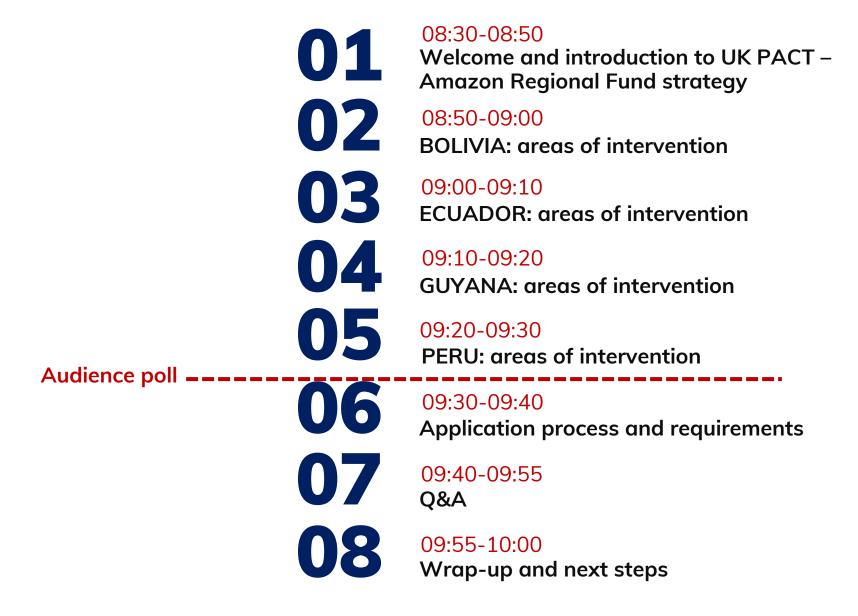


Amazon Regional Fund First Call for Proposals Agriculture, Forests and Other Land-Use: Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana and Peru

Market engagement event

September 10th, 2024

#### **Agenda**





# Welcome and Introduction to UK PACT

# Amazon Regional Fund strategy

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#### **UK PACT: Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions**

UK PACT is a multi-sector £340M global programme delivering 10 bilateral country funds and 2 regional funds until 2027

#### **Mission and vision:**

- UK PACT is the flagship technical assistance programme under the UK's International Climate Finance (ICF) portfolio. The programme is jointly governed and funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).
- Supporting achievement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the long-term goal of the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit dangerous climate change
- **Demand-driven**, adjusting key focus areas based on partner countries' needs and sectoral priorities.

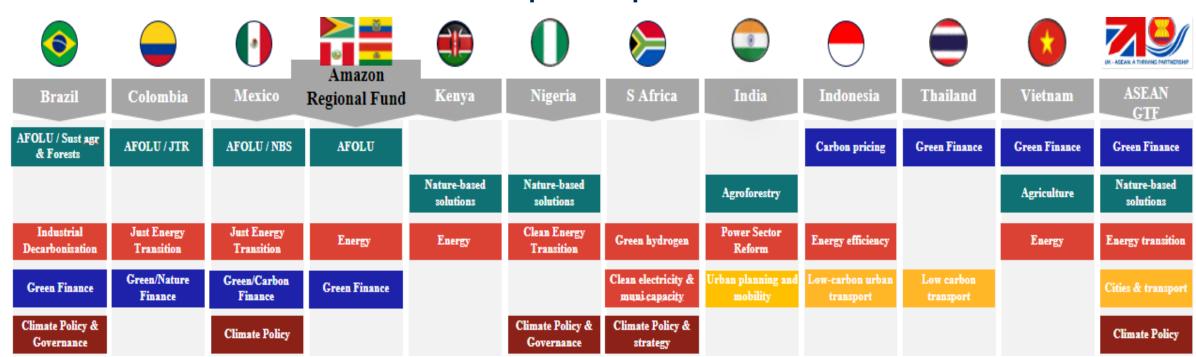
#### We are doing this by:

- Working with partner countries to improve the capacity and capability of key institutions to reduce emissions and foster inclusive economic growth
- Addressing barriers and constraints to clean growth
- Pursuing opportunities for greater climate ambition
- Enabling access to climate finance

