

# Sustainability at the IDB



At the IDB, we know that investing in and protecting our natural and social capital improves the quality of life for Latin America and the Caribbean. From financing clean energy and wastewater infrastructure to avoiding emissions by providing people with reliable low-carbon transportation or integrating biodiversity values into a road or dam project, we have made sustainability integral to our work.

## Our Region's Challenges

**+FIFTEEN**

percent increase in rate of urbanization, from 64% to 79%, in 20 years



**TWENTY-TWO**

percent of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from transport



**US\$3.6 BILLION**

reported annual economic damages from natural disasters



**xTWO**

demand for electricity expected by 2030



**TWENTY-FIVE**

percent increased demand for water anticipated by 2030



**0.4 PERCENT**

annual forest loss, a driver of biodiversity loss and increased carbon emissions



## Our Approach

### STRATEGIES

New Infrastructure Strategy that balances environmental, social, and fiscal concerns, and new guidance on agriculture, natural resources, urban development, and housing, consistent with existing Bank strategies, including the Climate Change and Clean Energy Strategy

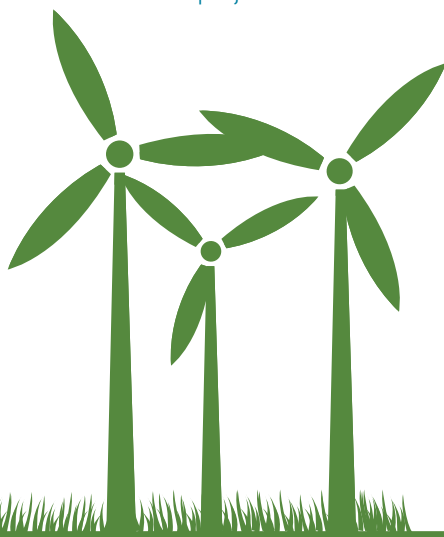
### INVESTMENTS

Projects focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation, clean energy, natural resource management, sustainable infrastructure, gender and social inclusion, as well as special programs, partnerships, and funds, including:

- The Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Program
- The Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative
- Climate Investment Funds

### POLICIES

Robust suite of environmental and social safeguard standards applied to all Bank projects



## Our Results

**TWENTY**

percent total lending for environmental sustainability and climate change-related projects, putting us on target to meet our goal of 25% by 2015

**EIGHTY-SEVEN**

percent of projects with high environmental and social risks rated satisfactory, exceeding our goal of 85% by 2015



**THREE**

climate change pilot projects in key economic sectors



**ONE million+**

people given access to improved public low-carbon transportation



**SIXTY**

percent of IDB-supported power generation capacity from low carbon sources



**ONE million+**

farmers given access to agricultural services and investments



**FIFTEEN**

loans contributing to improved management of terrestrial and marine protected areas



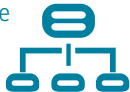
**THREE**

national frameworks for climate change mitigation supported

## Our Region's Progress

**UP**

countries with planning capacity for climate change mitigation and adaptation



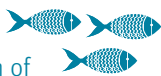
**DOWN**

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per US\$ GDP



**UP**

proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected



**DOWN**

annual reported economic damages from natural disasters

