organizations in sustainable development and climate action**, advocating for secure land rights, better policies, and improved access to finance and markets. FFPOs pledged inclusive governance, stronger value chains and collaboration, while calling on governments to remove obstacles, fund climate initiatives and support FFPO-driven landscape restoration.

Moreover, in September 2023, the African Regional Workshop on Forest and Landscape Restoration under AFR100 resulted in the **Sokodé Declaration, setting the stage for collaborative action to end deforestation and land degradation in the region**, with FFPOs at its heart.

Building on these **declarations, the event will contribute to the formulation of a declaration and roadmap outlining the implementation pathways to scale up investment in climate-responsive food systems and inclusive small-scale livelihood solutions** for communities living in areas of high forest cover and other sensitive ecosystems.

This document will **echo the Belém Declaration on Hunger, Poverty, and People-Centred Climate Action**, recognizing small-scale farmers, Indigenous Peoples and local communities as both the most affected by climate change and the stewards of sustainable food systems, with a direct link to the COP30, where the Brazilian government launched a Plan to Accelerate Solutions TERRA and its implementation mechanism under the Global Productive Forest Initiative.

Why take part?

The conference will **convene approximately 200 invited participants, at senior decision-making and leadership level**, including representatives of forest and farm producer organizations, government agencies from forestry, agriculture, environment and finance sectors, development partners and donor agencies, financial institutions, private sector entities and strategic technical partners engaged in micro-credit and forest-based value chains.

Participants will include **representatives from all FFF partner countries, regional and global FFPO networks, and key international organizations** working to scale agroforestry and productive forest solutions, with a strong representation of young people, women-led businesses, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Participation will be by invitation, in a bid to **foster strategic dialogue, political engagement and partnership building to inform future investment, policy alignment and the next phase of the FFF.**

This global conference represents a strategic convening moment for governments, donors, producer organizations and partners committed to scaling agroforestry and productive forest solutions. It offers a focused platform featuring:

- Thematic sessions to **Inform policy and investment decisions by demonstrating the proven results and scalability of FFPO-led approaches**, across economic, social and environmental dimensions.
- Interactive plenary forums designed to **shape the next phase of the Forest and Farm Facility** by jointly identifying priorities, partnerships and mechanisms needed to scale impact via the Global Productive Forests Initiative (GPFI) within TERRA.
- Dialogue spaces connecting FFPOs, donors, partners and government representatives, **strengthening partnerships to unlock enabling policies, blended finance, innovation and market access at scale.**
- **Field visits** to experience first-hand thriving FFPO enterprises and initiatives in Concepción, Plurinational State of Bolivia.