#### **UK PACT Theory of Change**

**Problem** Outcome **Barriers Impact** Delivery Outputs Demand-led TA delivered Lack of Greenhouse gases cause climate change, which Each Country Fund is led by a reduces prosperity and Strategy outlining priority undermines security. The rate of emissions reductions is insufficient **Enhanced policies and** for curbing climate change practices and impacts. Accelerated emissions implementation, reductions which replication and scaling **UK PACT activities** are support equitable just of models that deliver transitions and accelerated and Lack of contribute to poverty ambitious emissions reduction. reductions and equitable and This exacerbates poverty inclusive economies. Low capacity for **UK Embassies and High** as climate change impacts disproportionally affect the poorest and the most vulnerable. Lack of financial Assumes sufficient funding Programme learning and Assumes recipient available to implement Assumes post have external relations activities counterparts have the enhanced policies and ability to effectively lasting power to practices engage counterparts and develop relevant that demand is correctly policies identified

#### Where UK PACT builds partnerships



#### How UK PACT build partnerships



focus

Sector

#### **UK PACT in the Amazon biome**

#### **Existing projects**

#### In the Amazon Region including Brazil and Colombia with technical assistance since 2021



Improving forest monitoring capabilities and supporting deforestation reduction in Bolivia Expert partner: WWF Bolivia and FAN Counterpart: National Government of Bolivia

A portfolio of projects in delivery in ARFwhich originated though the Green Recovery Challenge Fund focusing on 'MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture'.

Also, other key interventions such as: supporting REDD+ inclusive agreements and strengthening standing forest sustainable use through bioeconomy value chains and forest governance.



Amazon InnovaTec: strengthening the MRV of smallholder farms in the Peruvian Amazon to access global deforestation-free markets and contribute to Peru's NDC.

**Expert partner:** Solidaridad, Earth Innovation

Institute and CECAT

Counterpart: Ministry of Agriculture (MIDAGRI)

Ministry of Environment (MINAN)



Expanding forest concessions in the Brazilian Amazon

Expert partner: Imaflora

Counterpart: Brazilian Ministry of Environment



Fair and Equitable REDD+ Agreements (ARJE) Expert partner: WWF

**Counterparts:** Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, OPIAC, Ministry of Interior.

## This Call for Proposals – Agriculture, Forests and Other Land use Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru

- The selected portfolio of projects seeks to address the key drivers of deforestation with the objective of halting and reversing forest loss and land degradation by 2030.
- By delivering projects which are primarily climate change mitigation focused, but also demonstrating climate change resilience/adaptation co-benefits.
- Projects will be selected through a two-stage, open and competitive call.
- Projects are expected to start between January and March 2025 and end no later than March 2027.
- Grants of up to £500,000 per project per financial year will be awarded to successful applicants for a period of up to 27 months.
- Looking for partners with the ability to be flexible and adapt to deliver against additional demands that may come over the course of a project of up to 27 months.
- For-profit organizations can apply, but all projects must be delivered on a not-for-profit basis.

This Call for Proposal – Agriculture, Forests and Other Land use

Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru

Consolidate robusts MRV systems

Deforestation free, sustainable and resilient production

This new portfolio should contribute to an equitable and inclusive transition:

- Toward sustainable and resilient system of practices,
- Providing increased prosperity for rural communities
- Whilst reducing and reversing the currents levels of deforestation, land degradation and GHG emissions

Enable and Promote Bioeconomy

Improve
Nature finance
mechanisms

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#### **Counterparts (recipients of project outputs)**

- National and regional governments and public entities
- Local organized farmers and agriculture industry (associations, cooperatives, guilds)
  - Community-based/ grass-root organizations
  - Market players/agents such as private companies and SMEs
    - Public and private financial institutions
    - Academia, applied research institutions, think tanks

#### Types of organizations eligible to apply for UK PACT grants

- Profit and Non-profit organization
- Academic institutions
- Industry or professional associations
- NGOs
- Think tanks

Government departments and/or agencies are not eligible to apply for UK PACT Grant Funding



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Making the case for sustainable agriculture commodities in Santa Cruz, including diagnosis of climate change impacts; design of sustainability and deforestation-free strategies; and identification of relevant climate- smart agriculture practices and technologies.



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Supporting the development of a traceability system for the Bolivian deforestation free soy-bean value chain and promoting the implementation of a demonstrative pilot with at least one leading Bolivian soy company.



4

Improve climate governance and develop carbon positive value chains in the autonomous Indigenous territory of Charagua Iyambae



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- Support for the development of sub-national action plans, policies and measures.
- Capacity-building to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation caused by forest fires within the framework of departmental competences.
- Coordination and cooperation on sustainable forest management as demonstrative activities
- Awareness raising and dissemination campaigns on IFM practices.

