

External control in climate adaptation

Promotion of climate change adaptation measures driven by Supreme Audit Institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean

External government control can secure a more effective oversight of sustainable infrastructure and its contribution to climate adaptation, environmental protection and human rights.

Context

Climate change causes extreme weather events, which consequently harm populations, ecosystems and public services, especially the most vulnerable groups and regions. In 2023, several extreme weather events, such as storms, floods, landslides, droughts and high temperatures affected Latin America and the Caribbean regions. Essential public facilities - hospitals, bridges and highways - are particularly affected by these phenomena, as their functioning and accessibility may be at risk. Therefore, infrastructure needs to be designed in a sustainable manner in order to adapt to this situation and reduce its negative impacts.

The climate crisis represents one of the greatest challenges for the region, demanding not only responses to the natural disasters that have already been manifesting, but also a strategic approach that promotes more resilient and sustainable development in the long term.

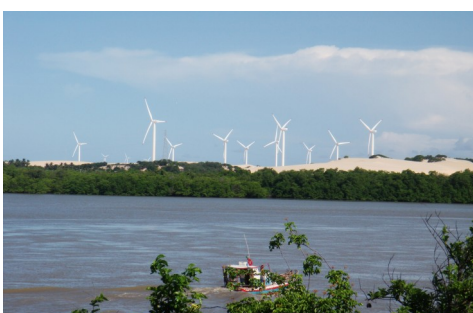
External control has the potential to ensure that sustainable infrastructure is not just a promise, but a reality that benefits present and future generations. By auditing resources, practices and impacts, Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) enable the integration of sustainability and resilience in infrastructure projects, promoting a balance between economic development, social justice and environmental preservation.

Capacity building in information and communication technologies (ICT) optimises audit processes through data-driven decisions, while the institutionalisation of exchange formats enhances continuous collaboration and knowledge flow. Collectively, these elements contribute to the development of innovative methods to improve oversight mechanisms in the face of climate change impacts.

Project name	Promotion of climate change adaptation measures driven by Supreme Audit Institutions
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Country	Latin America and the Caribbean
Implementing Agency	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Political partners	Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil (TCU)
Budget	€ 2.500.000
Duration	October 2024 to September 2027

Objective

In this context, the Latin American and Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) and the German Cooperation, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, implement the regional project **Promotion of climate change adaptation measures driven by Supreme Audit Institutions.**



Left: Wind power in Brazil.

Right: Wind measurement masts installation in Chile.

Left: Dam construction.

Right: Solar panels.



The overall objective of the project is to **establish the institutional requirements for conducting audits of sustainable infrastructure** by member institutions of the Latin American and Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions.

With over 10 years of cooperation between OLACEFS and GIZ, the project establishes a strategic alliance to promote measures in the area of governmental control, so that public infrastructure projects are managed in an efficient and responsible manner.

Methodology

The Project operates in two fields of action or components:

Enhancing the effectiveness of infrastructure audit processes:

This involves the development and incorporation of tools, as well as capacity building, for sustainable infrastructure audit processes using information and communication technologies (ICT), with a special focus on gender equality.

Promoting collaborative efforts:

This includes institutionalising exchange formats, such as dialogue events and working groups, between OLACEFS bodies and member institutions, as well as external stakeholders, on sustainable infrastructure and its contribution to environmental protection and human rights.



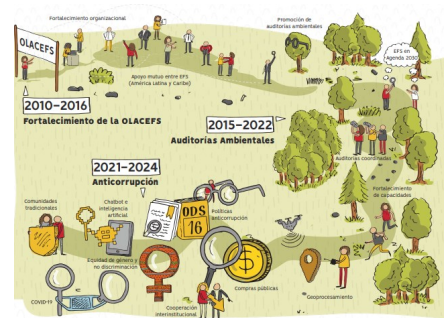
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Area of action



The project is implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the open participation of the 22 Supreme Audit Institutions that make up OLACEFS, with a particular emphasis on the Amazon region.

History of cooperation with OLACEFS



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