



**PROJECT "BRA-21/0002 - POLICIES, PRACTICES, TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE TO
IMPLEMENT THE FOREST CODE"**

Terms of Reference

Midterm Review

OBJECTIVE:

**Hiring consultants to conduct a Midterm Review of the progress made in implementing the
Project "BRA-21/0002 - Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the
Forest Code"**

1 IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Hiring The objective is to hire a consultancy to conduct a Midterm Review (MTR) of the implementation of the Project “Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the Forest Code”, funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and executed by Amigos da Terra – Amazônia Brasileira (AdT), through the Grant Agreement – Code BRA-2055 BRA-21/0002. The project started in April 2021 and is scheduled to run until December 2025.

2 ABOUT THE CONTRACTING INSTITUTION

2.1 The Amigos da Terra – Amazônia Brasileira (AdT) is a non-governmental organization based in Brazil that has been involved in socio-environmental issues for over 25 years. Its main goal is to promote sustainable initiatives that aim to achieve zero deforestation in natural habitats across Brazil, with a particular focus on the Amazon. The technical execution of the Project " BRA-21/0002 - Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the Forest Code" is being carried out by AdT, along with six other members of the Forest Code Observatory (FCO) network.

2.2 The Forest Code Observatory (FCO) is a network that was established in May 2013 by seven institutions to monitor and track the implementation of the Forest Code. The primary goal of the network is to involve civil society in promoting social control and supporting the qualified implementation of the Forest Code. The Observatory is composed of 43 civil society organizations from various regions in Brazil, many of which are recognized both nationally and internationally. Currently, AdT is responsible for the executive secretary of the FCO network.

3 OBJECTIVE

3.1 The Midterm Review (MTR) for the Project is a requirement of the Grant Agreement between AdT and Norad: According to article 9.1. "A review focusing on progress to date shall be carried out in the third year of the Project and be submitted to Norad together with a management response no later than 1 June 2024. The Grant Recipient shall draft the terms of reference for the review, based on a template developed by Norad, and submit them to the other Party for approval. The costs of the review shall be included in the Project budget."

3.2 The objective of these Terms of Reference (ToR) is to hire a consultant firm to conduct the Midterm Review (MTR) for the Project. The MTR will assess the goals achieved, expected results, and the overall development objective of the Project. This will be done by comparing the actual progress made to what was originally outlined in the Project Concept document, the results framework, and the theory of change. The MTR will also focus on the objectives outlined in the Grant Agreement.

3.3 In addition to assessing the achievement of goals and outcomes the MTR should: (1) gather important information about the progress of the Project and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of Project execution; (2) assess the suitability of its original design; and (3) identify changes needed to ensure the achievement of its objectives and/or higher level of implementation of the Project, where applicable.

3.4 The Project BRA-21/0002 - "Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the Forest Code" was created to support the effective implementation of the Forest Code, which is the primary legal tool for protecting natural vegetation in rural properties. A detailed description of the Project can be found in **Annex I** of these Terms of Reference (ToR), and it is strongly recommended that it be read to gain a better understanding of the Project and to accurately estimate the cost of its evaluation.

3.5 In the assessment of the Project's progress, the MTR shall be based on

1. Two of the [six principles for evaluation of development assistance](#) developed by the Official Development Assistance (ODA): effectiveness and coherence.
2. NICFI Outcomes

3. NICFI 2021-2025 Areas of strategic interest, namely (1) innovation and (2) women and gender equality.

4 SCOPE OF REVIEW

4.1 Temporal scope: This midterm review should consider the project from its start until the review has ended, considering the project “BRA-21/0002 Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the Forest Code” is the continuation of the Forest Code project “BRA-16/0004- Forest Code Observatory: Enhancing the role of Brazilian civil society” implemented by IPAM and supported by Norad in the period 2016-2020(2021).

4.2 Geographic scope: The project activities are conducted at the country level, in Brazil, as described in the project contextualization.

4.3 Activity scope: The whole programme should be reviewed, considering all the activities, outputs and outcomes planned and developed/achieved.

