

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Project Officer of the Amazon 2.0 Regional Project in Guyana

Organization: Amerindian Peoples Association

Location: Georgetown, Guyana

Reports to: Executive Director (the Amazon 2.0 Project)

Work Percentage: 100% but can be negotiated

Start waiting date: September 1 (or earlier) 2020

Type of contract: Fixed term (4 months)

Closing date: August 21, 2020

INTRODUCTION

About the Amazon 2.0 Project

The main objective of this project is to contribute to the reduction of deforestation of tropical forests in six countries: Guyana, Suriname, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru. In order to confront these threats, the capacities of indigenous and peasant organizations from these six territories in the Amazon basin will be strengthened through community forestry oversight and the articulation of a social and technological platform that supports the dissemination of information on threats to forests and actions taken to mitigate them. The project hopes to have the support of a network of partners to promote an agenda of public policy at the regional level based on the territorial management models generated from the various activities.

Amazon 2.0 aims to strengthen forest governance models in indigenous and peasant territories of the Amazon biome, with the aim of strengthening local capacities for good governance of territories and forests through the consolidation of a “community oversight” model developed in South America. It is a collaborative regional initiative financed by the European Union through the Amazonia 2.0 project, and executed since 2017 under the coordination of IUCN South, in conjunction with IUCN Brazil, Fundación Natura (Colombia), Fundación EcoCiencia (Ecuador), ECO REDD (Peru), Amazon Conservation Team - ACT (Suriname) and Amerindian Peoples Association - APA (Guyana).

For the design of the project, the partners capitalized on the experiences of previous projects including those funded by the European Union, such as supporting the implementation its FLEGT Action Plan

Amazon 2.0 applies a comprehensive model with interconnected elements. These include: 1) Monitoring: strengthening the commitment, capacities and social networking tools for local monitoring and better governance; 2) Advocacy on national and regional policies on climate change and forests to contribute to decision-making processes at the local, provincial and national levels, based on the information obtained through monitoring; 3) With the two previous elements, contribute to better territorial management considering the role of local actors and their worldview, and thereby reduce threats and pressures on the territory. And finally, 4) Cumulative efforts help the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems in Amazonian landscapes.

The **Amazon 2.0** project has been developing territorial management models where the role of indigenous peoples and peasants in strategic areas of intervention are highlighted and articulated through a regional platform. This platform generates spaces for articulation, with community learning being one of the priorities towards strengthening the monitoring capacity of the territories, as well as strengthening forest governance at local and national levels, all linked to national and global initiatives.

In Guyana, the initiative is being implemented by the Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) in seven villages of the Patamona and Makushi Peoples of Region 8 Potaro/Siparuni. The work is being carried out in collaboration with the North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC) which is the governing body of the 18 villages that make up the Council and which the seven villages mentioned above form a part of. Two

member of each of the seven communities will be trained to monitor the impacts of mining and logging in their lands. This data will be collected using smart tools which will then be analysed and reports generated from them for dissemination for advocacy and other purposes.

In this context, a professional is being sought to fulfill the role of Project Officer for the Guyana component of the Amazon 2.0 project. This person will work closely with the administrative and financial teams of the IUCN Regional Coordination Office in Ecuador, will focus on capitalizing on progress to date, and effectively consolidate key actions and products through the final stage of the project.

Additional information can be found at: <https://amazoniadospuncocero.com/>

Job overview

The person to be contracted will be responsible for the coordination of the Amazon 2.0 project in Guyana, ensuring its impacts, results, and expected products are achieved, and will lead in the planning, monitoring and management of the project.

She/he must provide purposeful and effective leadership, as well as strategic visioning in implementing the project in communication and coordination with the regional coordination office and the implementing partners.

She/he will be responsible for the effective integration of the different components of the project to guarantee that the results and impact of the project are achieved through adaptive management of the project.

She/he will be responsible for linking and harmonizing effective synergies for results towards achieving the objectives of the project. She/he will use her/his experience to strategically analyze, systematize and generate work products.

She/He must sign a confidentiality agreement not to disclose any sensitive information gathered during the course of the consultancy.

