

Consultancy - IPLC Engagement

About Us

EcoSecurities is an impact environmental service provider with 25 years of experience in carbon markets and emission reduction projects around the world. At EcoSecurities, we are committed to developing high-quality carbon projects based on the principles of environmental integrity, transparency and good practices, which contribute not only to climate change mitigation, but also to sustainable and inclusive development.

EcoSecurities structures carbon projects from Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), such as forest conservation (REDD+), reforestation, agriculture, blue carbon and energy related projects. We provide tailor-made services for the origination, development and financing of these projects.

Consultancy Context

EcoSecurities is rapidly growing its projects portfolio, therefore we are structuring a database with capacitated professionals to support the company in a variety of activities related to the implementation of its portfolio.

We are asking for professionals, interested in collaborating with us; to send the information requested below so we can include it in our database and contact the professional directly when the opportunities arise, requesting then a tailored-made proposal for it.

The Consultant hired would support the company in the development of Land Management Projects, on the design and implementation of activities that requires indigenous people and traditional communities (IPLC) engagement, following the principles and guidelines established by existing international law and best practice international standards frameworks, in particular the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct and the Convention on Biological Diversity - Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as relevant voluntary guidelines. As required by the main carbon project certification entities.

Consultancy activities

Consultancy activities would include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Development of socioeconomic assessments.
- 2) Development impact assessment, related to the implementation of project's activities, on resources identified as important to IPLC; include the identification of risks and mitigation measures related. Risks may include trade-offs with food security, land loss, loss of yields, negative impacts on livelihoods, and climate change adaptation, as well as risks related to the safety of women and girls, children, and minority and marginalized groups within the local communities.
- 3) Support the design of a Benefit-sharing Plans.
- 4) Support the design and facilitate the activities related to local stakeholders' consultations, in a manner that is inclusive, culturally appropriate, and respectful of local knowledge, as part of a free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) process¹. Collect, synthesis, store and report on all data that outlines the FPIC process and consent outcomes.
- 5) Support the development of a grievance redress procedure to address disputes with IPLC that may arise during project planning and implementation, including with regard to benefit sharing, taking into account culturally appropriate conflict resolution methods.

About you

- Bachelor's and/or Master's degree in Social Science, Human Rights, Anthropology, Biology, Environmental Science or related fields.
- A minimum of three years of professional experience in Land Management projects with IPLC.
- A minimum of five years of professional experience facilitating IPLC engagement activities.
- Experience in conducting at least three of the activities listed in the Consultancy Scope.
- Desirable knowledge in:
 - ✓ Land tenure regularization process in the Amazon states,
 - ✓ Local communities' associations government processes
 - ✓ Traditional communities' subsistence agriculture methods.
 - ✓ Principles, concepts and requirements (including safeguards requirements) of carbon projects main standards (Verra CCB, Gold Standard, Plan Vivo, etc)

¹ Reference. Anderson, 2011, Free, Prior and Informed Consent in REDD+: Principles and Approaches for Policy and Project Development (available at <http://www.recoftc.org>). Or: FAO Manual on Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (available at: <https://www.fao.org/3/i6190e/i6190e.pdf>)

Skills and competences:

- Strong analytical, research, and writing skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with a team
- Proficiency in English is required.

Application Process

E-mail to ana.garrido@EcoSecurities.com by October 31st, containing:

- CV or portfolio
- Contact information of three references
- Usual consultancy fee per hour or per service/activity

Please include “Consultancy – IPLC Engagement” in the e-mail subject.

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