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DIVERSIFIED STRATEGY FOR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY (DSFS)

The Indigenous Governments of Jaguares Del Yuruparí Macro-Territory[1]

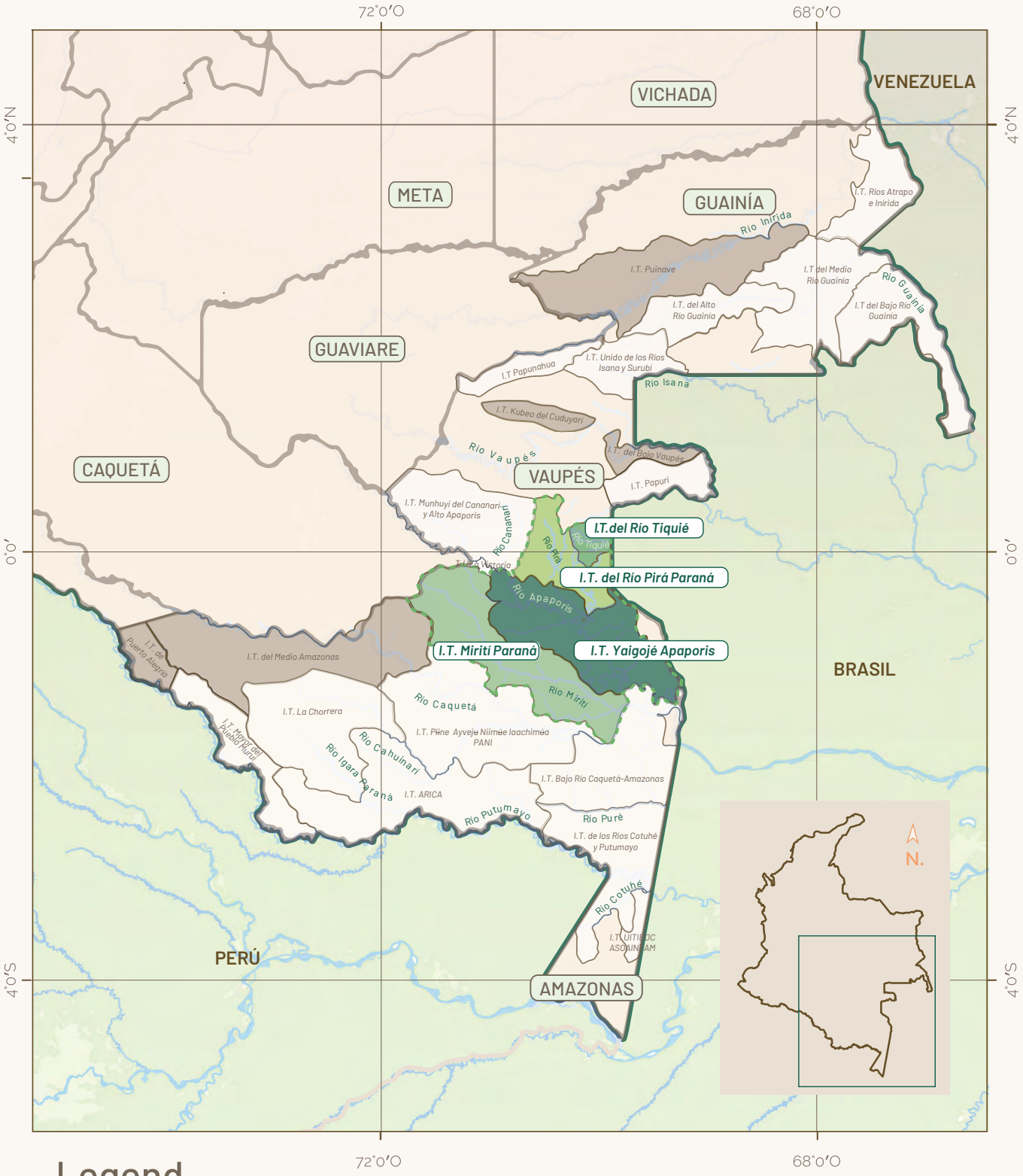
In the eastern Colombian Amazon, a historic and fundamental process is taking place regarding the construction of a plural and diverse State, the conservation of the Amazon, and the protection of life on the planet: **the territories of more than 45 Indigenous peoples are being formalized as Indigenous Territorial Entities.**

The **Indigenous Territorial Entities** are political-administrative units that form part of the State's organization, enjoy political, administrative, and fiscal autonomy, and are governed by Indigenous Councils responsible for managing their interests.