2

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- Provide support to identify, analyse and strengthen relevant CSA practices and technologies in the department of Santa Cruz.
- Validation of studies from Camara Agropecuaria de Oriente (CAO) subsectors, and key public, private and IPLC stakeholders to feed into the development of the strategy
- Develop strategic knowledge products and communications products to support this process.

3

Supporting the development of a traceability system for the Bolivian deforestation free soy-bean value chain and promoting the implementation of a demonstrative pilot with at least one leading Bolivian soy company.



#### Illustrative scope of activities

- Recommendations and technical assistance to develop and integrate traceability systems under development, including inter-institutional models and partnerships for the Government and private sector to establish national systems.
- Enabling Bolivian agri-businesses to adopt key practices and standards for zero deforestation and land degradation legislation, along with due diligence standards approved by the EU (EUDR) and upcoming UK regulation.
- Pilot the implementation of a deforestation free strategy with one Bolivian soy producing/processing company. This should include implementation of the traceability system, but also supply chain management and other methodological issues, along with practical challenges to implementation (traceability, supply chain management).

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Improve climate governance and develop carbon positive value chains in the autonomous Indigenous territory of Charagua Iyambae



- Support the effective participation, collaboration, and partnership implementation of Indigenous government and local communities in Charagua with other stakeholders, strengthening their understanding, leadership and benefits from forest carbon initiatives.
- Facilitate spaces for various stakeholders with a presence in the territory (Indigenous communities and leadership, organic governance structures, private landowners and cattle-ranchers, Mennonite communities) to discuss and agree on deforestation reduction actions that result in financing through forest carbon initiatives, including LEAF.
- Integrating IPLCs into commercial value chains (cattle, NTFPs)
- Value chain integration (working with producers, financers, meat packers, buyers)

#### **Bolivia - Main counterparts**

Intervention area	Main counterparts
1. Strengthening forest and land use management in the department of Santa Cruz to facilitate the registration of the jurisdiction in the ART registry under the TREES standards to reduce forest emissions.	Departmental Government of Santa Cruz
2. Making the case for sustainable agriculture commodities in Santa Cruz, including diagnosis of climate change impacts; design of sustainability and deforestation-free strategies; and identification of relevant climate- smart agriculture practices and technologies.	Cámara Agropecuaria del Oriente (CAO)
3. Supporting the development of a traceability system for the Bolivian deforestation free soy-bean value chain and promoting the implementation of a demonstrative pilot with at least one leading Bolivian soy company.	<ul> <li>Asociación de Productores de Oleaginosas y Trigo (Anapo)</li> <li>Cámara Nacional de Industrias Oleaginosas de Bolivia (CANIOB)</li> </ul>
4. Improve climate governance and develop carbon positive value chains in the autonomous Indigenous territory of Charagua Iyambae	<ul> <li>Gobierno Autónomo Indígena Originario Campesino (GAIOC) de Charagua Iyambae.</li> </ul>



# **Ecuador Areas of intervention**

Valeria Cadena Forest and Climate Officer British Embassy - Quito

#### **Ecuador – Areas of intervention**

1

Support the transition to deforestation-free production in Ecuador



2

Strengthening the REDD+ National Policy and its Benefit-Sharing Plan



#### **Ecuador - Areas of intervention**



1

Support the transition to deforestation-free production in Ecuador

Implement the National Deforestation-Free Production Standard Strategy, considering traceability, sustainability, and GEDSI as relevant axes. Also, existing efforts and ensuring complementarity and additionality.

- Design the pilot implementation of the National Deforestation-Free Production Standard Strategy.
- Pilot implementation of the Deforestation Free Standards Strategy: considering the recent version approved under the Reform of the Ministerial Agreement (through a participatory feedback process).
- Organise capacity building for stakeholders at national and subnational level, including territorial dialogues allowing for better practices to be shared.
- Support the government in socialization and consultation processes.

#### **Ecuador - Areas of intervention**



2

Strengthening the REDD+ National Policy and its Benefit-Sharing Plan

Strengthen the institutional structure of the REDD+ State Policy.

