Bolivia facing Climate Change
Bolivia’s position in the face of Climate Change

2006 - 2010

• Denounced capitalism as the structural cause of Global Climate Change.

• Put forth the need to give a “voice” to communities around the world.
• It was proposed the recognition of the Rights of Mother Earth
  • At the national level: Law N° 71 on the Rights of Mother Earth
  • Collective rights of human beings and their ways of life
Recognizes:

• As the basis of the agreement, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities

• The importance of guaranteeing Mother Earth’s integrity

• Equitable access to sustainable development and the eradication of poverty in the fight against climate change

• The rights of indigenous peoples

• The inclusion of the message of Climate Justice

• The incorporation of a joint focus on mitigation and adaptation for the comprehensive and sustainable management of forests
Climate Governance in Bolivia
Legal Framework on Climate Change

2012

- **Law 71 (2010)**: Law on the Rights of Mother Earth

2012

- **Law 300 (2012)**: Framework Law on Mother Earth and Comprehensive Development for Living Well

2013

- **Supreme Decree 1696**: Regulates the functioning of the Plurinational Authority of Mother Earth and its operating mechanisms

2016

- **Law 777**: Incorporates Risk Management and Climate Change in the State’s Comprehensive Planning System
Institutionality of Climate Change

- Joint Mechanism: Holistic Territorial focus
  - Bolivian Alternative to the commodification of environmental services;
  - Comprehensive and sustainable management of forest systems;
  - Mitigation and adaptation goals

- Adaptation Mechanism: Programmatic focus
  - Resilience of life systems for sustainable food security;
  - Preventing and reducing the risk of Climate Change;
  - Comprehensive water management;
  - Health and Education on Climate Change;

- Mitigation Mechanism: Sectorial focus
  - Energy;
  - Industry;
  - Services related to mitigation

Inter-governmental and inter-institutional Coordination Knowledge Management

Plurinational Fund for Mother Earth
Bolivia’s Position on climate change at the international level is completely consistent with the Process of Change and of Building the Plurinational State
Joint Mechanism for Mitigation and Adaption for the Comprehensive and Sustainable Management of Forests
SCOPE OF THE JOINT MECHANISM

- Proposed as an alternative to REDD+
- Framed with a non-market focus
- Opposed to the commodification of forests

IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

- Public entities at the central level of the State
- Autonomous territorial entities
- Community, social, productive, and non-profit organizations
- Private sector
- Academic institutions
In Bolivia, in 2017, the Indigenous, First Nations and Farmers Platform against Climate Change was created
ORIENTED TOWARDS CREATING LINKS BETWEEN ALL STATE ACTORS

PLATFORM

LEGISLATIVE

INDIGENOUS, FIRST NATIONS AND FARMING COMMUNITIES

INDIGENOUS UNIVERSITIES

EXECUTIVE

INDIGENOUS UNIVERSITIES
Achievements:

• Operationalizing the Platform for Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples

• Participation of indigenous, First Nations, and farming communities from Bolivia with one voice and one vote