

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ACT2021/070)

Position Title	: Leticia Pact analysis consultant
Contract Type	: consultant
Duty Station	: Paramaribo
Reports to	: Program Director / Program Manager
Period	: 15 th of May 2021 – 30 th of June 2021

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Amazon Conservation Team (ACT)

The **Amazon Conservation Team** (ACT) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preservation of tropical rainforests on the continent of South America. The mission of ACT is to partner with indigenous and other local communities to protect tropical forests and strengthen traditional culture. ACT has a presence in Brazil, Guyana, Colombia, and Suriname. We have a unique niche among environmental nonprofits working in the tropics: ACT protects the rainforest by working hand-in-hand with indigenous peoples and other local communities in the Amazon. Specifically, we seek to steadily increase the number of local communities in the Amazon that are able to monitor, sustainably manage and protect their traditional forestlands and significantly increase the area of Amazonian rainforest with improved protection.

ACT's strategic approach to conservation, focusing on **sustainable land management and protection, secure and sustainable livelihoods, and strengthened community governance and culture**, support our vision for the Amazon and provides a clear, unified, and long-term direction for how our organization operates. The Amazon Conservation Team Suriname (ACT Suriname) was officially established in 2002 to strengthen ACT's relationship with the indigenous and Maroon communities in central and southern Suriname.

About the Project

In early 2020 ACT embarked on a journey to implement a regional project in Suriname, called the **Amazonia 2.0**. 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, it strengthens the capacities of indigenous and campesino organizations from six territories in the Amazon basin through community forestry oversight and coordinating a social and technological platform to help spread and process data on threats to forests and actions taken to mitigate them. The project 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), and in 2020 joined by Amazon Conservation Team – Suriname or ACT–S (Suriname) and the Amerindian Peoples Association or APA (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) Creation and / or development of a system to have a monitoring plan for forests in communal territories and their articulation with national systems and pressures on the territory. And finally,
- 4) cumulative efforts help the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems in Amazonian landscapes.

CONSULTANCY:

The objective of the consultancy is to produce an analytical document that explains the commitments, actions and strategies that are part of the Pact of Leticia, that describes the progress made by the state of Suriname in the implementation of the Pact, and that defines recommendations and strategies for the involvement of the strategic actors involved in its implementation.

The goals and deliverables of this assignment are (not limited to) the following:

The consultant will deliver an analytical document, which must include the following assignments:

1. Describe what the Leticia Pact is about, what are the acquired commitments, strategies and actions contemplated;
2. Analyze and evaluate the progress in the implementation of the Pact in Suriname, identifying obstacles and opportunities
3. Make a map of those involved in the implementation of the pact, and identify what the role of each actor is in this purpose, where the perspective of each of the actors involved is included, preferably through interviews with the actors involved.
4. Outline a roadmap for the effective implementation of the pact in Suriname
5. Identify the contributions in compliance with the agreement, within the framework of the A2.0 project
6. Highlight the possible articulations with the inputs and processes generated within the framework of A2.0
7. Share the research findings in a virtual and / or face-to-face meeting with the ACT-Suriname team

TIMELINE & DELIVERABLES

<u>PRODUCTS</u>	<u>DELIVERABLE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
	<u>SIGNED CONTRACT & WORKPLAN</u>	<u>15TH OF MAY 2021</u>	<u>PAYMENT 1</u>
<u>PRODUCT 1</u>	<u>REPORT COVERING THE GOALS OF THE ASSIGNMENT SUBMITTED</u>	<u>15TH OF JUNE 2021</u>	<u>PAYMENT 2</u>
<u>PRODUCT 2</u>	<u>PRESENTATION OF MAIN FINDING TO ACT-TEAM</u>	<u>30TH OF JUNE 2021</u>	<u>PAYMENT 3</u>

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Payment 1 - 25% upon confirmation of work plan for the first month
- Payment 2 - 50% upon submitting the document for ACT review and adjustments
- Payment 3 - 25% upon presentation of main finding to ACT-S team

WORKING CONDITIONS/ENVIRONMENT:

The Consultant will be working independently in Paramaribo and will maintain good communication with involved parties as well as provide regular progress reports. The position is designed to work in Paramaribo and does not require domestic or international traveling. Physical presence in the office is not required but can be requested as deemed necessary as the project progresses.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- ACT management (Program Director, Program Manager, Finance & HR Manager and Office Manager)
- Other team members ACT-Suriname
- Communications coordination of A2.0

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

- At least 5 years of experience working with and/or in close relation with the Government of Suriname
- Detailed knowledge of the structure and functioning of the Surinamese State
- Proven knowledge of international treaties
- Access to a network of key officials within the government

- Knowledge of public policies and management of a multi-stakeholder approach
- Strong technical and analytical skills.
- Proven ability to write technical and analytical reports.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Success in influencing and partnering with key stakeholders.
- Fluency in many languages covering the program- Dutch, English, and Sranan Tongo

DURATION

The duration of this contract is 1 month and 15 days, starting from 15th of May 2021 until the 30th of June 2021

HOW TO APPLY

Submission of the following documents can be addressed to: email a.haynes@act-suriname.org

Requested documents:

- a) A cover letter including the applicant's specific technical competencies in the consulting field
- b) Curriculum vitae
- c) Technical proposal including a methodological approach

The deadline for application is **12th of May 2021**

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