

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Position: Consultant
Location: Managua, Nicaragua
Capacity: Full-time
Period: 6 months
Reports to:

1. CONTEXT

Climate Action Network Latin America (CANLA) is a regional node of a global CSO network working together to cope climate change and avoid runaway climate crisis.

Currently, CANLA is composed by 27 organizations from 13 countries of Latin America and Centro Humboldt, based in Nicaragua, hosts its coordination role.

CANLA members work at national level in climate related projects doing activities that varies from climate advocacy to project implementation and applied science to cope climate change impacts in their working territories. CANLA members have, in the majority of cases, a permanent and solid communication with their national governments and representatives of the Ministries of Environment or the national institutions in charge of climate change policies, programs and projects. In many cases, even the members participate in the national official delegations at the international climate talks.

By 2020 countries will need to present a new round of NDCs which should "represent progress" on current national contributions, as a keystone for the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement. CSOs will have a pivotal role in ensuring the NDCs are in line with the safe pathways of temperature increase and that environmental integrity and human rights are not neglected. Likewise, CSO will have to ensure NDCs are done in the best participative manner and that sectorial policy frameworks or the current policy incentives, both taxes and subsidies, are adjusted and give clear signal to non-state actors and investors about the decarbonized trajectory the country is heading towards.

Coping climate change will require wide and expanded bold actions at every level and a strong political framework for countries to operate with and be accountable for. However, the NDCs that countries have put forward as part of the Paris pledges, cover approximately one third of the emission reductions needed to achieve the modest 2°C target (UNEP, 2017). The full implementation of current unconditional NDCs will drive temperature rise to 3.2°C by 2100 relative to pre-industrial levels, hence, to remain within the safe temperature increase, there is an urgent need to accelerate short-term action and increase the level of ambition of long-term goals.

In this context, Centro Humboldt and the regional Secretariat of CANLA, with the support of Christian Aid and the CAN International Secretariat, are implementing the project "Promoting

the NDC enhancement of LAC countries through Increasing Participation and Strengthening Capacities of the CAN Latin America node”, which aims to promote the participation of CANLA members in the construction processes of these instruments during 2020, so that their priorities and perspectives can be taken in to consideration. With this aim, we are seeking for a human resource who will be in charge of providing technical support for the implementation of components I and II of this initiative.

2. Project Goals:

To foster coordination, alignment and knowledge sharing among CAN Latin American members in order to increase their advocacy and interlocution capacities in climate policy discussions at regional and international level and to secure communities’ resilience and livelihood protection.

To enhance and foster CANLA members involvement in national processes related to climate change or associated policies in order to promote suitable and time appropriate actions to foster vulnerable communities’ resilience and livelihood protection.

To develop a communication strategy to aggregate, align and activate CAN Latin America members and to amplify relevant information related to climate discussion.

3. Scope of the consultancy

The selected person will be in charge of the overview of the project and the execution of defined activities related to each project goals as listed below:

General task

- Monitoring and follow-up to ensure products and results of the project are delivered in timely- fashion and with high quality standards
- Provide assistant to the organizations associated to the execution of this project in terms of content, strategies and communications
- To create a strategy to communicate and amplify the project in order to ensure that the project regional and national activities are aligned and seen as a component of single initiative, by doing so the person would need and work closely with the CANLA comms person
- General reporting

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1: To promote coordination, alignment and development of policy proposals among CANLA members in order to improve the dialogue and influence decision makers and relevant actors on the global and regional climate change agenda.

General Outcome 1a: CANLA working groups on National Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Ecosystem and Peoples’ Rights (E&HR) are functioning and have delivered its 2020 – 2022 working plan

Consultant outcome 1a: The consultant would be in charge of consolidating the CANLA WG on E&HR and the development of the bi-annual workplan.

Main activities:

- Engage CANLA members or allies to build a functioning CANLA WG on Ecosystem and Peoples Rights
- Develop and execute innovative ideas to ensure the WG has enough active members and is it could deliver
- Steer the WG and set virtual meetings to stimulate a debate to co-define the scope of the group, the objectives and strategies, which will be the based for the WG biannual workplan
- To organize and run 2 virtual meeting with the CAN international experts on Ecosystems and Human Rights
- To organize at least 1 virtual working and exchange session with the CANLA secretariat
- To support on enhancing the CANLA working groups member's participation into the networks regional and international work.
- Follow up and support the NDC working group coordinator as requested
- Coordinate with the NDC WG coordinator for the narrative report

Outputs 1a:

- NCD and E&HR Working groups members lists.
- NCD and E&HR Working group mailing list.
- NCD WG 2020-2022 working plan.
- E&HR 2020-2022 working plan.
- Narrative report including the Ecosystem WG meeting minutes.
- Final consolidated narrative report (including both the NDC and E&HR WG sub reports).

