

**Announcement for engaging a consultant
to support the Global Initiative of the
Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA)**

The Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA) seeks a part-time consultant able to provide an average of 10 days per month to assist with the implementation of its grantmaking strategies of its Global Initiative. The consultant will work closely with the Initiative Lead of the CLUA Global Initiative (based in New York) and report to the CLUA Director of Programs (based in Washington, D.C.). This role offers an excellent opportunity to gain grantmaking experience and develop connections within the field of philanthropies, NGOs, and grassroots organizations working on forests, land use, climate change, and indigenous and community land and resource rights.

The Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA) is a philanthropic collaboration of the ClimateWorks Foundation, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. CLUA aims to catalyze the potential of forested and agricultural landscapes to mitigate climate change, benefit people, and protect the environment.

Background

CLUA's Global Initiative promotes forests and sustainable land use within international climate and development arenas—highlighting not only their mitigation potential but also the social, environmental, and economic benefits they provide. As part of this effort, we work to ensure that public sector donors maintain support for forests; the land and resource rights of the indigenous peoples and local communities who protect forests are respected; and the private sector delivers on its responsibility to prevent deforestation and social conflict in their supply chains.

The initiative works in five priority areas:

- (1) **International Forest Policy and Funding:** Promoting policies and programs that support an enabling regulatory environment and provide additional and more effective finance to actions that reduce deforestation and land use emissions and protect indigenous and community rights;
- (2) **Secure Land and Resource Rights:** Helping indigenous peoples and local communities who manage tropical forests secure their land and resource rights;
- (3) **Deforestation- and Conflict-Free Commodities:** Eliminating forest and peatland loss and degradation, and associated rural conflict and violations of indigenous and community rights, from beef, soy, palm oil, pulp and paper, illegal timber, and biofuel supply chains;
- (4) **High Standards for Infrastructure and Extractives:** Advancing global social and environmental standards, transparency, and legal oversight of investment in and development of infrastructure and extractive industries to reduce negative impacts on forests, associated violations of indigenous and community rights, and other environmental, social, and governance risks;
- (5) **Awareness of Forests as a Climate Solution:** Increasing understanding of the importance of protecting forests and sustainably using land to global climate commitments and sustainable development.

Scope of Work

Activities and deliverables of the consultancy include:

- Work with the Initiative Lead and potential partner organizations to develop grant proposals (including helping determine the goals for a grant, its activities, expected results, indicators of success, and budget) and provide feedback on initial drafts;
- Submit draft proposals to CLUA's internal peer review process and work with partners to respond to feedback received;
- Prepare internal justification documents documenting how proposed grants align with CLUA's strategies;
- Participate in periodic reviews of progress with grantees, including to discuss challenges and advances and encourage collaboration, learning, exchange, and strategic partnership;
- Review grantee reports and extract relevant lessons to share with the Global Initiative team;
- Work closely with CLUA Grants Admin team in San Francisco to respond to administrative requirements related to grant portfolio;
- Help organize monthly learning webinars and quarterly Global Initiative team calls;
- Track and compile 'results' from across the Global Initiative's portfolio of grants, including through desk research, direct communication with CLUA partners, and discussions with CLUA team members from across foundation (the ClimateWorks, Moore, Packard, and Ford Foundations and aligned members Good Energies and the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies);
- Assist in the development and execution of strategies for strategic communications around key moments (e.g. the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit).

Qualifications

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field; a masters or other postgraduate degree is a plus
- At least three years of experience in a field relevant to the Global Initiative's work;
- Excellent coordination skills, including experience effectively planning and managing complex projects and processes involving multiple institutions and individuals in a team arrangement;
- Strong analytical skills and ability to identify, prioritize and respond rapidly to emergent
- Excellent oral and written communications skills; ability to manage communications tactfully and professionally with high attention to detail and accuracy;
- Adaptable, able to work in a fast-paced environment, and comfortable with talking to multiple internal and external stakeholders;
- Experience in grantmaking is desirable.

Location

New York City strongly preferred. The consultant will be provided with a workspace in the Ford Foundation office in New York, to facilitate a close working relationship with CLUA's Global Initiative Lead and the members of the Ford Foundation's Natural Resources and Climate Change team. Work schedule (working days and hours) will be flexible within the parameters of the contract. The consultant will be provided with a laptop and CLUA email account.

Interested candidates are requested to [apply online](#) and upload a cover letter and resume/CV. Deadline for applications is May 10, 2019.

For more information about CLUA, please visit: www.climateandlandusealliance.org