The consolidation of **Indigenous Territorial Entities (ETIs)** as legitimate self-government structures requires not only legal and political recognition, but also the guarantee of stable, relevant, and sustainable financial conditions over time. Within this framework, the **Indigenous Governments of the Miriti Paraná**, **Yaigojé Apaporis**, **Pirá Paraná**, and **Tiquié River** territories —which make up the Coordination Body of the Jaguares del Yuruparí Macro-territory— have been advancing the design and implementation of a **Diversified Strategy for Financial Sustainability (DSFS)**, conceived as a public finance system for life.

1. Strategy developed in partnership with the Indigenous Governments of Miriti Paraná, Yaigojé Apaporis, Pirá Paraná, and Río Tiquié, the Coordination Body of the Jaguares del Yuruparí Macro-territory, and the Gaia Amazonas Foundation.

INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENTS OF THE JAGUARES DEL YURUPARÍ MACRO-TERRITORY



Legend

- Colombian Boundary
- Frontier Boundary
- Departmental Boundary
- Major Rivers
- Governance Area of the Indigenous Governments of the Jaguares del Yuruparí Macro-territory
- Indigenous Territory of the Jaguares del Yuruparí Macro-territory, in the Process of Formalization as Indigenous Territorial Entities
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- Indigenous Territories Interested on starting the Process of Formalization as Indigenous Territorial Entities

This system seeks to guarantee that the Indigenous Governments can operate autonomously, continuously, and with a rights-based focus, bringing together public resources, international cooperation, and green financial instruments in alignment with the constitutional principles of autonomy, diversity, and coordination.

The **DSFS** responds to the historic moment that Amazonian Indigenous peoples are experiencing, in which the institutional maturity achieved through the consolidation processes of the ETIs—within the framework of the implementation of ***Decree Laws 632 of 2018*** and ***488 of 2025***—entails moving toward the effective implementation of intercultural agreements aimed at consolidating governance between the Indigenous Governments and the rest of the non-Indigenous State institutional apparatus, guaranteeing the effective enjoyment of rights by the population and the protection of the territorial integrity of the Amazon.

Program Objective

To implement a comprehensive, intercultural, and sustainable financial model that ensures the permanence, autonomy, and institutional strengthening of the **ETIs**, based on the Life Plans, self-governance, and the current regulations that recognize them as public authorities of a special nature. This model constitutes an Indigenous financial architecture that replaces dependence on external projects with its own transparent and structured system, capable of channeling resources toward the priorities related to territory, culture, environment, and good living (*el buen vivir*) defined by the Indigenous Governments.



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Guiding Principles and Foundational Agreements

of the Diversified Strategy for Financial Sustainability (DSFS)

1. ***Co-responsibility and political and financial autonomy:*** The DSFS is led by the Indigenous Governments and promotes their full autonomy, which is why its sources of financing are diversified and complementary (public, private, international cooperation, green mechanisms, among others).

2. ***Macro-territorial governance:*** *The strategy is led by the four Indigenous Governments, with a macro-territorial approach that respects the autonomy of each local process.*

3. ***Jurisdictional approach:*** The Indigenous Governments are recognized as public authorities in transition toward consolidating themselves as Indigenous Territorial Entities of Special Character, in accordance with the Political Constitution of Colombia.

4. ***Local scale with global projection:*** The strategy originates at the local level but incorporates scaling and advocacy actions at the national and international levels, following the highest standards of public administration and the market for green financial instruments.

5. ***Multi-actor and long-term vision:*** *The* DSFS *is implemented with a long-term vision and with the participation of multiple actors, including State entities (Ministries, Agencies), multilateral organizations (FAO, UNESCO), and other Indigenous Governments.*

6. ***Strategic alliances:*** For its design, implementation, and monitoring, the Indigenous Governments have established a strategic alliance with the Gaia Amazonas Foundation as a technical, political, and financial partner.

7. ***Organizational roots:*** The strategy is based on the organizational processes of the Indigenous Governments, especially those aimed at institutional strengthening and governance through the Life Plans and their territorial policy guidelines.

