



**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
REGIONAL CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
ENVIRONMENT&ENERGY PRACTICE
CONSULTANT**

I. Post Information

Consultancy: Editor - SPANISH
Biodiversity and Ecosystems for Growth and
Equity in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Organizational Unit: RBLAC/BDP
Supervisor/ Grade: Primary Supervisor –
Senior Advisor and Coordinator Commission
for Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Finance and
Development

Duration: September 2010-November 2010
Location: Home based plus meetings as
required.

II. Organizational Context

The 2008-2011 UNDP Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean has identified as one of its strategic areas an innovative regional initiative entitled “***Biodiversity and Ecosystems: Why these are Important for Sustained Growth and Equity in Latin America and the Caribbean***”

The Initiative will engage with key political and economic leaders of the region to inform policy and decision makers of the need to incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem services into national strategies, highlighting its role in development and equity.

The primary goal of this Initiative is to produce a Report with sufficiently valuable and robust data to inform policy and decision makers in Latin America and the Caribbean of the need to invest in and maintain biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The report will come in an extremely opportune moment: many key global and regional political events will take place in 2010, including the Biodiversity COP 10; the International Year of Biodiversity; the Latin American, Ibero-American and EU/Latin America and Caribbean Summits; and the culmination of post-Kyoto negotiations. The policy recommendations proposed in the report will contribute informed inputs to the discussions that will take place in these events.

A **Report Preparation Team** consisting of a group of regional economists, financial and environmental experts; will be in charge of producing a solid and politically relevant report that will examine the fundamental role of biodiversity in the generation of wealth and support of wellbeing in the region.

In order to strengthen the report prepared by the Report Preparation Team, two very important groups have been created within the initiative:

1. A **Commission for Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Finance and Development**, composed by distinguished political leaders, civil society leading figures, leading economists, and private investment fund managers; that will oversee and drive the Initiative, preparation and dissemination of the report.

2. A **Technical Advisory Committee**, consisting of leading regional economists and financial experts; that will supervise the quality of the report.

Additionally, a **Consultation Process** with key stakeholders in the region has been carried out since the initial stages of the Initiative to ensure the report is informed by views and information provided by governments of the region, civil society members, private sector representatives, regional and/or local leading environmental and/or indigenous groups and individuals, on how to enhance investment in biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services; and ensure that these unique assets make a contribution to the region's economic growth, human development and equity.

The objective of this consultancy is to review, refine, and finalise the Spanish version of the Report.

The original (English) version and initial translation will be provided from which the consultant will produce a refined and eloquent Spanish versions of the text.

III. Functions / Key Results Expected

Review, refine, and finalise Spanish Report

- The consultant will carefully review the original Report and its initial translation
- The consultant will then edit and hone the Spanish version of the Report such that it is superlatively eloquent.

Deliverable: Revised Spanish Report

IV. Regime For Payment Of Fees

- The professionals must submit an expression of interest to work in the above described capacity, and should provide their consultation fees by the job (flat rate), in dollars of the United States of America.
- The contract signed as special services agreement does not involve any fees in advance at the beginning of the consultancy. Payment will be made in two instalments upon submission and approval of deliverables.

V. Competencies

- The consultant must be highly skilled at presenting complex issues in a clear manner and expressing ideas in precisely and succinctly.
- The consultant must be able to write elegantly and persuasively.

VI. Recruitment Qualifications	
Education:	Advanced literary degree
Competencies:	The consultant must have impeccable writing and editing skills
Experience:	Over 10 years professional writing experience Familiarity with environmental issues in Latin America and the Caribbean preferred
Language Requirements:	Excellent command of written Spanish and English

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Qualified candidates who are interested in the above position are invited to submit their application, in English, attaching a UN Personal History Form, not later than **10 September 2010**. Internal candidates must attach copies of three last performance appraisals.

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 Subject: **Vacancy Announcement No. 048** Consultancy: Editor - SPANISH
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- Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Only short-listed qualified candidates will receive an acknowledgement.