
World Economic Forum

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
THE CREATION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF AN ONLINE
NEWSLETTER**

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1. Introduction and instructions

1.1. Purpose of this Request for Proposal

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals from an agency or individual for support in the creation and distribution of a quarterly newsletter aimed at signatories of the Innovative Finance for the Amazon, Cerrado and Chaco (IFACC) initiative. This process will result in the selection of one supplier, who will be invited to enter a contracting phase for a specific and detailed scope of work subject to final fixed pricing.

1.2. About the World Economic Forum, the Tropical Forest Alliance, and the Innovative Finance for the Amazon, Cerrado and Chaco (IFACC) Initiative

The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation. The Forum engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. It was established in 1971 as a not-for-profit foundation and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It is independent, impartial and not tied to any special interests. The Forum strives in all its efforts to demonstrate entrepreneurship in the global public interest while upholding the highest standards of governance. Moral and intellectual integrity is at the heart of everything it does.

Our activities are shaped by a unique institutional culture founded on the stakeholder theory, which asserts that an organization is accountable to all parts of society. The institution carefully blends and balances the best of many kinds of organizations, from both the public and private sectors, international organizations and academic institutions.

The Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA) is a global multistakeholder platform focused on reducing commodity driven deforestation. Hosted by the World Economic Forum, the TFA works with over 160 public, private and civil society actors to catalyze high-impact partnerships to address the inherent tensions that exist to grow production while protecting the forests - public and private, producer and market, global and local, people and the forest frontier. The TFA operates regional platforms in Latin America, West and Central Africa, China and Southeast Asia. It is supported by the Governments of the Netherlands, Norway, Germany and the UK and the USA, as well as The Nature Conservancy, Partnerships for Forests, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Cargill Foundation.

IFACC is an initiative, launched at Glasgow in November 2021, from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) that bring complementary capabilities to scale up financial mechanisms such as farm loan products, farmland investment funds, corporate debt instruments and capital market offerings. Numerous mechanisms are emerging to do this, but the pace of progress is too slow. IFACC is working to accelerate financing in two ways:

1. IFACC brings together leading banks, companies, investors, asset managers to signal a collective commitment to lend and invest more in these areas and to indicate an individual commitment from each signatory as to what they will contribute to expanding finance in key sectors.

2. IFACC works with signatories to implement and scale up new finance mechanisms, including support on environmental and social management, connections to concessional capital groups and other capital providers for the longer-term more patient capital needed for these transitions, sharing the best intelligence on who is doing what and what is working, and making accessible the best available data and studies on the business case and impacts.

1.3. Supplier Instructions

For ease of response and evaluation, Suppliers are required to complete and submit all components of this RFP.

- Requested reference materials may be attached as Appendices. The World Economic Forum retains the right not to review any un-requested material
- Supporting information must be presented in the same order as the questions and must be referenced to the relevant question
- Questions must be answered in English
- Failure of a Supplier to provide the required information, make a satisfactory response to any question, or supply documentation referred to in responses, within the specified timescale, may mean that the Supplier will not be invited to participate further in the procurement
- Suppliers are asked to provide one electronic copy of the response in a format compatible with Microsoft Word. It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that the proposal and all other required documents are received at the e-mail address named in this document by the closing date specified.
- Responses will not be returned
- Participants need to address all information specified by this RFP. All questions must be answered completely. The World Economic Forum reserves the right to verify any information contained in the participants RFP response, and to request additional information after the RFP response has been received.
- Marketing brochures included must be submitted only as attachments and must not be used as a substitute for written responses. Nevertheless, suppliers should include any additional information that they think would help the Forum evaluate their proposal.
- Furthermore, the proposal must be accompanied by a cover letter, signed by an individual authorized to bind the proposed entity (see Proposal Submission Checklist)

1.4. Procurement Key Activities and Dates

Suppliers are asked to provide the response by August 10th, 2022, at 17:00 CET in electronic format to tfaprocurement@weforum.org.

Responses received after this time will not be considered.

1.5. RFP Evaluation Criteria

The Forum is looking for the most suitable partner and therefore will not simply select the economical most attractive bid or quotation, but rather use objective criteria to evaluate the best match for its

demand. All supplier information provided as part of the RFP will be treated as confidential. The Forum's criteria include, but are not limited to the following key factors:

- Conformity with requirements
- Product and required service pricing
- Implementation approach
- Quality of services as well as quality assurance
- Geographical coverage
- Demand flexibility
- Company values

The Forum will not disclose the detailed results of the selection and scoring process and reserves the sole right to decide whether a proposal complies with the requirements of the RFP and to accept, reject or negotiate modifications of supplier's proposals.

