



## **COORDINADORA DE ORGANIZACIONES INDÍGENAS DE LA CUENCA AMAZÓNICA – (COICA)**

**Project: ADVANCING GLOBAL FOREST GOVERNANCE: DEFENDING  
THE LIVING AMAZON FOR HUMANITY**

**COICA (APA, Guyana - COIAB, Brazil - OPIAC, Colombia -  
AIDSEP, Peru - CONFENIAE, Ecuador),  
Forest Trends, Conservation International (CI), WWF**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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**CONSULTANCY: Identify and write funding proposals for climate  
finance funds, based on the needs and aspirations of indigenous  
communities**

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### I. Background

The Coordinator of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA), as an international indigenous organization, and within the framework of its objectives and mission, has accompanied the processes of legal protection of indigenous territories as one of the central policies of its Program.

COICA not only has done this exercise in practice, but also claims it as an inalienable right in all international forums, as a way to prevent the dispossession, appropriation and land grabbing by multinational companies dedicated to agribusiness, oil, mining, hydroelectric construction, etc.

Given that 25% of the entire Amazon Basin consist of indigenous territories and that the forests of these territories store between 30 and 46 million tons of carbon, these territories offer great potential for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience. The carbon storage figures are so large that they far exceed those of the Protected Natural Areas in the Amazon Basin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Indonesia.

The conservation of forests and ecosystem services provided by indigenous territories are the result of a profound idiosyncrasy linked to nature and respect for biodiversity. Precisely this synergy between nature and Amazonian man is one of the factors that has led to the successful conservation of Amazon forests and jungles that, in dealing with National governments, gives them the right to demand legal protection of indigenous territories, and, as a proper and indisputable right, access to global climate funds.

### II. The Project

In 2016, COICA initiated the project "Advancing global forest governance: defending the living Amazon for humanity," along with Forest Trends, with funding from Norad. Forest Trends is a non-profit organization based in the USA, whose mission is to conserve forests and other ecosystems through the creation and wide adoption of environmental financing mechanisms, markets and other payment and incentive mechanisms. This project seeks to increase the capacity of indigenous organizations to manage climate finance and facilitate direct channels of climate funds through the preparation of proposals.

Now that the project is in its third year of implementation, COICA seeks to increase the capacity of indigenous organizations to manage climate financing and facilitate direct channels of climate funds through the preparation of proposals. In this aspect, this consultancy seeks to comply with Project Outcome 1: the design of culturally appropriate mechanisms to channel climate funds to indigenous organizations.

Among the climate financing mechanisms, those of interest to COICA and its member organizations are:

- o The Forest Carbon Partnership Fund (FCPF),



- o The Forest Investment Program (FIP),
- o UN-REDD
- or REDD Early Movers (REM),
- or Bilateral Climate Funds,
- o Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- o Working Group of Governors of Climate and Forests;
- o Bilateral Climatic Funds:
  - Vision Amazonia (Colombia),
  - Amazon Fund (Brazil),
  - Agreement Zero Net Deforestation (Peru),
  - REDD+ Investment Fund (Guyana)
  - UN-REDD+ (Ecuador).

### **III. General Objective**

- o To develop a viable and consensual proposal with COICA, which can be presented to the appropriate agencies to obtain financing from global climate funds

### **IV. Specific Objectives**

- o To strengthen COICA capacities and knowledge regarding the scope and development of proposals for access, participation, rights and benefits of indigenous peoples with respect to climate funds.
- o Drafting a financing proposal developed in conjunction with national and sub-national organizations to access existing funds.
- o Develop a proposal for climate financing for the benefit of local indigenous peoples which includes at least one component that allows for regional level actions in coordination with COICA.

### **V. Consultant Profile**

COICA seeks a CONSULTANT in each country of the Project: Guyana, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, with the following profile:

- Experience working with indigenous organizations in the Amazon.
- Specialist in the subject of climate change and who has knowledge and analytical skills on the functioning mechanisms of the Global Climate Funds and of the Bilateral Climate Funds (see Table N° 1) in the mentioned countries and under the guidelines described in the project.

### **VI. Consultant Activities:**

In consultation with the Project's Technical Coordinator in COICA, the consultant will elaborate a diagnosis that contains the following information:

- Who or which indigenous organizations (legal type) per country can access the funds.



- Type of support granted by the fund (donations, loans, others).
- Scope of activities that can be financed, such as management plans, land titling, new companies, capacity building, others.
- Form of governance: Answer the question Who (institutions and people) make decisions about which projects or proposals are financed?
- Participate in an international workshop to present the work plan.
- Coordinate both with the Project's Technical Coordinator appointed by COICA, as well as with Conservation International (CI) - Ecuador and the leadership of the corresponding national organization.

#### **VII. Deliverables**

- Create a work plan of the proposal to be written for the country, using information compiled by COICA.
- Prepare the proposal, project and concept notes.
- Prepare the timeline.
- Attendance records, meeting minutes and photographs of meetings and/or workshops held.
- A proposal validated and ready to present to the appropriate organization that serve to apply to climate financing for the benefit of indigenous peoples.

#### **VIII. Coordination and deliverable approval**

The consultant must develop his/her activities in close coordination with the Project's Technical Coordinator, Milton Callera, as technical manager of COICA. In addition, he/she must coordinate with the national representatives of the COICA organizations, and, when necessary, with the advice of Conservation International-Ecuador and Forest Trends. CI-Ecuador is working in coordination with COICA and Forest Trends to support the process of developing climate finance proposals and will support the follow-up of the process and review of the proposals. The products of the consultancy will be approved through the review of the technical manager of the project (Milton Callera) and should welcome the observations and suggestions from COICA, CI-Ecuador and Forest Trends.

#### **IX. Time frame**

3 Months

#### **X. Amount**

Three thousand US dollars (US \$3,000) including VAT and legal taxes.

The travel costs for the consultant's participation in the international workshop will be covered by COICA.

## XI. Annex

SUMMARY OF CLIMATE FUND AND KEY ACTORS				
FUND/ CLIMATE PROGRAM	COUNTRIES	NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS	KEY PARTNERS	OTHER KEY ACTORS
FCPF	Guyana, Brazil, Peru	APA, COIAB, AIDSESEP	COICA, EDF	National governments, donor countries FCPF officials
FIP	Ecuador, Brazil, Peru	CONFENIAE, COIAB, AIDSESEP	COICA, EDF, CI, WWF	National governments, donor countries, FIP officials, World Bank and Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)
UN-REDD	Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Guyana	CONFENIAE, APA, OPIAC, AIDSESEP	COICA, CI, EDF	National governments, donor countries UN officials
REDD Early Movers	Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia	COIAB, CONFENIAE, OPIAC	COICA, CI, EDF	National governments, donor countries REDD Early Movers officials (GIZ, KfW, and NORAD)
Visión Amazônia	Colombia	OPIAC	COICA, Forest Trends	National governments, donor countries Vision Amazonia officials, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Fondo Amazonía	Brazil	COIAB	COICA, Forest Trends	Brazil, Norway, BNDES, NORAD
Net Zero Deforestation Agreement	Peru	AIDSESEP	COICA	Peru, Germany, IDB, FCPF
REDD+ Investment Fund	Guyana	APA	COICA, WWF	Guyana and Norway