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RG-T4297

Consulting firm for the TC Promoting improved climate change governance through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean”

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Background and Justification

- 1.1 Nature drives the economy. It is a vital global asset that provides us with goods and services such as food, air, and water. All economic activities fundamentally rely on these services to some extent, with estimates suggesting that a massive US\$44 trillion of the global economy – over half of global GDP—is highly or moderately dependent on nature. Yet, we are still witnessing a loss of biodiversity together with degradation of the ecosystem services it sustains.
- 1.2 The climate and biodiversity crises are inextricably linked. Climate change represents a major driver of biodiversity loss, while ecosystems’ degradation undermines people’s and nature’s resilience to climate-related shocks and stresses. Underpinning both crises are persistent social and gender inequalities, which increase vulnerability to risks and reduce the options available to people to sustain their livelihoods and well-being in the face of these global challenges.
- 1.3 A fundamental assumption for the project is that NBS implementation can contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation simultaneously while generating essential biodiversity co-benefits. NBS is an ‘umbrella concept’ for other established nature-based approaches such as ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and ecosystem-based mitigation, eco-disaster risk reduction, and green-grey infrastructure. NBS involves working with and enhancing nature to help address societal challenges.
- 1.4 The Biodiversity cluster (CSD/CCS) will provide technical advice to policymakers and the private sector from participating governments in ODA-eligible countries to build capacity for NBS implementation at a national level. This initiative will be a demand-driven program. In coordination with COF representatives, CCS country staff, and in alignment with the relevant bank divisions as with the priorities defined within the climate finance project pipeline scanning exercise, the team leader will reach out to national governments to determine interest, aiming at working with a group of countries (as an estimate, it is expected to work with four (4) governments) representative of the different readiness levels regarding NBS implementation.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objective of this TC is to scale up IDB ‘s technical advisory capacity to support the upstream component by means of capacity building at the national level to help governments to adopt policy instruments that determine the governance framework and evidence-based inputs under which private sector investments for Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)¹ implementation can be developed.

¹ Nature-based Solutions (NBS) are not necessarily climate-related. Broadly, they are defined as “actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.” The project

- 2.2 The specific objectives are to (i) incorporate NBS into planning and policies to make identifying high-value, feasible NBS a routine part of project preparation, creating a pipeline of investment-ready NBS projects; (ii) integrate NBS into familiar financing models, like biodiversity bonds, biodiversity offsets, or land-based financing mechanisms, to meet the minimum investment thresholds, lower transaction costs through project aggregation, and increase investor acceptance of and familiarity with NBS; (iii) increase efficiency of identifying eligible NBS projects in government budgets to integrate innovative financial mechanisms (e.g., green bonds, blended finance) and (iv) demonstrate performance metrics and proof of concept through business cases for NBS implementation.

3. Key Activities

3.1. Task 1 – NbS integration in national policy frameworks

The objective of this task is to better integrate nature-based solutions relevant topics in national policy frameworks for decision-making processes at a country level and identify a pipeline of projects suitable for NBS integration. The consultancy is expected to improve the capacity of policymakers to integrate nature-based solutions in national policy frameworks by conducting policy assessments to identify NBS gaps and inclusion opportunities. Training will be delivered to policymakers and relevant stakeholders in different thematic such as biodiversity mainstreaming and natural capital accounting approaches.

3.2. Task 2 – Toolkit to integrate NbS into project development

The consultant will develop a series of knowledge products (toolkit) for NbS integration in infrastructure or AFOLU project development. The tool will detail the different steps of integrating NbS in project development, from the problem definition to the monitoring, and through multi-criteria analysis, technical assessment, economic assessment, financial structuring etc. This toolkit will be a ready to use practical guide that can accompany the different stakeholders during the whole process of NbS integration.

Figure 3: Conceptual Diagram: Integrating NbS into Project Development



3.3. Task 3 – NbS business cases

will focus on those NBS designed specifically to address climate change, also called “Nature-based climate solutions” (NbCS), which provide essential services such as carbon storage, ensuring food and water supplies, and buffering against the impacts of global warming.

The consultancy will produce business cases for NbS integration in prioritized projects at a national level. The business cases will demonstrate how nature-based solutions can drive positive business results while conserving and restoring natural landscapes. The analysis will focus on technical, financial, environmental, and social benefits by comparing the costs/benefits of alternatives with and without NbS. Other secondary criteria should be considered to build the business cases, such as sustainable goals achievement, marketing increase, company culture enhancement, natural disaster risk mitigation, etc.