- Diagnosis to map current efforts and ensure complementarity and additionality.
- Articulation of workshops for the participatory construction of the REDD+ Benefit Sharing Plan, with the integration of IPLCs, sectoral ministries and the private sector, considering among various aspects: distribution mechanisms, safeguards, guiding principles, among others.
- Support the design of a Governance model for the Benefit Sharing Plan.
- Support the socialisation and promotion of the REDD+ Benefit Sharing Plan.
- Support the drafting of the legal enabling arrangements to institutionalise the REDD+ BenefitSharing Plan.
- Broadening the scope of the REDD+ Benefit-Sharing Plan.

#### **Ecuador - Main counterparts**

Intervention area	Main counterparts
1. Support the transition to deforestation-free production in Ecuador	<ul> <li>Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition (MAATE)</li> <li>Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)</li> </ul>
2. Strengthening the REDD+ National Policy and its Benefit-Sharing Programme	<ul> <li>Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition (MAATE)</li> </ul>



# Guyana Areas of intervention

Lina Peñuela Amazon Region Strategy Coordinator British Embassy - Bogota

#### **Guyana – Areas of intervention**

1

Support the development of sustainable alternative livelihoods in forest communities in Guyana in line with the village planning processes.



2

Strengthening and enhancing capacities within the Guyana's Monitoring, Reporting, Verification System (MRVS)



3

Incentivise applied research and scalable innovation in the sustainable forestry value chain in Guyana.



#### **Guyana - Areas of intervention**

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- Mapping lessons learned drawing on recent and ongoing initiatives to develop sustainable livelihoods within forest communities and promote peer-to peer learning for improved village planning.
- Support the existing framework for local participatory planning processes for identifying sustainable livelihoods, especially, considering women and youth active involvement.
- Identify and promote robust sustainable livelihoods strategies through a long-term landscape planning approach.
- Partner with the government's offer to extend the scope of governmental programmes with the objective of promoting sustainable agroforestry practices in forest communities, enhancing livelihoods within IPLCs.

#### **Guyana - Areas of intervention**

2

Strengthening and enhancing capacities within the Guyana's Monitoring, Reporting, Verification System (MRVS)



- Provide technical support to the Guyana Forestry Comission (GFC) on relevant activities to monitor forest loss trends and impacts (e.g. collecting data, updating databases).
- Strengthen deforestation data capture and data sharing protocols between Guyana Forestry Comission (GFC) and other relevant Guyanese government institutions.
- Support the mapping and quantification of environmental services other than carbon storage for offsetting.
- Enhance skills and provide training for the Guyana Forestry Comission (GFC) team on monitoring forest fires and fire management.

#### **Guyana - Areas of intervention**

3

Incentivise applied research and scalable innovation in the sustainable forestry value chain in Guyana.



- Identify and develop a set of strategic research projects with the GFC to harness added value in sustainable timber production considering GEDSI approaches.
- Identify, prototype and develop solutions for decreasing wood-waste in Guyana's sustainable timber production.
- Support inventory efforts to catalogue less studied forest species in Guyana, as well as research and document ecosystem services linked to them (e.g. medicinal, nutritional, cultural value).
- Promote testing of a new species for various end-use applications and investigating
  pressure impregnation of lesser used species with environmentally friendly compounds to
  make them fire-resistant or retardant.

#### **Guyana - Main counterparts**

Intervention area	Main counterparts
1. Support the development of sustainable alternative livelihoods in forest communities in Guyana in line with the village planning processes.	<ul> <li>LCDS Secretariat</li> <li>NTC (National Toshaos Council)</li> <li>Guyana Forestry Commission</li> <li>Ministry of Natural Resources</li> <li>Ministry of Amerindian Affairs</li> </ul>
2. Strengthening and enhancing capacities within the Guyana's Monitoring, Reporting, Verification System (MRVS)	<ul><li>Guyana Forestry Commission</li><li>Ministry of Natural Resources</li><li>Office of Climate Change</li></ul>
3. Incentivise applied research and scalable innovation in the sustainable forestry value chain in Guyana.	<ul> <li>Guyana Forestry Commission</li> <li>Ministry of Natural Resources</li> </ul>



# Peru Areas of intervention

Aimy Caceres Head of Forest and Climate British Embassy - Lima

#### **Peru – Areas of intervention**

Development and promotion of sustainable land management practices for the Amazonian peatlands in Peru, strengthening and enhancing local management plans (Declaraciones de manejo DEMAS) for non-timber forest products NTFPs and sustainable finance instruments for these areas.



Developing innovative financial mechanisms to support Peru's National Strategy for Biological Diversity, to be operationalised through a 30 by 30 roadmap - OECMs and finance plan.



