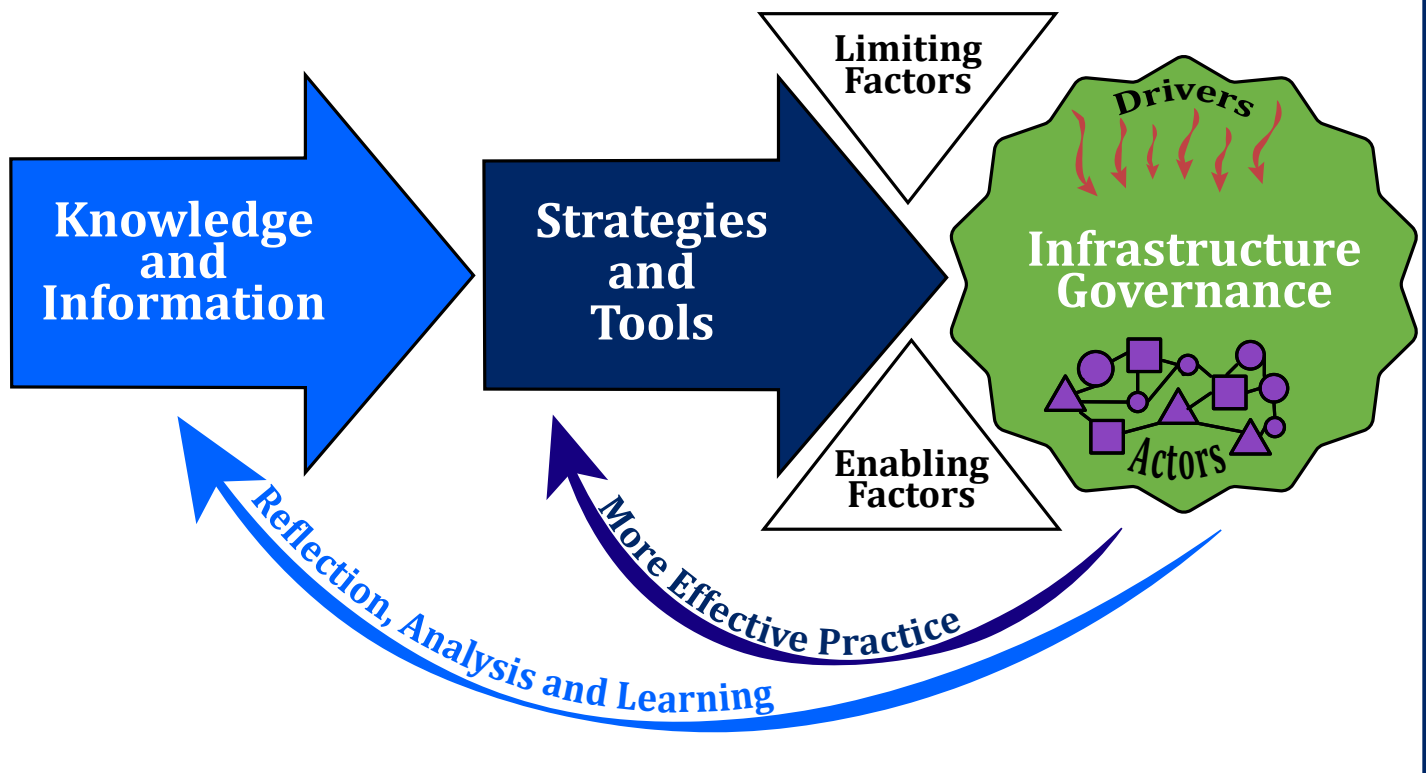


Pan-Amazon Community of Practice: Governance and Infrastructure in Protected Areas Mosaics

The Tropical Conservation and Development Program at the University of Florida is launching a new project on Governance and Infrastructure in the Amazon (GIA) with support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The initiative is a continuation of the **collective learning process** of the [UF Amazon Workshop](http://ufamazonworkshop.org) on Tools and Strategies for Conservation and Development in the Amazon: Lessons Learned and Future Pathways. See <http://uftcd.org/2017-uf-amazon-workshop/> for workshop report, links to presentations, and other materials.

