TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMAZON ORIGIN COCOA PITCH BOOK
About the World Economic Forum and the Tropical Forest Alliance

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The Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA) is a global multi-stakeholder 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, as well as the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Cargill Foundation.

Background

In Latin America, the TFA Latin America Commodity Dialogues are currently underway and are aimed at building and sharing collective solutions that can lead to more sustainable outcomes and better business practices in the cocoa, beef, and soy value chains. The Cocoa Dialogues planned for 2021 were co-convened by TFA partners in the region, including Cacao, Bosque y Paz (Colombia), Cacao, Forests and Diversity (Peru) and Cocoa Action (Brazil) aiming to design and launch a Cocoa Amazon Origin Initiative. This initiative will be supported by USAID under the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Forest Service International Programs. It will promote a shared vision for Amazon Origin Sustainable Cocoa and collectively ensure that the necessary information, conditions, and actors are mobilized and prepared to implement an Amazon Origin Sustainable Cocoa Agreement.

Amazon Origin Cocoa combines numerous conditions to be a strong example of a new pathway for bioeconomic development in the Amazon region. The economic flow of better-positioned cocoa will move the sector financially and has the potential to convert efforts into funding and investments. To do this, TFA seeks to create an ecosystem of committed actors and platforms around deforestation-free and sustainable cocoa production, that can co-develop and implement enabling conditions to accelerate reconversion towards sustainable productive cocoa models at jurisdictional levels in Colombian, Peruvian, and Brazilian Amazon. TFA is leading the development of a positive narrative for sustainable cocoa production from the Amazon to the World, as a baseline to draw-up the case for Amazon origin sustainable cocoa, and to agree upon an action plan and governance structure to implement this initiative; all of which will result in a roadmap and a summary of opportunities that will be consolidated under a Latin America Cocoa Pitch Book.
Objectives

The purpose of this work is to develop a Pitch Book that systematizes the results of several consultancies (reports, studies, analysis) commissioned by TFA under the Amazon Origin Cocoa project, to create a roadmap with recommended steps on how to connect Latin America value chain actors to international markets, identifying channels and highlighting the right attributes, challenges, and barriers. This implies including support in contacting consultants, key partners and with TFA team to raise Brazil, Colombia, and Peru best information, so as the Cocoa Dialogues’ outputs. The consultant shall connect all information under a common Latin America narrative, and work in an analytical way to raise potentialities and challenges appropriate to each country. It also includes the development of a communication strategy to properly disseminate key messages on LATAM Cocoa differentiated production, and a graphic design of the material.

Deliverables

1. Complete analysis of the outputs of several Amazon Origin Cocoa studies and ongoing consultancies, TFA Latam Reports, and other relevant data raised in the planning meeting, to be provided by TFA. The analysis should consider the connection with Bioeconomy and initiatives developed by the 1 Trillion Tree initiative.
2. Coordinate a round of meetings with partners to receive inputs and endorsement on the proposed content. The selection of partners will be agreed in coordination with TFA team.
3. Draft of a Pitch Book containing a minimum of three chapters with the following proposed topics:
   a. **The case**: Introduction, Amazon Cocoa Baseline, Amazon Cocoa product, Market Analysis, connection with new global trends
   b. **Latin America Cases**: Champions and Scalable Cases in Peru, Colombia, and Brazil
   c. **Plans for scaling and elevating Amazon Origin Sustainable Cocoa**: Summary of the opportunities to enhance and potentialize the positioning of the Amazon Cocoa in the National and Global Markets; Plan of a common Marketing and Positioning Strategy.
4. Support in developing the Proposal for a Phase II of the Amazon Cocoa Roadmap, strategically pointing investment opportunities to unlock the supply chains, and fill gaps on the monitoring, traceability, and incentives to smallholder producers.
5. Final document and executive summary both designed for web and print publication in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, along with an editable Word version.

Requirements

- Demonstrated knowledge of the cocoa value chain in Latin America
- Proven experience in conducting research and compiling and analyzing data
- Excellent written and verbal communications in Portuguese, English and Spanish
- Experience working in environment and climate issues
- Hands-on experience managing complex projects and multi-stakeholder initiatives, including creation of visually compelling presentations and communications materials
- Strong team player who can build relationships and work collaboratively across the organization and with partners
- Ability to work in a fast paced, dynamic, and flexible organizational structure
- Proven experience with Graphic Design (provide a portfolio of previous similar projects)

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Instructions

- Proposals must be sent to TFA@weforum.org by 17:00 CET on December 5th and should consist of a CV for each person working on this consultancy, and a one-page document outlining qualifications for this specific role, including expected remuneration.
- Proposals should be for a fixed price for the entire work, including all expenses and taxes, in US Dollar (USD).
- Expected start date: December 10th, 2021.
- Expected completion date of all deliverables is February 15th, 2022.
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