

**Consultancy: Provide an Analysis of the Contributions that Amazonia 2.0 Could Provide to REDD+, Indigenous Amazon REDD and the National Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Systems, Activity 1.6 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 is to analyse and provide a report on the contributions from REDD+, Amazon Indigenous REDD, and the national Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems with recommendations for developing a community monitoring platform that can provide information from communities to feed into the national MRV system.

### **4. Principal Activity**

A Consultant is being sought to provide a report that analyses the contributions from REDD+, Amazon Indigenous REDD, and the national Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system with the aim of providing recommendations for developing a community monitoring platform that can provide information from communities to feed into the national MRV platform.

### **5. Deliverables**

The main deliverables will be:

- a. An analysis of the contributions from REDD+, Amazon Indigenous REDD and national MRV systems in community monitoring;
- b. Recommendations for developing a community monitoring platform that can provide information from communities to the national MRV platform.

### **6. Qualifications and Experience**

- a. Related academic training, e.g. natural resources project planning, forest governance, forest monitoring, REDD+, and Amazon Indigenous REDD, with a minimum of a Master's degree;
- b. Knowledgeable of community forest management agendas and processes related to climate change, REDD+, 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 and ending November 30, 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 qualifications and experience by e-mail to:

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