5 CRITERIA FOR PROJECT EVALUATION

5.1 The evaluation of the performance of the Project execution (effectiveness) should identify the correlation between the NICFI indicators and the Project indicators, considering the following points and the questions formulated in **Annex II** of this ToR.

5.1.1 Identifying the main results achieved by the Project so far.

5.1.2 Evaluating the effectiveness of the Project's objectives, expected results, and goals, as well as identifying the main bottlenecks to achieving the objectives and goals agreed upon with Norad.

5.1.3 Assessing the effectiveness of establishing strategic partnerships with local governments and stakeholders.

5.1.4 Assessing the challenges, risks, and outcomes related to how the Project is being implemented and how that implementation impacts the effectiveness of the Project overall. It may involve looking at factors such as the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders involved in the implementation, the coordination between different partners, and any potential barriers to achieving the Project's objectives.

5.1.5 Evaluating the challenges and results related to knowledge management in the Project.

- 5.1.6 Identifying synergies with other initiatives and projects.
- 5.1.7 Mapping to what extent the Project activities complement other initiatives in a given context.
- 5.1.8 Identifying which activities are being conducted in collaboration between partners, their internal activities, and with other Projects.
- 5.1.9 Identifying needs for additions, corrections, and opportunities.

6 ACTIVITIES TO BE DEVELOPED

6.1 Data collection that involves:

6.1.1 Analysis of the following documents: Project documents, NICFI calls for proposals to civil society 2021-2025, Grant Agreement, Concept Note (Theory of Change), Results Framework, budget plans, Project implementation plans, Project financial and progress reports, quarterly reports, finalized internal and external products, minutes of meetings, financial reports, annual audit reports, and any other relevant documents. The main focus is to investigate data that NORAD is not able/has no access to, comparing it to the main project documentation listed above.

6.1.2 Organizing and participating in meetings and/or interviews (individual or collective), approximately 20, to be held in person or remotely, with at least the following actors: AdT (at least 1); Project Partners (at least 7); Action Implementation Partners (at least 6); Donors (2); Public agencies heard or involved in Project products (at least 2).

6.1.3 Surveying regarding the status of the base scenario presented for the indicator achievement survey.

6.2 Analyzing the implementation, review, and monitoring of the Project. With the information gathered, the consultant must systematize, analyze, and report on the successes, good practices, challenges, and recommendations for improving Project actions, considering at least the points mentioned in **Annex II** of this ToR.

6.3 When requested, prepare, and present the reports to AdT, partners, and Norad, providing the recommended revision before delivering the final products.

6.4 The review should be performed and presented based on documented analysis in the report and the contractor should triangulate information from various sources.

7 CONTRACTING PERIOD

7.1 The contract will be valid for **120** days from the date it is signed.

8 PRODUCT, EXECUTION SCHEDULE AND PAYMENTS

8.1 Table 1 below describes the products expected from the consultancy, the delivery schedule for each product after the contract is signed, and the percentage of the instalment payment for each approved product.

Table 1. Products, description, deadline, and percentage of payment per delivered product.

No.	Product	Deadline	% of payment
1	Work Plan including the definition of the methodological approach	Up to 15 days after signing the contract	10%
2	Report structure and data collection strategy	Up to 30 days after signing the contract	10%
3	Draft of the MTR report with a presentation in a meeting for the AdT team	Up to 90 days from signing the contract	40%
4	Final MTR report (Portuguese and English version)	Up to 120 days from signing the contract	40%

9 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

9.1 **Product 01:** Work Plan including the definition of the methodological approach.

- a. The Work Plan (Product 01) must contain the details of the methodology to be used in the work, including the previous list of documents to be evaluated, the schedule of activities, and the expense forecast.
- b. An initial remote meeting will be held between the contractor's and AdT's teams to present and agree on the objective and scope of the work and define the information and documents that must be used by the contractor to perform the work. It will also review the expected

products and agree on the content and format of the Work Plan to be developed and delivered by the contractor to the institutions responsible for the Project. After the meeting, the aforementioned documents will be made available to the contractor.

