

Inputs provided by: UNEP-ROLAC. Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action in Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA)

**1. General description of mandates and objective(s) of your organization / associated network with institutional structure**

Regatta's online knowledge platform is a gateway to the identification of institutions and experts on climate change in the region, and the provision of access to relevant and timely information on climate change networks, documents, tools, events and financing options. REGATTA's objective is to strengthen capacity and knowledge sharing of climate change technologies and experiences for adaptation and mitigation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its design and development is aligned with the international climate change negotiations in the context of the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#), after the Cancun Agreements at COP16, which established a Technology Mechanism. In this sense, REGATTA pilots the establishment of a regional network of technology centres to support Latin American and Caribbean countries in meeting their technology requirements for low carbon and climate resilient development. This regional Network aims to contribute to the implementation of the [Climate Technology Centre and Network \(CTCN\)](#), for its acronym in English) in the region. REGATTA's three main components are:

1. **On-line Knowledge Platform.** The goal of the on-line knowledge platform is to strengthen the exchange of information and experiences among countries, institutions and experts, and the development of an inventory that includes initiatives on adaptation, mitigation and technology development in the region and tools, methods, case studies, best practices and lessons learned.

2. **Key Institutions and Regional Centers of Knowledge and Technology.** REGATTA aims to have a thorough understanding of the key institutions in the region involved in climate change issues, so that they can share experiences and knowledge, identify synergies and contribute to the region's capacity building. REGATTA has established agreements with various Knowledge Centers for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the region in order to strengthen its reach and leadership in the region. Some activities include participatory workshops and on-line discussion forums through "Communities of Practice", conducted in collaboration with the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank).

3. **Specific assistance in mitigation and adaption to climate change.** Examples of technical assistance to countries include support to gain direct access to the Adaptation Fund; funding for pilot EbA projects; technical assistance to advance understanding of NAMAs, among others.

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*(Please provide information on organizational mandates and objective(s) of the organization / associated network with organizational/institutional structure, as explicitly and/or implicitly relevant to addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and slow onset events. Please feel free to expand the boxes as needed throughout the template. )*

**2. Relevant operational framework(s)**

REGATTA provides on demand technical assistance to stakeholders in the areas identified as priorities by the countries during the [First Round Table Regatta](#), held in April 2011. The prioritized areas include: (i) agriculture and water in relation to climate change adaptation, and (ii) energy efficiency, renewable energy and agriculture in the area of mitigation.

REGATTA's technical assistance to countries is delivered mainly through collaboration with knowledge exchange centers located in the region. Currently REGATTA has signed and valid agreements with 10+ climate change knowledge centres across the region. Technical assistance is also delivered through experts and consultants. In addition, the project gateway and a set of web based communities of practice do serve as information transfer platform. REGATTA is liaised with other global knowledge and technology transfer initiatives, including the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), a UNEP led consortium mandated to facilitate the effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism, under the guidance of the COP.

*(Please provide information on the relevant operational framework(s) (e.g. programming principles, resource allocation strategies, coordination mechanism for operations at different levels etc.) within your organization/associated network as relevant to implementing work related to risk management for loss and management associated with climate change impacts)*

### **3. Focus areas of risk management for loss and damage associated with climate change impacts**

Since L&D has been identified as an emerging topic for LAC the region, REGATTA's intention in this regard is restricted to provide and transfer technical information that can be used by the countries as reference to inform national decision making processes, support preparation processes for negotiations and promote further research and project development in this topic. For this end, REGATTA is facilitating the preparation of a set of technical documents on L&D to be available for the countries in the region, through the REGATTA Gateway, as well as through strategic partnerships with regional instances, for example, the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD), adhered to the Integration System for Central America (SICA), who has received a mandate from Central American countries to provide assistance in L&D understanding and scoping towards the COP 19.

*(Please provide information on the areas of work in relation to the items included in decision 3/CP.18 as listed in the introductory note as well as any additional focus areas, that your organization/associated network has been mandated to address. These could include relevant institutional policy statements/operational guidance documents etc. Please provide web links where further details can be found.)*

### **4. Geographic coverage**

Regional (Latin America and the Caribbean)

### **5. Key stakeholders**

- Governments, regulators and other policymakers
- Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
- Academia and the scientific community

### **6. Implementation modality / delivery mechanisms**

- Collecting and sharing good practices
- Technical assistance
- National, subregional and regional events along with knowledge centres and strategic partnerships

Please provide information related to the technical, financial and institutional support mechanism

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Please provide information related to reporting, if any

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## 7. Key activities / outputs to date

Examples of key activities and outputs relevant to the UNFCCC loss and damage work programme include:

- Ongoing technical process through expert consultant to develop a set of technical materials/documents on Loss and Damage
- Ongoing strategic alliance with CCAD to advance preparation of technical documents on Loss and Damage to be used as reference materials in preparatory process for COP19
- Policy brief document on L&D translated to Spanish and made available for negotiators through the REGATTA portal and regional workshop for negotiators held in Ecuador
- Information exchange event to discuss Loss and Damage issues, through a web based seminar (webinar) hosted in the REGATTA Adaptation community of practice, scheduled for October 2013.

## 8. Any additional information and contact details

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