3.4. Task 4 - Multi-stakeholder partnerships (MSP)

The consultancy will help building partnerships between the private sector, governments, civil society, and communities for NbS implementation at a national level. The consultants will design a multi-stakeholder governance and financial sustainability model for each participating country and convene and engage potential stakeholders for the multi-stakeholder platform for NbS implementation in the infrastructure and AFOLU sector.

3.5. Task 5 – Capacity building for NbS implementation

The consultancy will train public officials to the use of the toolkit produced in task 2, and to use evidence and opportunities available to leverage public and private investment, as well as blended forms of finance for the implementation of NbS.

3.6. Task 6 - Gender-responsive approach for decision-making in NBS development

- The consultant will conduct assessments for the inclusion of gender responsive components in NBS relevant policies. The consultant will produce guidelines to inform national infrastructure and AFOLU policies to address the gender gap for NBS implementation.
- The consultant will perform training activities to build capacity for public officials to mainstream the gender dimension in NBS relevant policies and investments.

4. Expected deliverables

- 4.1. *Deliverable 1*: a work plan reflecting discussions from the kick-off meeting, that details the activities and milestones (Gantt chart could be included), as well as a methodology to carry out all the activities of this consultancy.
- 4.2. *Deliverable 2 (task 1)*: diagnostics/assessments completed, as well as training materials and attendance list.
- 4.3. *Deliverable 3 (task 2)*: toolkit completed.
- 4.4. *Deliverable 4 (task 3)*: business cases for NbS integration completed.
- 4.5. *Deliverable 5 (task 4)*: multi-stakeholder governance and financial sustainability model + platform completed.
- 4.6. *Deliverable 6 (task 5)*: training materials and attendance list delivered.
- 4.7. *Deliverable 7 (task 6)*: gender assessments
- 4.8. *Deliverable 8 (task 6)*: gender training materials/attendance list completed.

Payments will be made based on the following payment schedule:

Deliverable	Date	Payment
Deliverable 1	Upon submission and acceptance of the work plan	5%
Deliverables 2	Upon submission of national policies assessments + associated training materials and attendance lists	10%
Deliverable 3	Upon submission and acceptance of the toolkit	20%
Deliverable 4	Upon submission and acceptance of the business cases	15%
Deliverable 5	Upon submission and acceptance of the multi-stakeholder model and platform	15%
Deliverable 6	Upon submission and acceptance of NbS training materials and attendance lists	10%
Deliverable 7	Upon submission and acceptance of gender assessments and guidelines	15%
Deliverable 8	Upon submission and acceptance of gender training materials and attendance lists	10%

5. SUPERVISION AND MONITORING

5.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Sector of the IDB will have technical responsibility for the execution of this work order, as well as for the approval of the deliverables prepared by the consulting firm. Prior to approval, the IDB will confirm compliance with each deliverable by the MDB working group. On behalf of the IDB, the technical coordination and leadership of this consultancy rests with the IDB Specialist Gregory Watson (CSD/CSD).

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Key specialists should include:

- An expert in training and communication, holding at least a bachelor's degree with at least 5 years of professional experience in training. The expert should demonstrate excellence in presentation skills from team meetings to large classroom settings, the ability to translate technical concepts, practices, and policies into impactful capacity building sessions, excellence in written communications--clear, effective, and grammatically correct, must be an interested and motivated learner to achieve fluency in program subject matter, incorporating knowledge gained and insights into training, proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite, SharePoint, Adobe, and virtual meeting applications. The expert also needs to have successfully implemented projects within international organization and public bodies.
- An expert in NbS and natural capital valuation, holding a university degree in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Conservation biology, Sustainability, Finance, or another relevant discipline. Relevant experience (at least 10 years) working in nature-based solutions and/or the carbon markets, natural capital valuation, strong organizational skills and attention to detail with excellent project management and coordination skills, comfortable translating complex scientific topics into easily digestible concepts for unfamiliar audiences, and successful experience working with international organizations and public bodies.
- A gender expert with an advanced degree (Masters or PhD) in social or related discipline. A minimum of 5-8 years of relevant experience, application of professional expertise in furthering gender equality in infrastructure and AFOLU projects and public policies. Proven ability to work with public and/or private sector related projects. Proven ability to carry out complex tasks as part of multi-disciplinary teams, and ability to work with Project Teams, and key stakeholders.

- Environmental policy analyst. 8 years of relevant experience with a university degree in economics or another relevant field. Have at least 3 years of experience studying environmental policies, especially in relation to biodiversity and climate, understanding of regional policies and international treaties related to biodiversity, familiarity with publicly available data sources and databases, strong communications and writing skills, strong interpersonal and active listening skills with a collaborative working style, well-developed organizational skills and proven ability to manage projects and relationships, and successful experience with international organizations and public bodies.

7. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- 7.1. Each deliverable will be reviewed by the project team to verify its integrity in relation with the ToR and contract, format, precision, and quality of writing. In the event that corrections or more information are required, the team will contact the consultant to request the appropriate adjustments and define a specific period to receive the updated document. Once a deliverable has obtained final approval from the project team, it will request to initiate the payment process by the corresponding Contracting Officer.

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Final Evaluation Contract for the TC “Promoting improved climate change governance through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean”

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2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The objective of this consultancy is to perform a final evaluation for the project. The review will verify compliance with the performance indicators and objectives as defined in the Technical Corporation agreement have been met as of the date of the evaluation. The review will also identify major bottlenecks and make recommendation on how to address them.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

- 3.1. The selected consultant must undertake the necessary actions to achieve the evaluation main goals. Evaluation activities include the following:

- a. Review the Program activities under the Readiness implementation phase and any report/recommendations to date. Particular attention is to be paid to the indicators (and to its translation into the IDB Project Monitoring Reporting system);
- b. In cooperation /collaboration with the PEU, examine the overall progress made in the Program execution, and the extent to which the performance indicators have been fulfilled. Verify compliance with the performance indicators for each year, as per the Results Matrix and the general progress made in program execution in all components of the program;
- c. Assess the general progress made in Program execution (including field works advance);
- d. Assess the communication mechanisms among the different parties involved and make recommendations where applicable;
- e. Draw on lessons learned and recommendations for improving the program;
- f. Identify potential options and analyze current constraints and challenges facing the executing agency in relation to the execution of the Readiness Program and recommend ways for improving the program which could include modification of activities, program timelines, responsibilities of the Executing Agency's staff, schedule of activities and budget allocations.

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND DELIVERABLES

4.1. The consultant will submit the following deliverables:

- a. A Work Plan and schedule of visits and interview. This work plan should include timelines, draft travel itineraries if relevant, and persons to be interviewed.
- b. Draft Evaluation Report incorporating lessons learned and recommendations for improving the program.
- c. Final Evaluation Report. This report should include cover, main document, and all annexes.

4.2. The consultant is expected to provide for the Program the following information:

- a. The state of compliance with the performance indicators for each year, as per the Results Matrix and the general progress made in Program execution;
- b. A list of current issues that are delaying Program execution, including an analysis of the current communication system among different parties;
- c. A list of proposed recommendations and cost on how to address those issues;

4.3. Payments will be made based on the following payment schedule:

Reports and Payment schedule	Payment
First payment. Upon submission and acceptance of the work-plan for the Evaluation	10%
Second payment. Upon submission and acceptance of the Draft Final Evaluation Report	60%
Final payment. Upon submission and acceptance of the Final Evaluation Report	30%

5. SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

5.1. The consultants will present the deliverables following the schedule established in these terms of reference. The deliverables must include reports in Word, PowerPoint presentation, and other documents used as the basis of the analysis (including other formats such as Excel spreadsheets, etc.) and a folder with the list of bibliographic references used to develop the analysis. All materials must be delivered in English.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1. The consultant should hold a post-graduate degree in economics, business administration, financial management, natural resource management, international development or related field is required. The consultant assigned to the job must have demonstrated knowledge of current evaluation theory and practice and at least 10 years of experience in evaluating projects. Knowledge of the climate change adaptation and coastal resource management is also preferred. The consultant must be fluent in English. Knowledge of rules and procedures used by multilateral financial organizations would be an asset.
- 6.2. Skills: Excellent communication skills, including written and oral forms; proven ability to communicate complex concepts and prepare reports that are clear, concise and meaningful; Ability to develop, analyze and articulate project issues and identify creative, practical approaches to overcome challenging situations; Analytic capacity and ability to assess project outputs and relevant findings; Good team player, self-starter, ability to work under limited supervision and maintain good relationships internally and externally to the Bank. Good written and verbal communication skills in English.

7. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- 7.1. Payments will be authorized once the IDB accepts the products specified by the ToR. The IDB will have up to three weeks to provide written comments/recommendations to the consultants' reports. Unless previously determined, the IDB will generally accept the deliverables once the consulting firm confirms the following: (i) receipt and additional inclusion of comments/recommendations in a revised version and (ii) provision of date for presentation of the revised versions of the submitted deliverables. The consultants are expected to include these comments two weeks after receipt.