9.2 **Product 02:** Report Structure and data collection strategy

- a. Document describing the proposed structure of the report to be delivered (with a distinction between chapters based on item 4 of this ToR), also containing the final list of interviewees (to be defined together with the Project team) and the strategy and script for conducting the interviews.
- b. Preparation and presentation of the proposed structure and content (based on item 4 of this ToR) in a meeting with the Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira team.
- c. Adjust the proposal according to the directions given in the presentation above.
- d. Delivery of product 2 finalized.

9.3 **Product 03:** Preliminary version of the midterm review report, which must be presented to the Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira team.

- a. The contractor shall, under the supervision of the AdT teams, prepare a preliminary version of the midterm review containing the first results found from collecting and systematizing the information from documents and interviews. The stages for preparing Product 3 are:
 1. Collection and systematization of information based on documentation, research, and interviews with technical experts from AdT, partners, and strategic players.
 2. Presentation of preliminary results and, if necessary, collection of additional information.
 3. Preparation and presentation of the preliminary report to AdT.
 4. Adaptation of the preliminary report based on the directions given in the meeting with the AdT team and delivery of the Product 3.

9.4 **Product 04:** Final midterm review report.

a. The final midterm review report should contain the analysis of the information gathered and recommendations for improving the implementation of the Project. The steps for the elaboration of Product 4 are:

1. Presentation of the draft final report to AdT and, if necessary, to the partners and the donor.
2. Suitability of the report after the meeting.
3. Delivery of the final report along with an executive summary, containing the summary of the report.
4. Presentation of the main results obtained to the AdT team and project partners.

9.5 All products (preliminary and final) must be made available in an online folder shared with the designated AdT technical staff, as a condition for payment.

9.6 The AdT team shall certify the compliance of the delivery of the products about the conditions established in this ToR and shall decide on the approval, correction, or rejection of the documents, within 7 (seven) working days after receipt.

9.7 If the AdT team requests a correction to a product, the contractor must deliver that corrected version within 5 (five) working days from the requested date, or within a longer period, if expressly justified by the contractor and agreed on with AdT.

9.8 The non-correction of the products or non-compliance with the conditions established in these Terms of Reference may lead to the unilateral rescission of the contract.

10 FORMATS TO DELIVER PRODUCTS

10.1 The reports, as well as the work plan and methodology (Products 1-4), must present a level and language compatible with their destination. They will be presented in Portuguese and English, A4 double-spaced paper, in digital format, in Word for Windows, updated to version 16 or higher, and compatible with Microsoft Office/Microsoft 365.

10.2 The report should not surpass 30 pages excluding annexes. It shall consist of an executive summary, a main body that covers the background of the project, the purpose and objectives of the review, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations for our specific project to draw lessons for

project continuation. Please also include an annex that lists all the sources used (documents, interviewees, others).

10.3 The specifications, drawings, designs, originals, material, files and computer programs, reports, and other documents prepared by the contractor in the execution of the object of these Terms of Reference will belong to the contractor and will be delivered to it before the date set for the end of the contract.

10.4 The contractor may retain a copy of the products indicated above, but their use for purposes other than the object of this instrument will depend on the contractor's prior and express authorization, even after the contract is terminated.

10.5 The contractor must provide a formal presentation of the final results of the Midterm Review to the AdT teams, partners and donor.

11 ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR

11.1 The contractor must provide information about the progress of the activities whenever requested.

11.2 All activities described in Item 8 must be articulated with the AdT team when being executed. Whenever necessary, the contractor must update AdT on the progress and execution of actions and changes that occur in their development.

11.3 The contractor must attend meetings to update and monitor the activities whenever requested.

11.4 By submitting a proposal for these Terms of Reference, the applicant certifies that they have not been associated with the design and implementation of the Project in any way that might compromise their independence and impartiality concerning the results and performance of the Project. In addition, they certify that they will not have any future interests (within six months of contract completion) in the Project execution or implementation units.

12 TECHNICAL FOLLOW-UP

12.1 The work must be developed under the coordination of AdT, which will indicate, respectively, a technician responsible for monitoring the work developed by the contractor to support, implement and supervise the actions to be implemented, as well as to receive, analyze and approve the products received together with the donor, if it deems necessary.