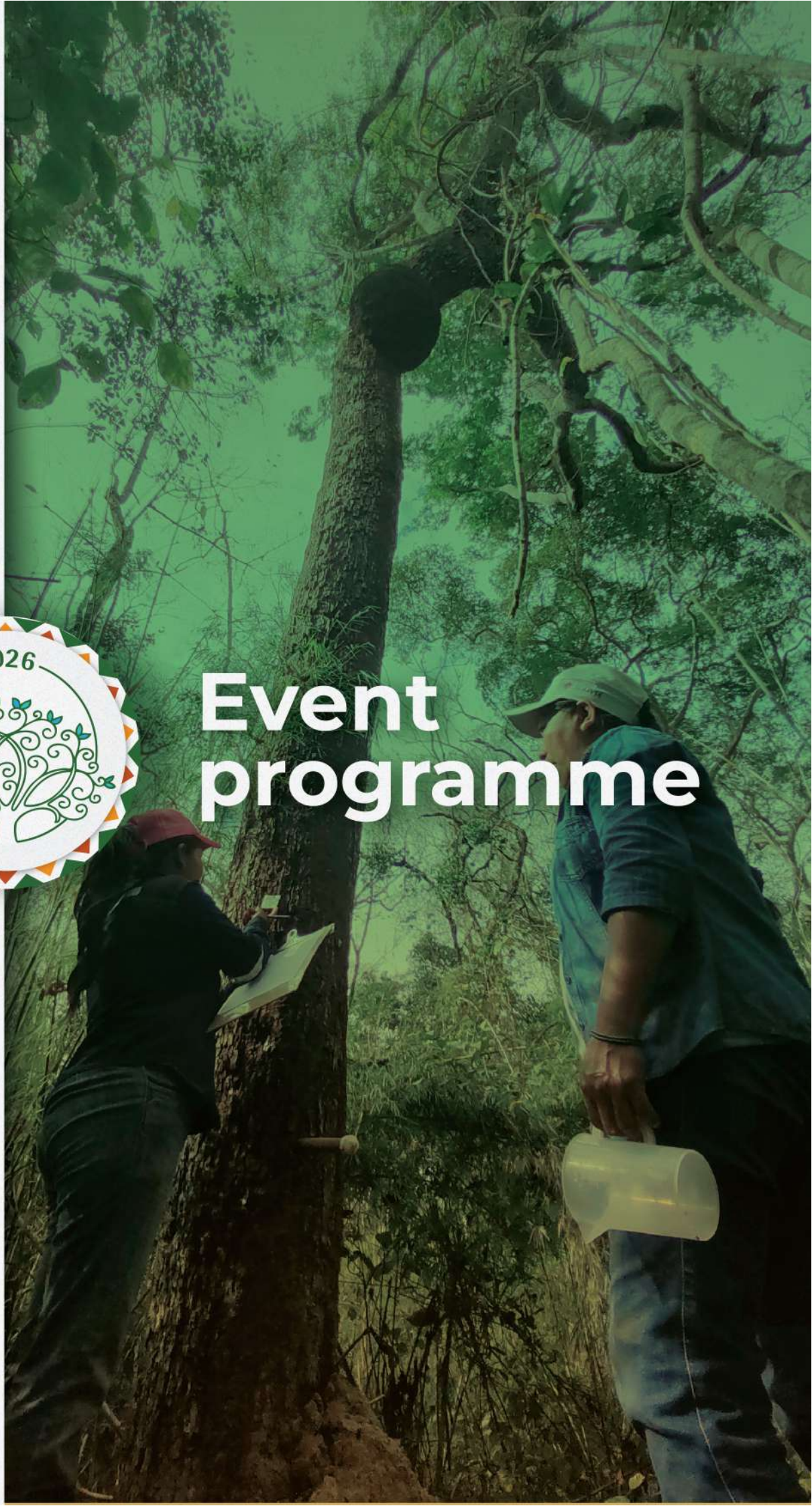
Throughout the current phase, the FFF has demonstrated that empowering organized forest and farm communities delivers tangible results: policy wins, resilient landscapes, climate mitigation and sustainable livelihoods. By showcasing country-level achievements, farmer-led innovations and the leadership of producer organizations, **this conference will show that the model can endure beyond the programme, positioning the FFF as a global force for change** as its approach rapidly gains ground.

In convening decision-makers, producers and partners at this critical moment, **the conference will help translate proven grassroots success into coordinated political commitment, strategic investment and collective action**, advancing a global agenda for productive, resilient forest landscapes led by forest and farm producer organizations.





Event programme





Wednesday 9 September 2026

Producers and policies: FFPOs that effectively shape livelihoods for a brighter future

Morning

Registration

Opening session

- Representative of the Autonomous Departmental Government of Santa Cruz
- FAO Representative in Bolivia
- Forest and Farm Facility Officer-in-Charge
- Representative of the Forest and Farm Facility Steering Committee
- Representative of the Network of Agricultural and Forestry Producer Organizations (ROPAF)
- Representative of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

SESSION 1 | Stronger together: Building social and cultural resilience from within

- Tactics for strengthening internal governance structures, policies and practices
- Empowering women in FFPO leadership and practice
- Revitalizing indigenous knowledge in cultural enterprises that reduce out-migration
- Effective communication and social media strategies for youth engagement

Lunch break

Afternoon

SESSION 2 | Advocacy that changes laws: How FFPOs have shaped local to global agendas and policies

- Outreach campaigns shaping global agendas: Family Farmers for Climate Action (FFCA)
- FFPOs using multi-sectoral policy platforms shaping local to national policies
- Lobbying for securing land tenure and community forest rights
- Ways forward within the UN Decades of Family Farming and Ecosystem Restoration

SESSION 3 | High-level dialogue – Making FFPO impact visible: From local practice to shared outcomes to inform policy and investment