Working with partners, UF aims to **create, strengthen and expand a Community of Practice** for learning and reflection on the use of **tools and strategies** by key Amazon stakeholders to improve **social-environmental governance** and reduce threats from infrastructure development.

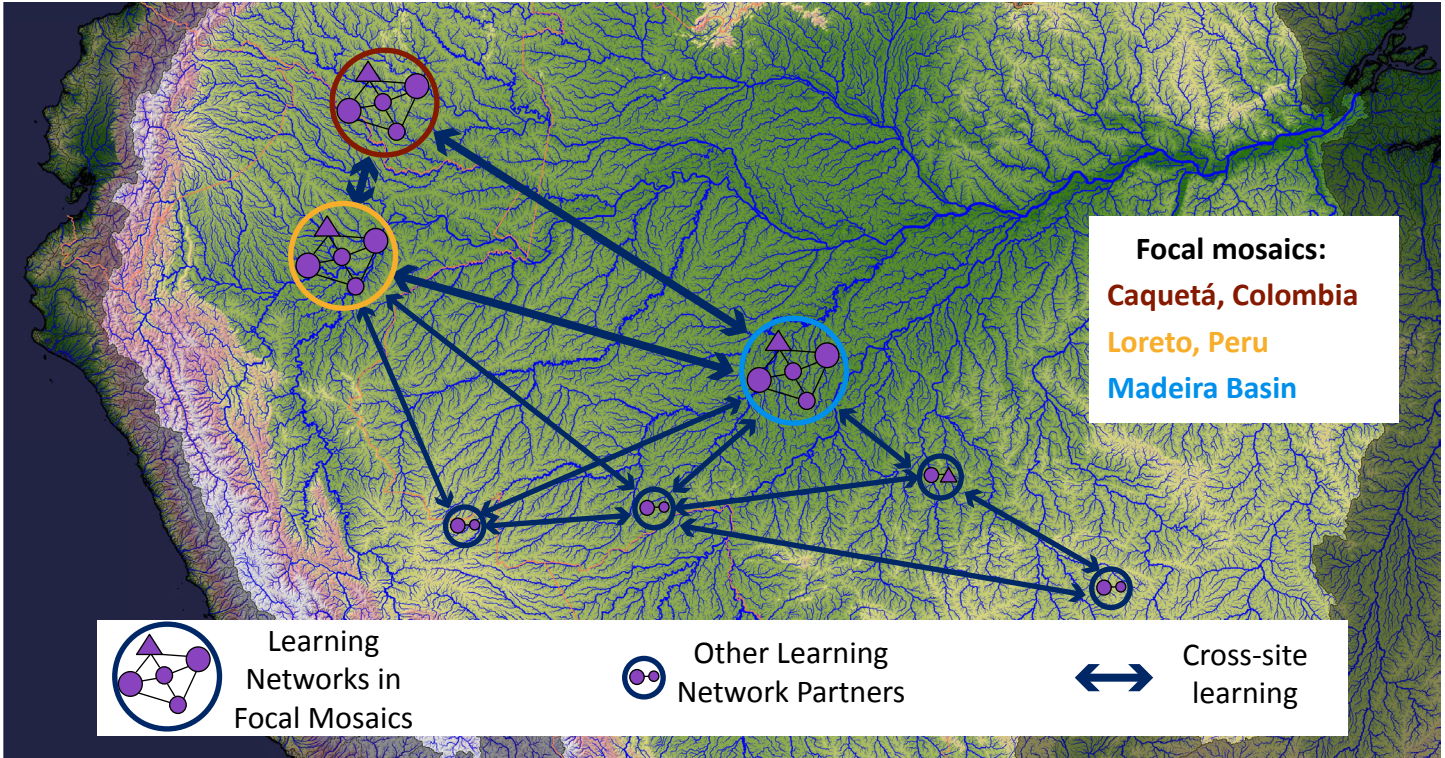


A Community of Practice encompasses a group of professionals and actors who interact regularly and learn together through an exchange of experiences, skills and approaches for improving performance.