12.2 AdT reserves the right to at any time and with a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice schedule meetings and technical visits to monitor the progress of the work and products. The contractor will make all existing elements and those under development available to the contractor.

12.3 When requested, the contractor will make available to AdT all the information gathered necessary for the Project evaluation process so that it can monitor the activities and verify the preparation of the contractor's products.

13 NECESSARY INPUTS

13.1 The contractor must perform the work using its technical collection and material, as well as the location for performing the services and inputs necessary for satisfactory performance of the services herein agreed upon.

13.2 All expenses related to social security, labor, and insurance charges, as well as any other fees and costs, must be included in the proposal and borne by the contractor.

13.3 The contractor must have the necessary equipment, tools, and consumable items to perform the activities related to these terms (e.g., computers, cameras, software licenses), which will be the contractor's responsibility.

13.4 Expenses related to travel for visits and interviews if deemed necessary by the applicant, must be included in the applicant's financial proposal.

14 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PROFESSIONAL - MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

14.1 To perform the service, the contractor must have at least the following minimum qualifications (eliminary):

1. Be a legal entity, with an active CNPJ.

2. Have professionals with university degrees on its technical staff who will perform the work, and
3. At least 5 years of experience by the legal entity in preparing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing Projects.

14.2 Other desirable knowledge and experience (qualifying):

1. Experience in monitoring and reviewing projects related to the conservation and sustainable use of native vegetation and to promoting and applying environmental public policies.
2. Experience with monitoring and/or reviewing projects funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and NICFI.
3. Project Management Experience.

15 EVALUATION CRITERIA

15.1 The technical evaluation will cover the professional's qualification and the technical proposal and will be conducted by AdT, considering the following criteria:

Table 2. Candidate's technical experience

Experience	Minimum required	Score	Maximum score
Monitoring Norad - funded projects	No	5 Points / job	5 points
Professionals with a background in project management	No	1 point	5 points
Foreign Donors	2 jobs	10 points / job > BRL 20MM and > 5 years 5 Points / job < BRL 20MM and < 5 years	10 points
Project Management	2 jobs	10 points / job > BRL 20MM and > 5 years 5 Points / job < BRL 20MM and < 5 years	15 points
Impact Evaluation of socio-environmental projects aimed at the conservation and	2 jobs	10 points / job / data generation, network management, advocacy, or social mobilization 5 points / job / PCTs and public policies	20 points

sustainable use of native vegetation and on promoting and applying public policies		3 points / job / environmental policies for the private sector	
Evaluation of Institutional Arrangements	1 job	5 points / job	5 points
Organizational Planning	1 job	5 points / job	10 points
Process Management	1 job	5 points / job	10 points
Experience with tools for assessing management effectiveness	No	10 points / job	20 points
Minimum score	41 points	Maximum Score	100 points

15.2 In case of a tie, AdT reserves the right to use other complementary criteria related to the scope of the contract.

16 CANDIDATE

16.1 The proposing company must submit a technical proposal and a price proposal for the performance of all the activities and products described in this ToR.

16.2 The Technical Proposal must be sent as a file (.pdf) and must contain:

1. Description of the methodology to be developed for each activity, supported by bibliographic references, or recognized methods. It is encouraged the use of mixed methods, i.e., combining quantitative and qualitative measures.
2. The proposal must include documentation that provides evidence of the proposing company's professional experience. This should include certificates of technical capacity, statements from previous clients, contracts, reports, and any other relevant documents that support the information provided in the proposal. The documentation should include a detailed description of the services or activities performed and the exact period of work, indicated in years.

3. Work performed as part of an undergraduate or graduate degree requirement will not be considered professional experience, nor will volunteer work.

16.3 The Price Proposal must be sent in a file (.pdf) and signed by the applicant company, stating the costs per product, as described in item 8, and the total amount for this consulting service in Brazilian Reais (BRL).

