

## VII Meeting of the Group of Experts on Forest Fires in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEFF LAC) 05-08 November, 2024

### Quito, Ecuador

The Group of Experts on Forest Fires in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEFF LAC) aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices on forest fire management. Along with the harmonised information, provided by the Global Wildfire Information System (GWIS), it promotes strategic actions to minimise the impact of wildfires and improve fire policies at national and regional levels.

The GEFF LAC is composed of managers from relevant ministries and organisations, responsible for forest fire management in its different phases, from prevention, preparedness, fire fighting to restoration of damaged areas.

The VII GEFF LAC meeting is part of the collaboration between the European Union (EU) and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, under the project *Support to Forest Fires Management in Latin America and the Caribbean*. It is an initiative to improve national capacities to prevent forest fires from a regional perspective, through EU best practices: the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS) and the European Group on Forest Fires (EGFF).

In the six previous GEFF LAC meetings (December 2021 online, July 2022 in Santiago de Chile, November 2022 in Brasilia, May 2023 in Porto, November 2023 in Cali & Riosucio and May 2024 in Lima and Cusco, as well as in the Seminar on forest fire prevention and early warning systems in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in March 2023), the members of the Group have exchanged relevant and useful information and collaborated in the drafting of the first Annual Report on forest fire impacts in Latin America and the Analysis of forest fire early warning systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, Uruguay in March 2023), the members of the Group have exchanged relevant and useful information and have collaborated in the drafting of the first Annual Report on the impacts of forest fires in Latin America and the Analysis of fire information systems in Latin American countries. In addition, they have proposed a series of initiatives to improve forest fire management in the region. In addition, at the last GEFF LAC meeting in Lima and Cusco, working groups were established in priority areas for the prevention and mitigation of forest fires.

The VII GEFF LAC meeting will be held in Quito, Ecuador. The event brings together fire management experts from national fire management agencies in Latin America with representatives of the EU/JRC, EU delegations and international organisations (the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations - FAO, the United Nations Environment Programme - UNEP, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation - ACTO), to present progress in the different working groups and



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plan in detail their different actions, in order to raise national and international awareness of the results obtained.

## AGENDA

<i>Day 0: Monday, 04 November 2024</i>	
<i>Arrival of EU delegations in Ecuador</i>	
<i>Day 1: Tuesday, 05 November 2024</i>	
<i>Location: Dann Carlton Hotel, Imperial room (mezzanine)</i>	
<i>08:30 - 09:00</i> <i>30 min</i>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<i>09:00 - 09:05</i> <i>5 min</i>	<b>Opening of the event</b> Jekaterina Dorodnova EU ambassador in Ecuador
<i>09:05 - 09:10</i> <i>5 min</i>	<b>Contextualisation of the GEFF LAC</b> Jesús San Miguel Coordinator GEFF LAC- EU
<i>09:10 - 09:15</i> <i>5 min</i>	<b>Welcome remarks</b> Jorge Carrillo Tutivén National Secretary of Risk Management
<i>09:15 - 09:20</i> <i>5 min</i>	<b>Welcome remarks</b> Inés Manzano Díaz Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition
<i>09:20 - 09:25</i> <i>5 min</i>	Video ECUADOR
<i>09:25 - 09:30</i> <i>5 min</i>	<b>Oficial photo</b>
<i>09:30 - 09:40</i> <i>10 min</i>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<i>09:40 - 09:55</i> <i>15 min</i>	<b>Presentation of the agenda, methodology and socialisation of the Group of Experts on Forest Fires in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEFF LAC)</b> Jesús San Miguel – EU
<i>09:55 - 10:05</i> <i>10 Min</i>	<b>Integrated fire management in Ecuador</b> Daniel Segura – PASF MAATE
<i>10:05 - 10:15</i> <i>10 Min</i>	<b>Public policy instruments in integrated fire management in Ecuador</b> Carolina López – PASF MAATE
<i>10:15 - 10:25</i> <i>10 Min</i>	<b>Capacity Building in Fire Management in the National System of Protected Areas of Ecuador</b> Sergio Cobos – PASF MAATE
<i>10:25 - 10:35</i> <i>10 Min</i>	<b>Alternatives to the use of Fire, environmental education and awareness raising as a forest fire prevention measure in Ecuador</b> Francisco Clavijo – PASF MAATE



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10:35-10:50 15 Min	<b>Q&amp;A time</b>
10:50-11:10 20 Min	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:10-11:20 10 Min	<b>Information management and response in forest fires and Accreditation System of Forest Fire Response Brigades in Ecuador</b> National Secretariat of Risk Management (SNGR)
11:20-11:30 10 Min	<b>Experience of the Forest Fire Response Brigade Accreditation System of the Quito Metropolitan District Fire Brigade</b> Fire Brigade of the Metropolitan District of Quito (DMQ)
11:30-11:40 10 Min	<b>Atmospheric Monitoring of Forest Fires in Ecuador</b> Vladimir Arreaga- National Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology (INAMHI)
11:40-11:50 10 Min	<b>Ordinance of Integral Fire Management of the Metropolitan District of Quito (DMQ)</b> Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito
11:50-12:00 10 Min	<b>Forest fire management for the protection of water sources of the Metropolitan District of Quito</b> Fund for the Protection of Water in Quito (FONAG)
12:00-12:20 20 Min	<b>Q&amp;A Time</b>
12:20- 13:30 70 Min	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 - 14:00 30 Min	<b>Break</b>
14:00-15:00 60 min	<b>Presentation of the summary of the Fire campaign in LAC countries, preliminary damage estimation 2024, collaboration with other countries and international organisations. (ARG, BOL, BRA, CHL, COL, GUY)</b> 10 min presentation per country
15:00-15:15 15 min	<b>Q&amp;A Time</b>
15:15-15:30 15 min	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:30-16:30 50 min	<b>Presentation of the summary of the Fire campaign in LAC countries, preliminary damage estimate 2024, collaboration with other countries and international organisations. (MEX, PAR, PER, SUR, URG, ECU)</b> 10 min presentation per country
16:30-16:45 15 min	<b>Q&amp;A Time</b>
16:45 - 17:00 15 min	<b>Closing of event's first day</b> Main ideas of day 1 and instructions for the following working days Jesús San Miguel – UE



