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Call for Experts for CooperaNet

The Online Hub for Cooperation and Partnerships for Development

of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the

 Organization of American States (OAS)

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OAS -CooperaNet is a Cooperation Exchange online marketplace/ Hub for driving regional cooperation and partnerships for development in the Americas. The CooperaNet platform was developed to respond to OAS Member States' mandate for a consolidated space to optimize partnerships, build alliances and networks, leverage development assistance, and provide more demand-driven technical cooperation in the Americas, while also facilitating the regional attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The platform is designed to facilitate regional cooperation and technical assistance through horizontal and south-south cooperation among OAS Member States and well as between member states and the private sector, subject matter experts, civil society, foundations, international organizations and other development partners. The intent is to build and strengthen human, technical and institutional capacity for sustainable inclusive and equitable development in the hemisphere.

In order to develop the “Ask an Expert” component of the platform, the OAS CooperaNet in search of experts who can serve to support the region’s development, by providing direct technical assistance and expertise in response to expressed needs from member states and/or to horizontal South-South and Triangular cooperation projects on a time- specific or ongoing basis, as needs may arise. Expertise are to be provided on a voluntary basis except in cases where member states or project activities provide payment for work.

**Eligibility criteria:**

**Natural Person:**

* At least seven years of demonstrated work experience proven with concrete results and products in the specific area of expertise.
* Higher education, training degree, or demonstrated knowledge in the given area of expertise.
* Research and or published in the given area of expertise, focusing on those whose results have been incorporated or taken into account by decision-makers and public institutions in LAC.
* Demonstrated commitment to the development of the countries of the region.
* Core values: Integrity, transparency, commitment, responsibility, respect, equality, equity, solidarity, tolerance, reliability, and strong interpersonal skills.
* Certificate of Good Conduct.

**Legal Entity:**

Established legal entity with the all the required operating rights and responsibilities in the operating jurisdiction.

* Proven Competent authority on the subject matter with expertise in one of the Member States or Observer Member with broad and verifiable knowledge, management, and experience in the above-mentioned areas,
* Quality certification granted by an accredited institution in the country where they operate.
* Academic institutions must be accredited in an OAS member state.
* Be able to provide technical advice, be service-oriented and be politically neutral.
* Demonstrated commitment to the development of the countries of the region.

**Expertise required:**

SEDI invites experts with solid knowledge and experience in the following areas to join CooperaNet:

* Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and

Response.

* Climate Data Analysis
* Circular Economy
* Clean Energy
* Climate-Smart Agriculture
* Decarbonization
* Digital Transformation
* Disaster risk management
* Environmental Law
* Integrated Water Resource Management
* Inclusive and Equitable Education
* MSMEs Competitiveness
* Nature Based Solutions
* Project Finance and/or Management
* Science, Technology, and Innovation
* Small Business Development
* Sustainable Land Management
* STEM Education
* Water Sanitation
* Women Economic Empowerment
* Creative and Culture industries
* Tourism Development
* Transformative Technologies
* Local Development and Decentralization
* Gender, gender-based violence, women's political participation.
* Open Government and E-Government
* AFRO and LGTBIQ+
* Social Inclusion
* 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals
* Cooperation Effectiveness
* South-South Cooperation
* Triangular Cooperation
* Multilateral Cooperation
* Corporate Social Responsibility
* Climate Finance Literacy

 How to join CooperaNet:

Persons or entities interested in becoming experts are invited to apply at any time of the year. Applicants should send an email with their resume (CV) or portfolio, including 3 references and a photo, to cooperanet@oas.org.

Experts Selection

A panel will carefully choose experts who meet the necessary criteria and have passed verified reference checks. The Executive Secretariat for Integral Development will regularly post the chosen candidates in roster under the “Ask an Expert” section of CooperaNet.

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