16.4 The proposing company must submit its Technical Proposal and Price Proposal by email to contato@observatorioflorestal.org.br. The subject line of the email should be "Project - INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT". The deadline for submission is **July 30, 2023**.

ANNEX I

PROJECT BRA-21/0002 - "POLICIES, PRACTICES, TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREST CODE"

1 PROJECT CONTEXTUALIZATION

Brazil has reached record rates of deforestation in recent years, exacerbated by public policies contrary to environmental protection. The changes in land use and the loss of forests are the country's largest greenhouse gas emitting sector (SEEG Report 9), with 998 million tons of CO₂ in 2020, mostly from illegal deforestation in the Amazon, encouraged by the perspective of environmental and land tenure regularization.

Land use in Brazil is regulated by Law nº 12.651 on the protection of Native Forests (LPVN, from Portuguese acronym), a norm last issued in 2012 and never fully complied with. Non-compliance with legal obligations generates direct negative socio-environmental impacts, such as deforestation, reduction of biodiversity and water supply and food insecurity. These impacts have strong social consequences, e.g., distortion in the relative prices of forest assets, production and land costs, rural exodus and increased violence in the countryside, gender inequality and, especially, accelerated global warming. Much has been said about the need to advance in the implementation of the law, primarily as a means for fighting illegal deforestation, but there is still a long way to go before the LPVN can fulfil its role of protecting natural vegetation and promoting sustainability in the countryside. When correctly applied, it will provide a gain in forest cover, which will help mitigate climate change.

Against this scenario, the Project "Policies, Practices, Transparency and Governance to implement the Forest Code", funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), under AdT management, aims to monitor and foster implementation of the LPVN and to promote environmental transparency. Its purpose is to ensure the rights of Traditional and Local Communities and Peoples, strengthen the role of civil society in defending native vegetation and encourage more sustainable economic practices.

2 PROJECT GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENT

The Project is managed by Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira (AdT) and implemented by six partner non-governmental organizations, which make up the membership of the Forest Code Observatory (FCO), they are: (i) Associação de Preservação do Meio Ambiente e da Vida (Apremavi), (ii) Instituto BVRio, (iii) Instituto Centro e Vida (ICV), (iv) Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola (Imaflora), (v) Instituto de Pesquisas da Amazônia (Ipam), (vi) Instituto Socioambiental (ISA), and (vi) Centro de Inteligência Territorial/Laboratório de Gestão de Serviços Ambientais da UFMG (CIT/Lagesa/UFMG).

3 DEVELOPMENT, TARGET AUDIENCE AND PROJECT SCOPE

The Project began in April 2020 and will last 60 months. It was built in a participatory manner that involved all the organizations implementing the project. To develop the conceptual model, a situational analysis was conducted on the status of the implementation of the Forest Code at all levels. Based on this model, strategies and actions were prioritized, using the Theory of Change approach, which allows the identification of the necessary steps for achieving the results.

The social groups and key actors of the Project, with whom dialogues, partnerships and articulation and mobilization actions are being developed, are diverse. These groups include national and sub-national government representatives, members of Congress and public prosecutors, small farmers, settlers and traditional communities, private and financial sector companies, medium and large farmers and other stakeholders in society.

The Project falls under category 4 of the NICFI 2021-2025 Call for Proposal: 4 - *Mobilizing ambition and support for forest-friendly policies*, falling under four *NICFI Outcomes*:

Related to The Strategic Framework for NICFI, the Project contributes to the achievement of the following NICFI Outcomes:

1 Approved and implemented policies for sustainable forest and land use in tropical forest countries and jurisdictions.

2 Improved rights and livelihoods for Indigenous peoples and local communities in tropical forest countries.

4 Increased data transparency in land management, land use, value chains and funding.

5 Commodity markets stimulate deforestation-free production in tropical forest countries.

The Project has 5 Outcomes that are interrelated according to Table 1, in this Annex I, and Figure 1 - Theory of Change, below.