General Outcome 1b: Regional position papers on NDCs and E&HR is being developed by the WGs

Consultant outcome 1b: The consultant will be responsible of the execution of an E&HR regional position paper and the design of an advocacy strategy to showcase/present NRC and E&HR position papers at regional level

Main Activities:

- Research and documentation
- To coordinate and to develop virtual meetings among the E&HR working group to collectively define scope, approaches and general elements to be included in the position papers.
- To implement at least one virtual exchange and feedback sessions with node members
- To develop virtual exchange sessions with experts of CAN international to receive feedback and ideas for the position paper.
- To follow up and support the NDC working group coordinator as requested.

- To coordinate with the NDC WG coordinator an advocacy strategy to present/share the position papers to decision makers in LAC

Outputs 1b:

- E&HR regional position paper.
- NDC regional position paper.
- Activities report including meeting minutes and results of the advocacy strategy for both position papers.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2: To enhance and foster CANLA member's involvement in national/regional climate political processes in order to push for stronger climate agenda, and to drive CANLA positions on NDCs and E&HR further.

General outcome 2a: Three national strategies to push for stronger climate commitments and, for better climate national policies are been developed

Consultant outcome 2a: Provide ideas and support to CANLA members that will be responsible of the development of national lobby and advocacy strategies in three countries from LAC

Main activities:

- To follow up and provide input for the development of three national lobby and advocacy strategies.
- Support the execution on virtual exchange session among CANLA membership and the those developing the national strategies.
- To assist the development of virtual exchange sessions between national organizations and experts of CAN International, who will provide guidance on the national strategies' development processes.
- Comms support of the national activities developed

Outputs 2a:

- Narrative reports of the activities carried out.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3: To amplify and disseminate the activities and products executed within this project and other related activities developed by CANLA members and its networks on NDCs or Ecosystem and Human Rights.

General outcome 3a: Generate a communication strategy to amplify and promote key materials developed within this project and related to the climate agenda in LAC

Consultant outcome 3a: Develop a communication strategy to ensure the products developed by the WG and the activities done at national level have a visual identity and are perceived as part of a single initiative

Main activities

- Coordinate with the WG coordinator and CANLA members that will be doing national activities.
- Coordinate with CANLA comms assistance
- Generate a communication plan to disseminate and amplify the outcome and products of the project.

Outputs 3a

- Communication Strategy.
- Narrative report of comms activities and its results.

4. CANDIDATES REQUIREMENTS

- Professional in development studies, communication, social or environmental science or related careers.
- Proven knowledge on sustainable development topics, climate science and policies.
- Broad knowledge on political contexts in LAC countries and international climate processes, particularly on UNFCCC negotiations.
- Experience on the development and implementation of lobby, advocacy and communication strategies at national and regional level.
- Experience in coordination and steering groups for a common goal.
- Knowledge of climate networks dynamics and work contexts will be an asset.
- High proficiency in Spanish and working abilities in English.
- Capacity to work with different kind of organization and cultural diversity.
- High level of commitment, results and quality oriented.
- Self-management.
- Leadership skills.

5. TERMS OF THE CONSULTANCY

The consultancy will be executed from Centro Humboldt's office in Managua, Nicaragua (no resources are available for relocation). The contract will have duration of six months, starting on 24th February 2020. Possibilities of contract extension will depend on the consultant's performance and the opportunities of mobilizing funds to extend and wider the project.

Applicants must submit a cover letter and a summary of their CV - no longer than 4 pages - no later than February 14th 2020 with the subject **Technical Assistance CAN Latin America** to the following e-mail address: talentohumano@humboldt.org.ni

6. SUPERVISORY AND COORDINATION RELATIONSHIP

For the purposes of coordination, follow-up, management and approval of the expected products, the consultant should report directly to Alejandro Aleman - Coordinator of CAN Latin America and Karla Maass Wolfenson - Regional Officer for Latin America of CAN International.