Support Peruvian Amazon bio-businesses to achieve readiness to access international markets, prioritizing NTFPs and biodiversity products that bring value to standing forests.



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- Sustainable landscape planning diagnosis.
- Develop strategic plans for future conservation modalities.
- Identify and systematize best forestry practices for NTFPs under landscape planning.
   approaches, this includes the development of best suited tools to transfer information.
- Develop guidelines, courses and knowledge exchanges to disseminate best forestry practices for sustainable production of NTFPs.

#### **Peru - Areas of intervention**

2

Developing innovative financial mechanisms to support Peru's National Strategy for Biological Diversity, to be operationalised through a 30 by 30 roadmap - OECMs and finance plan.



- Diagnosis on existing nature finance ecosystem and mechanisms in Peru, including:
  - Institutional and regulatory framework, enabling conditions, and updated actors/ecosystem mapping for the following mechanisms:
    - MERESE Payment for Ecosystem Services with biodiversity focus;
    - Habitat banks and biodiversity credits;
    - Agrobiodiversity zones adapted for the Amazon;
    - Digital Conservation Offsetting.
  - Selection of best suited financial mechanisms according to barriers and opportunities from the previous analysis.
- Design, pilot and implementation of at least one nature finance mechanism.

#### **Peru - Areas of intervention**

3

Support Peruvian Amazon bio-businesses to achieve readiness to access international markets, prioritizing NTFPs and biodiversity products that bring value to standing forests.



- Identify Peruvian bioeconomy companies with commercial upscaling potential.
- Prioritise a group of Amazon bioeconomy value chains, including products and sub-products, based on existing studies and information (e.g. Aguaje subproducts for the cosmetic and/or superfoods value chains).
- Identify barriers and opportunities to access international markets, providing clear practical roadmaps for this purpose.
- Create and implement a "community of practice" network to facilitate exchange of experiences among
  companies to create and build capacities and opportunities for market access and financing.
- Ensure close participation in and coordination with the National Bioeconomy task-force.

#### **Peru - Main counterparts**

Intervention area	Main counterparts
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3. Support Peruvian Amazon bio-businesses to achieve readiness to access international markets, prioritizing NTFPs and biodiversity products that bring value to standing forests.	<ul> <li>General Directorate Environmental Economy and Finance from the Ministry of Environment (MINAM)</li> <li>National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR)</li> <li>Trade Commission of Peru (PROMPERU)</li> <li>Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF)</li> </ul>

# Audience poll

### Zoom



# Application process and requirements

#### **Application process**

## STAGE 1. Call for Expressions of Interest (Capacity eligibility)



- ✓ Organisations (lead) that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver Technical Assistance projects on the priority sectors outlined.
- ✓ Experience of delivering this technical assistance in eligible countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru).
- ✓ On valid project reference over the last 5 years: over 1 year implementation and £ 300.000 pounds.
- ✓ Government agencies and/or departments are <u>not</u> eligible to apply either as a lead organisation, or as a partner organisation within a consortium (if shortlisted).

## STAGE 2: Call for Proposal (Project eligibility)



- ✓ Strategic fit with the UK PACT priorities outlined
- ✓ Demonstrate clear pathways and plan to engage intended counterparts in each Amazon country
- ✓ Counterpart engagement: accepting, using, and integrating UKPACT outputs and with concrete potential to be scaled and replicated at sector and national level.

Consortia with national organisations encouraged.

- ✓ Projects up to 27 months
- ✓ Up to £500,000 per project per year
- ✓ Incorporating opportunities to advance GEDSI

#### **Process and timeline**

#### Two stage process for selection of projects

Call for Expressions of Interest launched **August 30th 2024** 



Deadline for submission of Eol application: **20th September 2024** 









Shortlisted applicants to submit Full proposal October 2024

#### If the full proposal is awarded:

- ✓ There will be a co-creation period prior to Grant Agreement signature
- ✓ An inception phase within Workplan at the start of the project to refine project design and update engagements

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#### First stage: expressions of Interest for shortlist

- ✓ All applications are to be made through the Funds opportunities portal
- ✓ Interested organizations should register on the portal for application

Capacity: must be an eligible organization with proven experience in the selected countries and areas of intervention

One valid reference of similar projects delivered per area of intervention (Max 2 areas)

In eligible countries (Max 2 countries):

- Bolivia
- Ecuador
- Guyana
- Peru

#### **Each project reference must:**

- ✓ Delivered over the last 5 years in at least one of the eligible countries.
- ✓ With above GBP 300.000

  of total budget
- ✓ For minimum one year of implementation (from start to closure)
  - ✓ With at least one document that provides evidence of delivery and completion: final report, output/report publication, other.