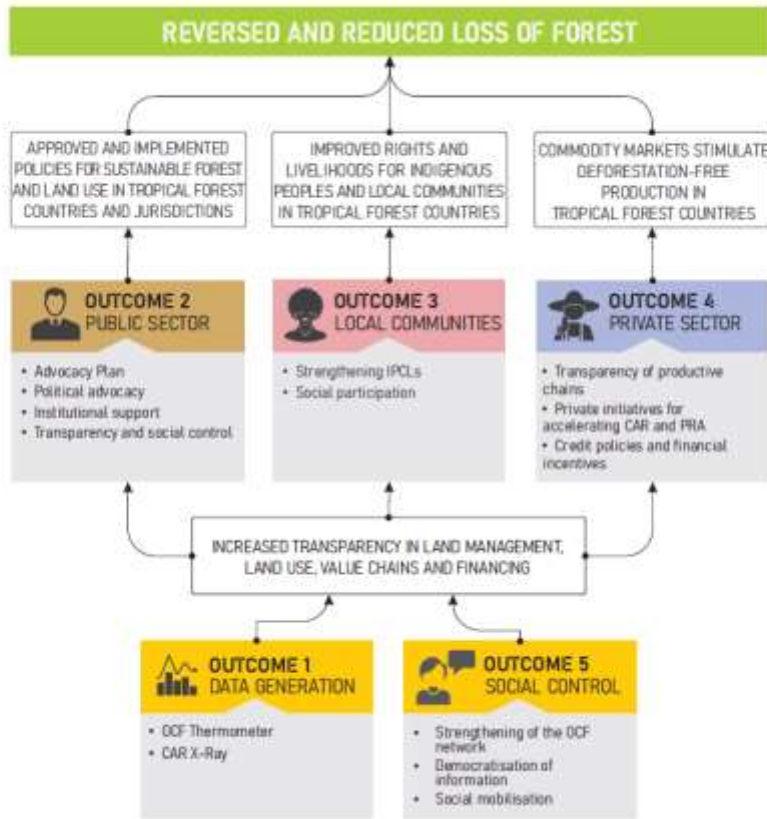
Table 1. Project's five Outcomes

Outcome 1	Increased use of data and monitoring tools by public and private institutions across the country.
Outcome 2	Legislators, executive branch, and federal and state prosecutors sensitized and committed to enforcing implementation of the FC, as well as to applying the best and most transparent information, skills, and practices.
Outcome 3	Social and environmental rights guaranteed in the implementation of the Forest Code, with protagonism by vulnerable local and traditional communities.
Outcome 4	Companies and landowners that are genuinely committed to and engaged with Forest Code compliance and zero deforestation.
Outcome 5	Key civil society organizations empowered, and citizens informed and willing to act for forest protection.

Figure 1. Theory of Change

2020
FACTS & FIGURES

- 30% increase in deforestation in the Amazon
- Total deficit of 19 million hectares of native vegetation
- Only 15 states seeking to work with registering segments of IPLCs
- The average active transparency index for states and federal agencies is only 37%
- 37 legislative proposals tried to weaken the CF in 2019
- 6,500 km² deforested in the Carrão
- Only 34% of CARs validated
- 25% increase in the number of conflicts in the field
- 74% of respondents said they were unaware of the Forest Code



2025
EFFECTS OF CHANGE

- OUTCOME 2 PUBLIC SECTOR**
- Reduction in the approval of harmful legislative proposals
 - Qualification of public actors for implementing CF
 - Increased contribution of public resources for CF implementation
 - Reduction of transaction costs for land regularisation and slowness of public authorities
 - Increased data availability
- OUTCOME 3 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**
- Empower, safeguard rights and support the participation and protagonism of IPLCs
 - Reduction of rural exodus, violence and gender inequality in the countryside
- OUTCOME 4 PRIVATE SECTOR**
- Reduction of socioenvironmental and legal risks of financial agents and buyers
 - Opening new market niches and financial incentives for deforestation-free chains
 - Deforestation-free landscapes
 - Compliance with the FC and implementation of its instruments

ANNEX II

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED, ALWAYS CONSIDERING THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT AND ITS OUTCOMES

1. Effectiveness - assessment of project progress

The midterm review is highly encouraged to cover the first two questions. Questions 3-6 are optional.

