

COLOMBIA



Transformative Innovation Policy has become the national strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation in Colombia - a global first. TIP is transforming regional innovation policy to meet the specific needs of local communities to create a more equal society which nurtures biodiversity.



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TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION POLICY IN COLOMBIA

KEY PARTNERS

Colombian Administrative Department of Science, Technology & Innovation (COLCIENCIAS).

Following the 2016 peace treaty, Colombia is adopting new national strategies for meeting social and environmental challenges. STI policy in Colombia has a history of over 50 years, with a national system of innovation implemented in the country in 1995. The current post-conflict era opens up opportunity to address these challenges with a new transformative approach.

THE PROJECT

Through a mentoring project in seven different regions, TIP is working with COLCIENCIAS to explore seven contextualised cases of transformative potential. By opening up participation to social actors such as social movements, businesses, charities, and local co-operatives, policy is learning from bottom-up initiatives in order to facilitate and support transformative regional change. At National level the Libro Verde (Green Book) sets out a strategy for TIP that is now adopted into law.



“For the first time, I feel that the civil society, the average citizen, is effectively participating in a process of generating scientific and technological policies for this country.”

Participant in the mentorship scheme

CASE-STUDY

Innovation in the niche of speciality coffee could lead to wider changes for the national market and local communities. Small-scale coffee farmers in the province of Huila are experimenting with speciality coffee in order to improve their income, increase ownership over their product, and meet sustainability goals. The production of high-quality, environmentally friendly speciality coffee has led to farmers having a new relationship with their crop and its production process, as well as including previously marginalised groups like women.



“Before we [women] were behind [in the background]; now, through specialty coffees, we are out front, selling, getting to know things. [Now I can say] I’m good. I’m a businesswoman.”

Speciality coffee farmer

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