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#### Second stage: if shortlisted, full proposal submission and evaluation

Selection criteria will be divided into grant project design and workplan, project management and budget

There will be a strong emphasis on:

- The extent to which projects respond to the Terms of Reference outlined
- The degree to which projects fit within the overall UK PACT Theory of Change
- The extent to which GEDSI have been given priority within the project plan and outputs
- The plans for managing the project, including confidence that evidence of outputs achieved, and progress reporting will be delivered on schedule
- Ensuring value for money

UK PACT projects can be demanding due to the requirement for evidence of all outputs achieved. Project management, results measurement and gender equality and social inclusion are all priorities for UK PACT and we encourage applicants to plan and budget for these tasks adequately.

#### **Key Definitions**

**Inputs & Activities = things that will be used to implement the project** (e.g., trainings, research, technical expertise, stakeholder engagement). These are the activities that must be listed in your Project Workplan.

Outputs = the deliverable or product achieved as a result of the inputs. These are within the direct control of an intervention and are normally provided to the project's key counterparts or other project stakeholders.

Intermediate Outcomes = an interim indication of initial uptake by programme stakeholders. The logic of the intermediate outcome is that programme-supported outputs should be adopted or taken up by the stakeholders that work most directly with the programme. These stakeholders are then responsible for using or implementing those outputs to achieve their intended purpose.

**Outcomes** = are achieved when an output has been firmly adopted, implemented and has shown to result in a significant change in behaviour. If the programme's adopted outputs are effectively implemented by its counterpart stakeholders, we articulate this **outcome** as *enhanced*, *sustained*, *and inclusive action on emissions reduction*.

**GEDSI Contribution** = UK PACT's ambitions for **gender equity, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI)** are to go beyond minimum compliance. Project outputs must *do no harm,* should *empower* gender equality and social inclusion, and are strongly encouraged to support GEDSI *transformation wherever possible*.

#### **Preparing a proposal**

**UK PACT** 

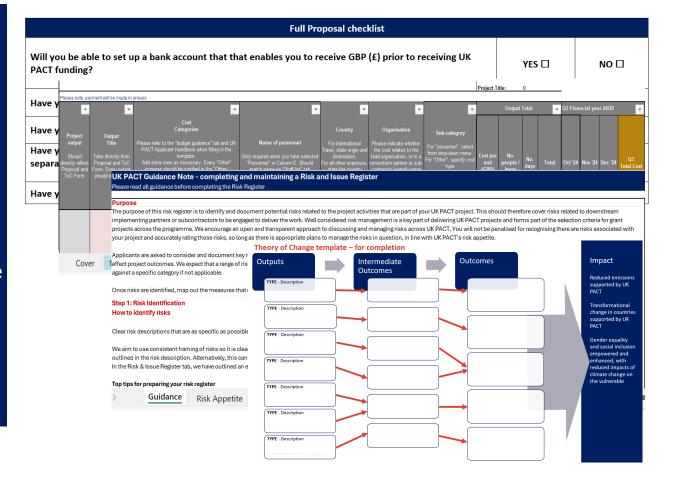
UK PACT Country Funds Full Proposal Form – 2024

UK PACT Proposal Template

UK PACT Budget and Workplan Template

UK PACT Project Theory of Change Template

UK PACT Project Risk & Issue Register Template



#### **List of reference documents**

All relevant documents and templates will be included in the Country Funds Opportunities Portal when you apply

- Expression of Interest Application
- Terms of reference
- Applicant Handbook

#### Other useful references:

GEDSI Ambition Statement

Q&A



# Wrap-up and next steps

#### **Next steps**

#### Reminder on upcoming timeframes for application

- Presentation will be published on UK PACT website in coming days (<u>www.ukpact.co.uk</u>)
- Call for Proposals launched on 30 August 2024 at the Amazon Regional Fund webpage
- Deadline for Expressions of interest on 20 September 2024.
- Survey to be sent out to participants to gather additional feedback on webinar and call for proposals
- For any technical issues when registering on the application portal please contact: <a href="mailto:amazonfund@ukpact.co.uk">amazonfund@ukpact.co.uk</a>

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