



ROAD TO **CARBON NEUTRAL**

Visions for Colombia 2050



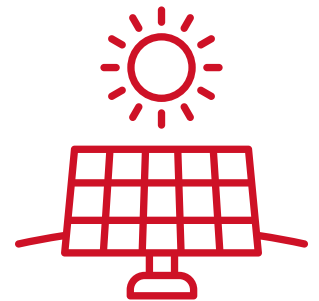
 **CLIMATE GROUP**



This project seeks to empower government officials, entrepreneurs, journalists and civil society from local territories in Colombia to create visions of decarbonisation pathways in the energy and transport sectors.

GOALS

- Strengthen the technical capacities of public officials in the departmental and municipal government offices to plan solutions that contribute to the reduction of **greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)** in alignment with Colombia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and the **E2050 Long-Term Strategy for Climate Resilience**.
- **Build impactful local narratives** for the promotion of a productive low-carbon economy for the benefit of local communities.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

In order to implement the plan at a territorial level, OpEPA, The Climate Group and The Climate Reality Project Latin America have designed this project to create visions for decarbonisation in Colombia. This programme is based on the methodology of The Climate Group, which through a “Pathways framework”, helps subnational governments to plan a custom-made pathway to achieve their long-term emissions reduction goal. This approach responds to the need for action by governments, entrepreneurs and communities to put equality, sustainability and decarbonisation at the centre of the economic recovery from COVID-19.

The empowerment of governments and local businesses, the sectoral engagement and the recovery strategies are crucial for the coordinated development of mitigation actions and just energy transition in Colombia in the short and medium term.

This project will contribute to UK PACT's desired outcome of enhanced and sustained action on climate change, driving the necessary behavioural change and the sub-national level capabilities to reduce emissions in Colombia, while promoting a sustainable economic recovery, all in alignment with the E2050 goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

In the framework of its preventive role, The Inspector-General's Office of Colombia will support this project to strengthen Colombia's commitment to reduce emissions, taking into consideration the appropriate institutional articulation, as well as the knowledge and planning that the territories have in this area for the matters that this project seeks to strengthen.



Through the 'Empowered Territories' workshop series held during 2020, the consortium identified the importance of working around three goals:

- **Supporting long-term emission reduction plans** along with sectoral visions in transport and energy for selected jurisdictions;
- **Improving the technical skills** of relevant subnational actors on the development of decarbonisation pathways and long-term visions setting;
- **Improving the awareness of the general public** and stakeholders through storytelling techniques that help support the adoption and the long-term behavioural changes for sectoral transformation.

PHASES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Phase 1 •▶ Phase 2

The goal during this phase is for government officials to understand the key components and steps to develop a pathway towards a low-carbon economy.

The phase will start by mapping the key actors in the 16 departments with the highest carbon dioxide emissions (CO₂) in Colombia. The departments are: Antioquia, Atlántico, Bogotá, Bolívar, Boyacá, Caquetá, Casanare, Cesar, Cundinamarca, Guaviare, La Guajira, Meta, Nariño, Putumayo, Santander and Valle del Cauca. The project team will deliver a series of workshops with the stakeholders to introduce and standardise knowledge on the concept of low carbon pathway development.

The goal during this phase is to build visions of decarbonisation in the five departments with the highest emissions in the energy and transport sectors in Colombia (Antioquia, Bogotá, Boyacá, Cundinamarca and Valle del Cauca). The visions will be constructed through theoretical and practical sectoral workshops involving a variety of actors, including local private entities from the transport and energy sectors, and community stakeholders such as women, indigenous communities and youth.

This phase will also focus on an analysis of green economic recovery options in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and possible strategies that will foster local economic development opportunities in the short, medium and long-term.

Phase 3 ◀.....

The goal during this phase is to disseminate the visions with the general public. Community workshops will be introduced to this end, incorporating communication strategies and storytelling techniques. The project team will work with journalists and community leaders to discuss the visions that these territories are set to embark on. This communication strategy will build consensus and encourage behavioural change amongst the general public.



ABOUT THE PARTNERS



OpEPA (Organisation for Environmental Education and Protection) has been reconnecting young people with the Earth to act in an environmentally sustainable way for more than 20 years. It has trained more than 100,000 children, 5,000 teachers and educators and 1,000 community leaders.



The Climate Group is a non-profit organisation founded in 2003 with the aim of convening powerful networks of companies and governments that transform global markets and policies to ensure a world with net zero emissions by 2050 and greater prosperity for all. The Climate Group is the Secretariat of the Under2 Coalition, the largest global network of states and regions committed to emissions reductions in alignment with the Paris Agreement.



The Climate Reality Project is the project founded in 2006 by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore, which today leads a global movement of more than 31,000 climate leaders in 168 countries.



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