Effectiveness	
Assessment of project progress	

Highly recommended

1	To what extent is the agreement successful in achieving desired results? Please provide a separate assessment according to each project-level outcome found in the results framework.
2	In terms of internal, project adjustments, if any, what concrete recommendations do you propose to the organisation for the remainder of the project cycle?

Optional

3	What key successes have sprung from the agreement, and have these resulted in a momentum for greater project achievement?
4	If there has been changes in relation to enabling conditions, to what extent has the organisation adjusted its approach to meet these?
5	To what extent can the project experience be meaningfully replicated and scaled up in similar context? If so, what would be the added value? Please elaborate.
6	Are there planned activities that have not been initiated yet, and if so, why?

2. Coherence - synergies with other interventions

The midterm review should seek to answer both questions.

Coherence	
1.1 Synergies With Other Interventions	
1	<i>Internal coherence:</i> To what extent does the grant recipient work with or in coordination with other initiatives funded by NICFI? What are the learning points? ¹
2	<i>External coherence:</i> To what degree does the grant recipient seek to create alliances and foster

¹ That could be done through dialogue with the grant recipient and collaborating partners. There isn't necessary to make a full mapping of NICFI initiatives.

synergies with civil society organisations and other partners, national or international, to ensure harmonisation of interventions in the given contexts? Please provide a separate assessment for each project outcome.

3. Specific questions I - contribution to NICFI Outcomes

The enumeration is related to the NICFI guidance note, and needed to keep that way.

I-VII NICFI Outcomes	
I	Approved and implemented policies for sustainable forest and land use in tropical forest countries and jurisdictions
A	How does the agreement contribute to raising the ambition for reduced emissions and the absorption of greenhouse gases in (1) the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and (2) in regional/state/province-level development strategies?
B	How does the agreement contribute to protecting tropical forests through regulation, and legislation?
D	How does the agreement contribute to (1) ensuring implementation of forest conservation within specific sectoral policies, and (2) integrating forest conservation as a cross-sectoral issue in governmental policies?
E	How does the agreement lead to implementation of national or state/regional/provincial level area planning policies that promote forest-friendly rural development?
II	Improved rights and livelihoods for indigenous peoples and local communities in tropical forest countries
B	How does the agreement lead to the protection of the forest and land rights of IPLCs? Relevant activities may include: (1) participation in relevant processes, (2) the exercise of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC). Please provide concrete examples.
C	To what degree does the agreement contribute to integrating sustainable forest use by IPLCs into legal frameworks, area plans, and development strategies? Please provide concrete examples.
E	How does the agreement strengthen IPLC capacities for sustainable management and livelihood activities? Please provide concrete examples where applicable.

IV Increased transparency in land management, land use, value chains and financing

- A How does the agreement contribute to
(1) more precise estimates of deforestation and forest degradation and
(2) more frequent use of such data?
- B How does the agreement make data about land rights, user rights or concessions in forest areas
(1) more accessible and
(2) more widely used?
- D How does the agreement contribute to the use of data by companies in selecting providers in the value chain?

V Commodity markets stimulate deforestation-free production in tropical forest countries

- A How does the agreement contribute to making upstream companies take steps to reduce deforestation at the various stages of the supply chain?
- D How does the agreement contribute to the development and financing of deforestation-free business models without producing leakage?

Mobilising Ambition for Forest-Friendly Policies

- A How does the agreement lead to increased support of forest protection or restoration among key decision-makers and thought leaders?
- B How does the agreement sought to increasing knowledge and raising awareness about the significance of forests for humans and nature, the causes of deforestation, and key solutions in official statements, policy documents, or similar?

4. Specific questions II - contribution to NICFI Areas of Strategic Interest

The midterm review should seek to answer both questions.

NICFI Areas of Strategic Interest

- A How does the agreement spur or employ innovative working methods, context analyses, partnership models, or similar innovations? Please elaborate.
- B What are the impacts of the agreement, positive or negative, on women and gender equality? What are the lessons learned?