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<b>Day 2: Wednesday, 06 November 2024</b>	
<b>Location: Dann Carlton Hotel, Victoria room (penthouse)</b>	
09:00 - 09:10 <b>10 min</b>	<i>General indications and instructions to working groups</i>
09:10-10:50 <b>100 min</b>	<i>Working group tables of the Group of Experts on Forest Fires in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEFF LAC)</i>
10:50 - 11:15 <b>25 min</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15-13:00 <b>105 min</b>	<i>Working group tables of the Group of Experts on Forest Fires in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEFF LAC)</i>
13:00 - 14:00 <b>60 min</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 - 15:00 <b>60 min</b>	<i>Visit to the Integrated Security Service ECU 911</i>
15:00 - 17:00 <b>120 min</b>	<p><i>Guided tour at ECU 911 and informative talk on emergency management and dispatch, with emphasis on forest fire response.</i></p> <p><b>Situation Room and information flow in emergencies and disasters.</b> <i>Mariana Quishpillo</i></p> <p><b>Operational Actions in the Framework of the 2024 Forest Fire Emergency in the DMQ: Organisation, Resources and Inter-institutional Coordination</b> <i>Fire Brigade of the Metropolitan District of Quito</i></p>
17:00 - 18:00 <b>30 min</b>	<i>Return to the hotel</i>



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<b>Day 3: 07 November 2024 (field trip)</b>	
<b>Location: Province of Imbabura, National Park Cotacachi-Cayapas</b>	
06:30 – 09:30 <i>180 min</i>	<i>Visit to the province of Imbabura (Atuntaqui - Taita Imbabura Cultural Centre).</i>
08:00 – 08:20 <i>20 min</i>	<i>Break at San Pablo Lake (tasting of cakes and cheese)</i>
09:30 – 09:40 <i>10 min</i>	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <i>Cristian Soria, Zonal Director of Environment, MAATE</i> <i>Representative of the National Secretary of Risk Management (SNGR)</i>
09:40 – 10:20 <i>40 min</i>	<b>Indigenous Ceremony / Ritual of renewal of energies</b>
10:20 – 10:40 <i>20 min</i>	<b>Presentation of the Inter-institutional Plan for Forest Fire Management of the Taita Imbabura Conservation Area in Atuntaqui</b> <i>Luis Vilca- Administrator of the Consortium Taita Imbabura</i>
10:40 – 11:20 <i>40 min</i>	<b>Presentation of the activation plan for the Province of Imbabura</b> <i>Community Brigade of Nangurima (BRICOM)</i> <i>Rafael Defaz, MAATE</i>
11:20 – 11:40 <i>20 min</i>	<b>Presentation of the activation plan for the Province of Imbabura</b> <i>Integrated Fire Management Specialist Brigade (BREMIF)</i> <i>Bolívar Montenegro, MAATE</i>
11:40 – 12:00 <i>20 min</i>	<b>Presentation of the activation plan for the Province of Imbabura</b> <i>Forest Fire Response Brigade (BRIF)</i> <i>Patricio Rodríguez, Fire Brigade of Ibarra</i>
12:00 – 12:10 <i>10 min</i>	<b>Group photo</b>
12:10 – 13:00 <i>50 min</i>	<i>Visit to the Cotacachi Cayapas National Park</i>
13:00 – 14:00 <i>60 min</i>	<b>Tour to the Sacred Route of the Cotacachi Cayapas National Park</b> <i>Rafael Defas, MAATE</i>
14:00 – 15:00 <i>60 min</i>	<b>Lunch</b>
15:00 – 16:00 <i>60 min</i>	<i>Visit to the Cuicocha Lagoon</i>
16:00 – 19:00 <i>180 min</i>	<i>Departure from Cotacachi Cayapas National Park to the city of Quito</i>



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<b>Day 4: 08 November 2024</b>	
<b>Location: Dann Carlton Hotel, Victoria room (penthouse)</b>	
09:00 – 09:10 10 min	<b>Opening and welcome</b> Jesús San Miguel (GEFF LAC)
09:10 – 10:30 80 min	<b>Presentation of International and Cooperation Organisations</b>
	<i>Presentation of Amazonia+ Programme</i>
	<i>Presentation of MOU MIF OTCA and RAMIF</i>
	<i>Presentation of GIZ CorAmazonia Programme</i>
	<i>Presentation of USAID/USFS</i>
10:30 – 11:00 30 min	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 – 13:00 120 min	<i>Presentation FAO SDC MIF Andes Project</i>
	<i>Presentation BID</i>
	<i>Presentation of EU Civil Protection Mechanism</i>
	<i>presentation of EU FAST, interventions in 2024</i>
13:00-14:00 60 min	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:30 90 min	<i>Presentación de los avances de las Grupos de trabajo GEFF LAC</i>
15:30-15:50 20 min	<b>Break</b>
15:50-16:35 45 min	<i>Presentation of the progress of the GEFF LAC Working Groups</i>
16:35-17:00 25 min	<b>Conclusions and closing of the event</b> Jesús San Miguel (GEFF LAC)