Tools and strategies are general approaches and specific techniques used by conservation and development practitioners, such as awareness raising, law enforcement, livelihood and economic incentives, conservation designation and planning, and legal and policy frameworks.

Social-environmental governance refers to the rules, processes and institutional architecture by which social, political and administrative actors control decision-making over the allocation of rights to and use of environmental resources such as forests, water and land.

This new project will facilitate networking, training and research in partnership with networks of practitioners who seek to inform planning and implementation of infrastructure projects, especially dams, roads and waterways, in three focal mosaics that contain protected areas and indigenous territories.



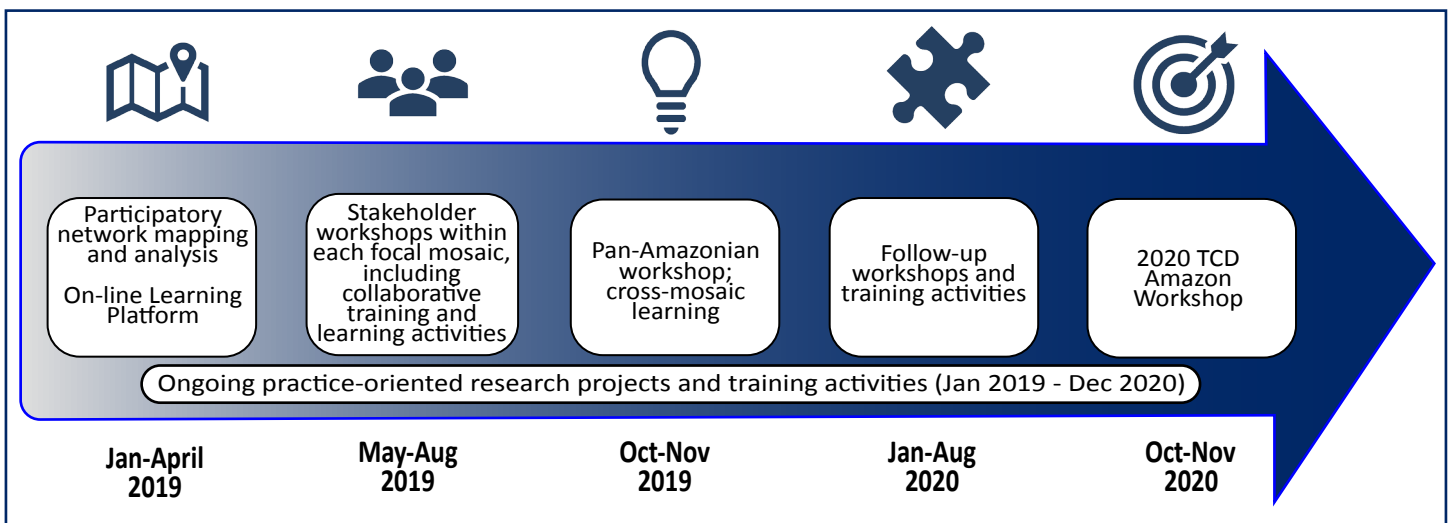
Building and strengthening a community of practice across the Amazon provides a platform for practitioners to exchange experiences about infrastructure planning and governance of protected areas mosaics; identify gaps in understanding; learn from each other; and improved the effectiveness of our work. Questions to be explored include:

What tools and strategies are being used to translate knowledge and information into governance impact?

What factors enable and limit effective governance, and how do these affect the impacts of tools and strategies?

What's working, what's not working, and what lessons can be learned?

How can we strengthen and improve the use of tools and strategies?



Activities will be carried out jointly with partners over a **2-year period (2019-2020)**. For further information, please contact Robert Buschbacher (rbusch@ufl.edu) or Simone Athayde (simonea@ufl.edu) at the University of Florida.

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