- FFPO-led impacts are more visible and influential by articulating shared regenerative outcomes that decision-makers respond to
- FFPO-led work to shape policies, build sustainable businesses, and oversee a global transition towards agroecology and agroforestry



Thursday 10 September 2026

***Inclusive business models, markets and green jobs:
FFPOs that unblock finance and deliver services in resilient
landscapes***

Morning

Session 4 | The power of producer organization for growing collective green business: Innovative solutions

- Aggregation models and e-marketing platforms for diverse products and specialty markets
- Business incubation within apex- level FFPOs, using market analysis and development
- Making a business out of certified forest and farm inputs
- Traceability systems for export compliance, market regulations and eligibility to carbon and bio-credit projects

SESSION 5 | Unlocking investment and global funds for FFPOs

- Self-mobilized finance at scale in saving and credit cooperative organizations
- Pioneering blended finance models in the United Republic of Tanzania
- Linking FFPOs to market buyers, financiers and technology support
- Bridging informal and formal banking

Lunch break

Afternoon

SESSION 6 | Restoration at scale: The collective extent of smallholder agroforestry and community forestry

- Community forest governance models sustaining large-scale restoration efforts
- Sustaining agrobiodiversity and nutritional health of culturally vital indigenous agroforestry systems
- Building opportunities for land rehabilitation, climate resilience and profitability into shade grown cash crop agroforestry systems
- Transforming livestock and dairy productivity through tree fodder agroforestry systems

SESSION 7 | Working groups

The Chiquitania Declaration: Pathways to scale up of investments in climate-responsive food systems and inclusive small-scale livelihood solutions for peoples in areas of high forest cover and other sensitive ecosystems.

EXHIBIT | Solutions market place

- Launch of the FFF product catalogue
- The new FFF Knowledge Hub
- IIED Maturity assessment tool
- AgriCord Building resilience tools



Friday 11 September 2026

Future Global Initiatives that scale action: FFPOs leading the agroforestry agroecology, and food systems transformation

Morning

Session 8 | High-level dialogue – Global Productive Forest Initiative (GPFI)

- Presenting the TERRA Plan to Accelerate Solutions (PAS) under Axis 3, Key Objective 9 of the COP30 Action Agenda
- Introduction to the Global Productive Forests Initiative (GPFI) within TERRA
- Group work to discuss how the FFF, as a dedicated mechanism for the GPFI, could build on the existing groundwork to upscale agroforestry
- Statements of support from invited government

Closing Event

- Representative of the Autonomous Departmental Government of Santa Cruz
- FAO Representative in Bolivia
- Forest and Farm Facility Officer in Charge
- Representative of the Forest and Farm Facility Steering Committee
- Representative of the Network of Agricultural and Forestry Producer Organizations (ROPAF)
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Lunch

Afternoon

Travel to Concepción (field visits by invitation only)

Visit to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Concepción declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1990

Food tasting with Chiquitano and Amazonian products



Saturday 12 September 2026

Products from the Chiquitania: Showcasing sustainable value chains and climate-resilient landscapes

Morning

VISIT 1 | Palmarito Community

- Group 1: Cusi Trail and visit to the processing plant
- Group 2: Plot of Chiquitana Almond
- Group 3: Use of Copaibo and medicinal plants

Community lunch

Afternoon

VISIT 2 | Concepción

- Group 1: Visit Chiquitana almond processing room and product exhibition
- Group 2: Visit açai processing hall and product exhibition
- Group 3: Visit cultural ecotourism entrepreneurship centre



Sunday 13 September 2026

Products from the Chiquitania: Showcasing sustainable value chains and climate-resilient landscapes

Morning

VISIT 3 | Santa Rita Community

- Group 1: Visit beekeeping production with native species
- Group 2: Visit to processing plant for apicultural products with medicinal plants and product exhibition

Cultural exhibition and community lunch

Afternoon

Travel to Santa Cruz



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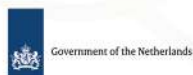
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In collaboration with:

- Indigenous Central of Communities of Concepción (CICC)
- Organization of Indigenous Native Chiquitana Women of Concepción (OMIOHC)
- Beekeepers Association of the Department of Santa Cruz (ADAPICRUZ)
- Network of Agricultural and Forestry Producer Organizations (ROPAF)



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