

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Consultant to organize and prepare information from Guyana to contribute to the Amazonia 2.0 regional platform of community monitoring

#### **General Information**

**Organization:** Amerindian Peoples Association

**Location:** 200 Charlotte Street, Georgetown, Guyana

**Reports to:** Executive Director, APA

**Start date:** May 17, 2021

**Closing date:** July 17, 2021

**Type of contract:** consultancy

#### **About the Organization**

Amerindian Peoples Association, (APA) is an indigenous peoples' organization that seeks to promote and defend the rights of indigenous peoples in Guyana. The members of APA are derived from the APA units that are found throughout Guyana. APA has an Executive Committee comprising the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 13 regional representatives, a women's representative, and a youth representative.

APA's mission is "to promote the social, economic, and political development of Indigenous communities in solidarity with each other and to promote and defend their rights."

The Objectives of APA are: to secure legislative and political changes to protect indigenous rights in all instances; promote representation of indigenous peoples by indigenous peoples themselves; provide information to indigenous communities about their rights under national and international law; promote the sustainable use of 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 fulfils its obligations in providing basic services to indigenous communities such as health, education, transportation and communication services.

## **About the Project**

The **Amazonia 2.0** project seeks to help reduce deforestation of tropical forests in six countries: Guyana, Suriname, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru. To address these threats, the project seeks to strengthen the capacities of indigenous and campesino organizations from the six territories in the Amazon Basin. This is to be done through community forestry monitoring and coordination of a social and technological platform to help spread and process data on threats to forests and actions taken to mitigate them. The project also seeks the support of a network of partners to promote an agenda of public policy advocacy at the regional level based on the territorial management models it generates.

Amazonia 2.0 aims to strengthen forest governance models in indigenous and campesino territories of the Amazon biome, seeking local capacity building for good governance of territories and forests by consolidating a “community oversight” model developed in South America. It is a collaborative regional initiative financed by the European Union and implemented since 2017 under the coordination of IUCN South America in conjunction with IUCN Brazil, Fundación Natura (Colombia), Fundación EcoCiencia (Ecuador), ECO REDD (Peru), Amazon Conservation Team – Suriname or ACT (Suriname) and the Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) of Guyana.

Amazonia 2.0 applies a comprehensive model with interconnected elements: 1) Monitoring: strengthening the commitment, capacities and social and technological 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 in indigenous territories, and 4) cumulative efforts that help the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems in Amazonian landscapes.

An interactive regional platform was established and built within the framework of an articulation of 6 indigenous and peasant territorial units. This allows for the registration, analysis and reporting of information in real time to contribute to the monitoring of deforestation (pressures, threats and illegal traffic of wild animal resources), and for the monitoring of governance processes and REDD + safeguards.

For 2021 the project is planning to launch the regional platform with governments and international cooperation agencies to show the monitoring work of communities as well as other important data and information gathered. Guyana joined the project at a late stage and it has become necessary to hire a person that can work with the APA’s team to organize the information, including those from Guyana’s governmental agencies that can be fed into the regional platform.

## **Objective’s Consultancy**

Obtain, organize, process, and prepare Guyana’s information that will be provided to the Amazonia 2.0 regional platform.

## **Results:**

It is expected that the Amazonia 2.0s regional platform will have important and detailed information on Guyana from government agencies, the APA, and other organizations. The information that is collected will include:

- Maps that show land concessions for mining and logging;
- Maps showing Indigenous territories;
- Geo-referenced photographs and reports from APA's community monitoring activities;
- Maps of protected areas, rivers, water sheds;
- Other related information that the government and APA can provide.

To obtain the results the consultant must do the following activities.

1. Identify what information is available on the MRV system and other monitoring systems of the government of Guyana.
2. Coordinate with APAs technical staff to obtain the information from governments systems.
3. Identify and organize the information from APAs database that can be useful towards enrichment of the regional platform.
4. Process, and organize the information gathered and prepare it to be uploaded into the regional platform of Amazonia 2.0.
5. Participate in meetings with the IUCN regional team in charge of the development of the platform.

## **Deliverables**

1. A document that reports on the information that is available to feed into the regional platform.
2. A document that reports on the information that was uploaded to the platform. This includes information on the following:
  - Maps that show land concessions for mining and logging.
  - Maps of Indigenous territories;
  - Geo-referenced photographs and reports of APA's community monitoring activity.
  - Maps of protected areas, rivers, and water sheds.
  - Other related information that the government and APA can provide.

## **Timeline Deliverables**

<b>Products</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>Payments</b>
<b><u>Product 1</u></b>	<b><u>June 17, 2021</u></b>	<b>Payment 1</b> <b>30%</b>
<b><u>Product 2</u></b>	<b><u>July 17,2021</u></b>	<b><u>Payment 2</u></b> <b><u>70%</u></b>

**Qualifications**

- GIS and Mapping qualification
- 3 years’ experience in mapping, processing of databases information and analyzing territorial and land’s information
- Knowledge of climate change, REDD+, MRV, and community forest management agendas and processes.
- Knowledge and experience with related initiatives that have been implemented in Guyana, and also in the countries involved in Amazonia 2.0.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills for team work.
- Excellent writing, analysis and reporting skills in English;
- Good reading and comprehension skills in Spanish.

**Duration**

The duration of this contract is 2 months beginning as soon as contract is signed

**To apply for the position**

- send application and curriculum vitae to the Executive Director, Amerindian Peoples Association via email at [apaguy@networksgy.com](mailto:apaguy@networksgy.com) . Due to the current pandemic, we are not receiving physical mail. For more information, call 227 0275 or 624-2992.