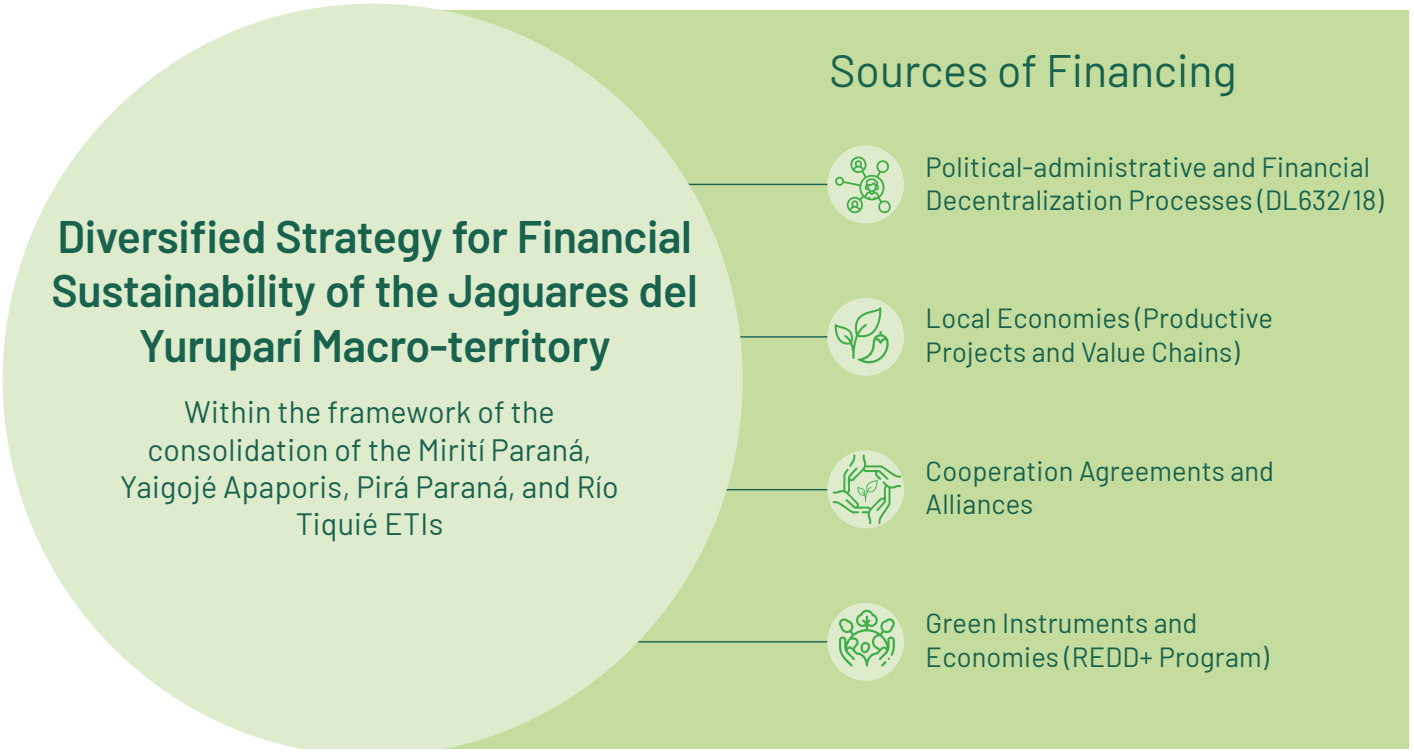
8. ***Comprehensive planning:*** The DSFS is conceived as a comprehensive planning exercise and as a structured source of financing for the strategic components of the Life Plans and territorial policies of the Indigenous Governments.

9. ***Integral Good Living Model:*** The strategy is part of the collective reflection on the development model for these territories, integrating indicators of their own well-being or *buen vivir*.

Sources of Financing and Indigenous Financial Architecture

The DSFS relies on four main sources:

1. The decentralization of public functions and competencies, pursuant to Decrees 632 and 488.
2. Local economies and sustainable value chains that strengthen territorial autonomy and self-sufficiency.
3. Effective cooperation agreements with governments, multilateral agencies, and partner organizations.
4. Green and innovative financial instruments, such as results-based payments, Payments for Environmental Services, and jurisdictional climate funds.



In this way, the **DSFS** creates and intercultural financial architecture, linked to national and international climate finance systems, and designed to guarantee autonomy, transparency, and institutional permanence.



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Call to Action:

A Historic Opportunity to Change Course

The ETI consolidation process has achieved unprecedented institutional and political advances. Within the framework of ***Decree Laws 632*** and ***488***, Indigenous peoples and governments have defined their own regulatory frameworks, administrative structures, planning systems, and financial strategies, demonstrating that it is possible to exercise public power autonomously, based on their own systems of knowledge and government within the State structure, and thereby contribute to the fulfillment of the State's essential purposes from the local level.

The challenge now is to materialize the intercultural agreements, guaranteeing shared and co-responsible governance in which other State institutions recognize the public functions, competencies, and financial mechanisms of the ETIs.

These advances—together with the country's international commitments (at the COP, the NDCs, and the Paris Agreement)—call us to immediate action: to fully recognize and support Indigenous peoples as direct subjects of climate, environmental, and biodiversity financing. Not as beneficiaries, but as co-authors of public policy and key stewards of planetary balance.

Now is the time to align international regulation, policy, and cooperation with the constitutional mandate of diversity, the jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court, and the universal principle of climate justice.

The call is clear: that the Colombian State, the Amazonian countries, and the international community make the decision to directly finance Indigenous peoples and governments, recognizing their status as public authorities, their millennial knowledge, and their irreplaceable role in the protection of the planet.

In alliance with:

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