

Consultancy: Document and Adapt Forest Governance Indicators at the Local Community Level with Special Attention to FLEGT Criteria and REDD+ Safeguards, Activity 1.4 of the Amazon 2.0 Project

1. General Information

Organization: Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)

Location: 200 Charlotte Street, Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana

Reports to: Project Officer, Amazon 2.0 Project & Executive Director, APA

Start date: October 1, 2020

Type of contract: Consultancy

Closing date of call: September 29, 2020

2. Background

About the Amazon 2.0 Project

The main objective of the Amazon 2.0 project is to contribute to the reduction of deforestation of tropical forests in six countries in the Amazon - Guyana, Suriname, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru. In order to confront these threats, the project seeks to strengthen the capacities of indigenous and peasant organizations from these six territories through community forestry oversight developed in South America, 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. It also seeks 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. 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.

The project 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).

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 APA is an indigenous peoples' organisation that seeks to promote and defend the rights of indigenous peoples in Guyana. It is led by an Executive Committee comprising the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer, 13 regional representatives, a women's representative, and a youth representative. The organization has a secretariat in Georgetown headed by the Executive Director. 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.

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

3. Objectives

This main objective of this consultancy, **“Document and Adapt Forest Governance Indicators at the Local Community Level with Special Attention to FLEGT Criteria and REDD+ Safeguards, Activity”** is to document and adapt forest governance indicators at the local community level with special attention to FLEGT criteria and REDD+ safeguards.

4. Principal Activity

A Consultant is being sought to provide a report that seeks to adapt and/or define a set of monitoring indicators at the local community level with special attention to FLEGT criteria and REDD+ safeguards.

5. Deliverables

The consultant will specifically:

- a. Report on Guyana's legal and regulatory framework relating to forest governance, if it adequately caters for indigenous people's participation, and if so, at what level(s);
- b. Report on Guyana efforts to meet REDD+ and FLEGT safeguards by providing the background to and update of Guyana's work on FLEGT VPA as well as on REDD+ and say how safeguards specific to indigenous peoples have been addressed and implemented.;
- c. Systematize the main advances Guyana has made in the implementation of a REDD + strategy, the FLEGT process and other projects or experiences that have created indicators for forest monitoring generally, and indigenous community forest monitoring, specifically;
- d. Identify criteria to be used for adapting and prioritizing indicators based on what is at the national and international levels, and others deemed to be pertinent;
- e. Articulate the criteria used for measuring the indicators, and how this will be done;
- f. Adapt and/or develop a set of community monitoring indicators for forest governance that link National REDD+ strategy, and MRV systems to be presented to the government and indigenous organizations when the situation permits;
- g. Define each indicator in the form of a statement or in the form of a technical sheet to enhance better overall understanding. The selection of indicators must be justified within the context of governance at the local, community level;
- h. Assess community experiences related to the REDD+ Strategy and FLEGT protocols and other related projects implemented by other organizations.

- i. Articulate community experiences with other organizations, comparing these with their experiences with REDD and FLEGT.
- j. Propose a protocol for evaluation and response based on the measurement of indicators, indicate how the organizational structure could be conformed to conduct evaluation and measurement of governance processes: Who, frequency, scope, means, dissemination of results. If possible, suggest the main characteristics that an action plan could have and its compliance monitoring.
- k. Propose a follow up Plan of Action after completing the measurement and evaluation of the indicators.
- l. Indicate the steps for data processing, information analysis and presentation.
- m. Develop a workshop plan for APA team in relation to importance of REDD+, MRV and proposed forest governance monitoring indicators.

6. Qualifications and Experience

- a. Related academic training, e.g. natural resources project planning, forest governance and/or forest monitoring, with a minimum of a Master's degree;
- b. Knowledgeable of community forest management agendas and processes related to climate change, REDD+, FLEGT, MRV, etc.
- c. 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.
- d. At least 10 years' experience in community governance processes in Guyana or the Amazon;
- e. At least 5 years of practical experience with the indigenous communities and forest governance in Guyana;
- f. Ability to manage participatory methodologies, facilitation of processes and analysis, and tools for systematization.
- g. Excellent writing, analytical and reporting skills in English.

7. Duration of the Consultancy

The duration of this consultancy is two months beginning October 1. 2020.

8. Coordination and Reporting

The consultant will work closely with and report to the APA Project Officer Amazon 2.0 Project, and the Executive Director of the APA.

9. Submission of Applications

Please submit all application with a detailed Curriculum Vitae and evidence of experience and qualifications by e-mail to:

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