

Bogotá- Cundinamarca Metropolitan Region

Country	Colombia
Population	10,4 millions
World region	Latin America and The Caribbean

● Context

The Bogotá-Cundinamarca Metropolitan Region (RMBC) was created as an innovative regional governance mechanism designed to coordinate Bogotá, D.C., with municipalities of the surrounding department of Cundinamarca. Established to address the growing interdependence between the capital city and its peri-urban municipalities, the RMBC enables joint metropolitan-scale planning in land use, mobility, public services, environmental management, economic development and major infrastructure. Municipalities retain their autonomy, but join the metropolitan region through voluntary adhesion.

● Economic profile

World Bank income group: Upper-Middle

Major economic activities

Bogotá accounts for approximately 26% of Colombia's GDP, with the metropolitan economy dominated by financial and professional services, retail and wholesale trade, logistics, public administration, transport services, construction, and light manufacturing.

Own source revenues

Because the RMBC is an associative body rather than a fiscal government, it does not collect its own metropolitan taxes. Instead, each municipality and Bogotá, D.C., maintain their own revenue bases, while metropolitan projects are financed through coordinated contributions and intergovernmental agreements.

● Governance structure

Year of constitution: 2022

Type of metropolitan government: Metropolitan government – two-tier (indirectly elected)

Legal framework

The RMBC was created as an associative model established in Article 325 of the Political Constitution, developed through the Legislative Act 02 of 2020 and the Organic Law 2199 of 2022. The RMBC legally exercises coordinated powers in mobility, public services, land-use and territorial planning, environmental management, economic development and shared metropolitan infrastructure. Local governments do not lose autonomy; rather, they delegate selected metropolitan functions to the regional body.

Administrative structure

The RMBC operates through a Regional Council composed of the Mayor of Bogotá, the Governor of Cundinamarca, and the mayors of the municipalities that voluntarily join the region. This council serves as the metropolitan decision-making authority, adopting regional policies, approving metropolitan plans and defining joint investments. Municipalities maintain their own institutions and administrative responsibilities, but participate in the design of metropolitan strategies. The RMBC functions as a supramunicipal governance body designed to overcome fragmentation by aligning policies and investments across jurisdictions.

Annual revenue, expenditure and sources

The RMBC does not operate as a traditional metropolitan government with a unified budget. Instead, financing depends on intergovernmental cooperation among the member municipalities, Bogotá, D.C., and the Department of Cundinamarca.

Number and type of administrative units

Bogotá, D.C., and 22 municipalities.

KEY STRATEGIC PLAN



Resilience



Strategic

Strategic Mplan for the
Metropolitan Region



Innovation