1.6. Queries about the Procurement

Any questions about the procurement must be submitted by e-mail to TFA by August 4th, 2022 at tfaprocurement@weforum.org. No other forms of communication or contact will be accepted. It is the World Economic Forum's practice to communicate any question or request for clarification, with both the query and the response, in a suitably anonymous form, to all participating Suppliers. On a case by case basis if any information is deemed as confidential to a particular Supplier, this will be reviewed at the time it arises.

1.7. Proposal Submission Checklist

Proposals must include:

- A narrative describing previous experience in similar projects
- A description of methodology to be used
- A maximum of 15 pages total
- A pricing proposal following the requirements in Section 2.5

1.8. Points of contact

Suppliers are not allowed to contact any World Economic Forum personnel, such as management or other local contacts, regarding this RFP. Any such communication may lead to the proposal received being rejected.

It is expected that the supplier also provides the World Economic Forum with a single point of contact capable of answering questions related to this RFP on a global scale.

1.9. Provided Information

This RFP contains information believed to be reliable at the date obtained but may not provide all the necessary or desirable information. Neither the World Economic Forum nor its employees or involved advisors, contractors or other representatives guarantee the completeness of these information. The document is intended solely for the information of the party to whom it is issued. All proposals will become the property of the Forum which reserves the right to use without limitations or liability for any ideas from the proposals.

The World Economic Forum reserves the absolute right to:

- Accept or reject any or all proposals
- Negotiate with any, all or no bidders
- Modify or cancel this RFP

It is the Bidder's responsibility to:

- Properly understand and examine the RFP
- Examine all other information available on reasonable inquiry relevant to the risks, contingencies and circumstances affecting its response
- Satisfy itself as to the completeness, correctness, and sufficiency of its response

1.10. Confidentiality

The Invitation document is confidential. The Forum may update or revise the document or any part of it. The recipient acknowledges that any such revised or amended document shall be received subject to the same confidentiality undertaking. The Recipient will not disclose or discuss the contents of the document with any officer, employee, consultant, director, agent, or other person associated or affiliated in anyway with the World Economic Forum or any of its customers or suppliers without the prior written consent of the World Economic Forum.

1.11. Cost of Responding

All costs and expenses incurred by bidders in any way associated with the development, preparation, and submission of their responses to this RFP, including but not limited to attendance at meetings, discussions, presentations, demonstrations, etc. and providing any additional information required by the Forum will be borne exclusively by the bidder.

1.12. RFP Errors

Each recipient should notify the World Economic Forum of any error or discrepancy found in this document. Notification should be made to the contact found in proposal related details.

1.13. Liability

This invitation is not an offer by the World Economic Forum, but an invitation for responses. No contractual obligation on behalf of the Forum whatsoever exists from this process unless and until a formal contract is signed and executed by authorized people of the Forum and the select bidder.

2. Specifications

2.1. Requirements

- The supplier must have expertise in the creation and distribution of online newsletters
- The supplier must have experience with graphic design and creating eye-catching layouts which are intuitive and user-friendly
- The supplier must be able to operate and incorporate content rapidly
- All proposals must show a portfolio of similar prior experiences and the results achieved

2.2. Scope of work

The supplier will be expected to create and distribute an online newsletter on a quarterly basis to signatories of the IFACC initiative. The newsletters will share updates from the IFACC secretariat and provide a space for signatories to share successes and best practices. Content for the newsletter will be provided by the IFACC secretariat on an agreed upon basis, the supplier will then incorporate this content into an eye-catching and user-friendly newsletter. The supplier will also be responsible for the timely distribution of the newsletter.

2.3. Description of the Deliverables

The following deliverables will be provided on a quarterly basis:

- 1) Participation in an initial kick-off call and any other meetings with the IFACC secretariat and members of the IFACC signatory base as needed to generate content and/or align on design elements for the newsletter
- 2) A mockup of the newsletter for review which incorporates the content provided by the IFACC secretariat and may be subject to requests for revisions
- 3) Timely distribution of the approved newsletter

2.4. Timeline

Proposals are due on August 10th, 2022, and award will be made by August 12th, 2022. Expected completion date of all work is March 31, 2023.

2.5. Pricing

- Proposals should be for a fixed price for the entire work, including all expenses and taxes, in Swiss Francs (CHF)
- Offers based on input-based pricing will not be considered
- Proposals will be evaluated on both total cost and on value-for-money

The products/services proposed by the prospective supplier must be aligned with the values, principles and criteria set out in the Forum's [Sustainable Procurement Policy](#).