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Project coordinator for the TC “Promoting improved climate change governance Through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean”

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2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective of this consultancy is to lead the implementation of the project and its associated project documents, working closely with stakeholders and the IDB technical teams, and country experts from relevant ministries.
- 2.2 The consultant will ultimately be responsible for reporting to the donor and implementing agency and for ensuring the quality of the consultancy deliverables.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 Examine the progress made in the project execution. Verify compliance with the general progress made in program execution in all program components.

- 3.2 Assess the communication outputs among the different parties involved and make recommendations where applicable.
- 3.3 Identify potential options, analyze current constraints and challenges, and recommend ways to improve the TC, including modification of activities, program timelines, schedule of activities, and budget allocations.
- 3.4 Animation of a steering committee and organization of monthly meetings and minutes production. Regular meetings will be held with relevant IDB staff to update them on progress and receive strategic input.
- 3.5 Coordinate with relevant stakeholders, for overall planning and development of the project and associated documentation needed.
- 3.6 Work with operations point person to ensure all contracting and payment processes run smoothly.
- 3.7 Lead drafting of the Project Documentation and accompanying documentation and deliver the full Project Document package in accordance with the approved work plan.
- 3.8 As requested, prepare documentation for and participate in team and other relevant meetings including a kick-off meeting, and other key workshops to inform project progress as needed and defined in the work plan.

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND DELIVERABLES

- 4.1 The consultant is expected to deliver the following products.
 - **Product 1:** A work plan detailing the activities and milestones and a methodology to carry out all activities.
 - **Product 2:** Kickoff workshop report.
 - **Product 3:** Inception report including all the project documentation, process summary, assessment results, lessons learned, recommendations and implementation strategy.
 - **Product 4:** mid-term report including all the project documentation, process summary, assessment results, lessons learned, recommendations and implementation strategy.
 - **Product 5:** final report including all the project documentation, process summary, assessment results, lessons learned, recommendations and implementation strategy.

5. PROJECT SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

Deliverable	Date	Payments
Product 1 & 2	2 months after signing the contract	10%
Product 3 – inception report	Q4 2024	40%
Product 4 – mid-term report	Q2 2026	30%
Product 5 – final report	Q4 2027	20%

6. SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

- 6.1 The consultants will present the deliverables following the schedule established in these terms of reference. The deliverables must include reports in Word, PowerPoint presentation, and other documents used as the basis of the analysis (including other

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7. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 7.1 The candidates will possess a master's degree on Natural Sciences, Biodiversity Conservation, Sustainable Tourism, or other related fields; other post-graduate/specialization degree will be acceptable in combination with equivalent relevant experience. At least 10 years' will be required, with a combined experience in the designing, coordination, management and / or execution of complex international and multi-lateral funded projects; excellent analytical, research and presentation skills; excellent verbal communication and writing skills in English and Spanish; able to collaborate with project development partners and to take guidance and feedback from the different stakeholders; knowledge of IDB policies and procedures; ample experience working with government agencies and regional governance bodies, specifically in the region.

8. 8. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- 8.1 Payments will be authorized once the IDB accepts the products specified by the ToR. The IDB will have up to three weeks to provide written comments/ recommendations to the consultants' reports. Unless previously determined, the IDB will generally accept the deliverables once the consulting firm confirms the following: (i) receipt and additional inclusion of comments/recommendations in a revised version and (ii) provision of date for presentation of the revised versions of the submitted deliverables. The consultants are expected to include these comments two weeks after receipt.

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Logistics coordination firm for the TC “Promoting improved climate change governance through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean”

Terms of Reference

1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

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2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective of this tender is to coordinate and carry out the logistics, organization and convening activities to comply with the training, workshops and meetings required to execute the technical components of the TC “Promoting improved climate change governance through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Latin America and the Caribbean”

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

- Organize any event, training or workshop according with IDB’s requirements.
- Support the project management in the process of convening relevant stakeholders to the selected venue.
- Manage all logistics for the Workshop, including communication with vendors for workshop venue, catering services, flight tickets and accommodation for participants.
- Assist with materials production for the workshop including invitation letters, agenda and venue information etc.
- Assist with the procurement of services and facilities required to carry out the workshops/trainings.
- Prepare paperwork for contracts with vendors and provide documentation to enable completion of acquittals following the workshops, in line with agreed deadlines.
- Communicate with local partners to ensure logistical support and to workshop venues;
- Provide coordination and administration support for the workshop planning including contribution to the agenda and materials preparation
- Take notes during the workshop and provide inputs for the draft workshop reports.

4. SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The selected firm will present evidence (such as photos, videos, and recordings) of every event that has been organized and provide support with reporting activities. The firm will be supervised by IDB.