Description of activities

1. Strategically plan and operationalize activities of the Amazon 2.0 Project according to the main priorities, detailing such activities, related products/outputs and costs.
2. Effectively organize the Guyana team through close coordination and management with the APA administrative-financial team and the regional coordination of the Amazon 2.0 project.
3. Ensure the implementation of the Plan of Activities in accordance with IUCN standards, guidelines, procedures and requirements, and document the progress of the project.
4. Implement and monitor Amazon 2.0 actions in Guyana, ensuring compliance with the project objectives in accordance with the logical framework of the project and the national and regional strategic vision.
5. Ensure contracts and purchases for the various activities comply with established procedures for contracting and purchasing
6. Plan, contract and supervise the consultancies necessary for the implementation and consolidation of the project in Guyana according to the logical framework and guidelines provided by the regional coordination.
7. Follow up on technical cooperation agreements, and develop, implement and report inter-institutional plans and agendas that strengthen the impact of the Amazon 2.0 in the country.
8. Coordinate with institutional and local actors at various levels for the effective achievement project activities in Guyana.
9. Design and implement advocacy actions with state and national bodies in mind to ensure their utilization of the project's products and results.

10. Provide national visibility of the progress and achievements of the project.
11. Guide the strategic content of communication actions according to the project communication plan and the regional strategy.
12. Implement a database of the various information generated from the project, with deliverables and organized means of verification.
13. Identify opportunities to ensure the continuity and sustainability of the project.
14. Participate effectively in the various meetings of the Amazon 2.0 project, including those of the technical committee, collective learning sessions, and others that are required.
15. Provide timely technical project reports as required by the Project Regional Coordination and IUCN in general.
16. Continuously provide information as required by the Regional Coordination.
17. Maintain, strengthen and guarantee a fluid and permanent relationship with the Project team both within IUCN and with the project partners.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Related academic training, e.g. natural resources project planning, forest governance, etc. with a minimum of a bachelor's degree;
2. Minimum of 5 years' experience in management of forest projects and/or natural resources, or forest governance with indigenous communities in Guyana or the Amazon.
3. Minimum 5 years' experience in effective project coordination and management.
4. Knowledge and understanding of inter-cultural and multi-stakeholder approaches to work, including experience and knowledge of working with Amazonian indigenous peoples, particularly in Guyana and preferably in the area of project priorities.
5. Knowledge and experience in the design and implementation of performance and impact monitoring systems for projects at different scales (local, national, regional), including reports to donors.
6. Experience in assembling, updating and managing the database on technical issues, dissemination and monitoring of projects to facilitate decision-making, recording progress of the project, among others.
7. Bilingual English- Spanish (spoken and written).
8. Excellent analytical and writing skills.

EXPECTED SKILLS

1. High proactivity and responsibility.
2. Management by results: effective implementation to achieve products and results with high quality and standards.
3. Demonstrated ability for interpersonal relationships and ability to work in networks in multicultural contexts.
4. Excellent organizational capacity to lead strategic and technical aspects related to administrative and financial issues.
5. Excellent team work and work under pressure and ability to anticipate solutions to various challenges.
6. Leadership and negotiation skills for the achievement of agreements and results.
7. Ability to propose solutions and handle complex situations.
8. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written.
9. Open to the adaptive learning and management.
10. Desirable: knowledge of EU rules and procedures

Note: It is desirable for the consultant reside in Guyana, or else to have the availability to travel once the restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted.

APPLICATIONS

To apply for a position send application and curriculum vitae to the Executive Director, Amerindian Peoples Association via email at apaguy@networksgy.com . Due to the current pandemic, we are not receiving physical mail. For more information, call 227 0275 or 624-2992.

About APA

The Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) is a non-governmental Indigenous Peoples organization in Guyana. It is primarily an advocacy organization that seeks to promote and defend the rights of the Indigenous Peoples of Guyana.

The objectives of the APA are to promote the social, economic, political and cultural development of indigenous communities in solidarity with each other and to promote and defend their rights.

The long term goal of the APA is to secure legislative and policy changes to protect indigenous rights in all instances, to promote representation of indigenous peoples by indigenous peoples themselves, to provide information to indigenous communities about their rights under national and international law, to promote the sustainable use of the natural resources by indigenous peoples and to ensure the protection of the environment, to secure participation in development activities and decision making processes that affect the lives of the indigenous peoples of Guyana, and to ensure that the state fulfill its obligations in providing basic services to indigenous communities such as health, education, transportation and communication services.

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