

# Metropolitan Area of San Salvador

**Country** —————→ El Salvador  
**World Region** —————→ Central America

**Population** —————→ 1.9 million  
**Area** —————→ 610km<sup>2</sup>



## Context

The Metropolitan Area of San Salvador, comprising 14 municipalities, is coordinated by OPAMSS, El Salvador's principal metropolitan planning entity. OPAMSS drives initiatives in transportation integration, urban planning, and environmental sustainability, facilitating regional collaboration to achieve equitable development and climate resilience.



## Economic profile

GDP AS % OF NATIONAL GDP **33%**

WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP **Upper-middle income**

GDP PER CAPITA **5,064 USD**

**Major economic activities:** Services sector, manufacturing and industry, communication technology (ICT), construction, energy sector.



## Governance structure

YEAR OF CONSTITUTION **1988**

TYPE OF METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT **Metropolitan government**

**Legal framework:** Governance relies on the Municipal Code (1986), Urban and Territorial Planning Law (2011), and Environmental Law (1998). The Council of Mayors of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador (COAMSS) coordinates inter-municipal policies, while the Planning Office of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador (OPAMSS) oversees urban planning and development.

**Administrative structure:** COAMSS (Council of Mayors of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador) consists of directly elected mayors from 14 municipalities, overseeing metropolitan development and policy. OPAMSS (Planning Office of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador) acts as the technical and advisory body for COAMSS, with appointed experts managing urban planning. CODEMET (Metropolitan Development Council) facilitates collaboration between municipalities and the central government on territorial planning, with members appointed from local and central governments. COPLAMSS (Planning Committee of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador), also composed of appointed technical experts, provides advisory and consultative support to CODEMET.

**Number and type of administrative units:** 14 municipalities.



## Key strategic plans



STRATEGIC

Metropolitan Resilience Strategy



RESILIENCE

Metropolitan Climate Action Plan



INNOVATION

Metropolitan Resilience Strategy