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## **CALL FOR EXPERTS TO CONTRIBUTE AS AUTHORS**

### **Rapid Assessment on the Status of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services in the Amazon Region**

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, ACTO, is pleased to convene experts in different areas of knowledge to contribute to the preparation of the Rapid Assessment on the Status of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services in the Amazon Region. The evaluation will last approximately 10 months.

#### **CONTEXT OF THE ASSESSMENT:**

The Biological Diversity Regional Program is the guiding framework for regional cooperation on conservation and sustainable use of Amazonian biodiversity. This program, approved on May 21, 2021, is the result of dialogue among the ACTO Member Countries aimed at seeking a common vision of cooperation.

The starting point of the Program is to conduct a scientific assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Amazon region according to the methodology of the Intergovernmental Scientific-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). The assessment will provide useful and relevant information to guide decision-making and the adoption of national and regional policies for better management of the biodiversity of the Amazon.

#### **TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED?**

This call is addressed to experts in different areas of knowledge such as natural, social, human, political, and economic sciences, among others, as well as to experts and holders of indigenous and local knowledge, seeking an interdisciplinary balance and encouraging knowledge dialogue.

#### **ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND STRUCTURE**

This Rapid Assessment on the Status of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services in the Amazon Region will be prepared under the methodology and conceptual framework of the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - IPBES. For further information, please access the following link: <https://ipbes.net/documents-by-category/Decisions>

The Assessment should provide information about the main aspects of the Amazon Region, trends and dynamics of biodiversity and ecosystem services; drivers of threats, losses; biodiversity opportunities and transformations; wisdom and traditional knowledge, among others.

The Permanent Secretariat of ACTO will coordinate the Rapid Assessment with the technical support from the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute.



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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Those interested must send their resume to the email [selecao@otca.org](mailto:selecao@otca.org). If applicable, the candidate must send the contact information of the legal representative of the entity or institution that will support his/her nomination.

Experts interested in participating in the assessment should submit their application **no later than July 28, 2021**.

They must ensure their full availability to participate *Ad Honorem* throughout the assessment process, as well as in the expert meetings to be held during the assessment. ACTO will cover the participation costs of the experts in the scheduled meetings and workshops.

## EXPERTS SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. A range of technical, scientific and socio-economic disciplines should be reflected in the selection criteria, as well as training and experience in natural, social, human, political and economic sciences.
2. Applications are expected from experts and/or experienced indigenous and local communities and associations, in areas of traditional and local knowledge, linked to the issues associated with this assessment.
3. The selection criteria should reflect a geographical and gender balance.
4. Nominations from professionals with a postgraduate degree (Master and/or Doctorate) are expected, whose training and experience certify their knowledge on biodiversity management and ecosystem services.
5. Nominations from professionals with a postgraduate degree are expected, even when not holding Master and/or Doctorate degree, but who support their extensive experience in biodiversity management and ecosystem services in the Amazon region, nationally and regionally, and who certify their knowledge participating in processes, preparing documents and/or publications, if any.
6. Preferably, but not an exclusionary criterion, the candidates to collaborate as author must certify a minimum of 2 (two) indexed publications in national or international journals related to the selected topic.

## NATURE OF PARTICIPATION

According to the IPBES Methodology, the participation of the contributors in the expert groups is personal, not institutional. Likewise, it is highlighted that the contribution of knowledge is of *Ad Honorem* nature. The experts must dedicate at least 30% of their time as required for the development of the Assessment.

We appreciate your willingness to participate in this important process.

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