



Ciudad de Panama, Panamá June 25, 2020

Mr. Kim Carstensen Director General Forest Stewardship Council

## Ref: CALL FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS NOMINATIONS FOR THE FSC INDIGENOUS FOUNDATION COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Carstensen:

We believe that you are aware of the recent change changes in the membership of the FSC Indigenous Foundation Council (IFC). In compliance with the Law, the Charter, and the FSC Indigenous Foundation (FSC-IF) Regulation. The Article 6 of the FSC-IF Regulation in its specific Clauses regulating the appointment of the members of the IFC inform that:

6.2.1. Candidates belonging to the PIPC must be nominated by consensus of the PIPC.

6.2.2. The PIPC will make a call, among indigenous peoples' organizations and other interested parties, with the support of the Foundation's Managing Director and FSC Regional Directors, for the nomination of candidates who do not belong to the PIPC.

6.2.5. The PIPC must present the relevant documentation to the Founder's Board of Directors (including a table with the respective evaluation). The Founder's Board of Directors may request further information and documentation it considers necessary and/or convenient to evaluate the candidates' suitability to the Foundation's Council.

Based on the regulations above, PIPC with support from the FSC-IF Managing Director is conducting the Call for Applications for open positions on IFC for a 3-year term starting on September 1, 2020. Relevant information about the qualified candidates, their responsibilities, and application process are provided as enclosed materials to this letter. Moreover, a summary of the PIPC and FSC-IF is also included as appendix.

As a process led by PIPC, our timeline is as follows:

- 24 July 2020: deadline to receive candidacy
- 29 July 2020: PIPC meeting to decide on the two best candidates to be nominated
- 4 August 2020: Send all materials to FSC DG to be evaluated by the FSC BOD

Working in collaboration with FSC-IF Managing Director, we would like to request your support to engage with FSC Regional Directors to disseminate and identify the individuals more suited to this important role with the FSC-IF.

Best regards,

Rodion Sulyandziga, Ph.D. PIPC Chair Francisco Souza, Ph.D. Managing Director FSC Indigenous Foundation





# CALL FOR COUNCIL MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The FSC Indigenous Foundation (FSC-IF) is a new Indigenous-led global entity with headquarters in Panama established to support and work with and for Indigenous Peoples worldwide by creating Indigenous-based solutions to strengthen self-determined and sustainable resource management in 300 million hectares of Indigenous territories in the Planet. The FSC Permanent Indigenous Peoples Committee (PIPC) is an Indigenous Global Governance Platform acting as an advisory body on Indigenous issues to the FSC Board of Directors. One of the roles of PIPC is to nominate members of the Council of the FSC Indigenous Foundation to the FSC Board of Directors.

PIPC is currently seeking applications for two seats on the FSC-IF Council (IFC) for a 3-year term starting in September 2020. As a member of the IFC, in direct collaboration with the PIPC Chair and the FSC-IF Managing Director, you shall be responsible for managing, overseeing and directing the affairs of the Foundation towards the fulfillment of its mission and objectives, and shall comply at all times with the duty of care of a *bonus pater familias* (shall act as a diligent guardian of the rights and interests of the FSC-IF). In accordance with the Law, the Charter and these Regulations, the IFC shall be responsible of:

- A. Providing accounts to the Founder in accordance with the Law, the Charter, and FSC-IF regulations;
- B. Complying with all applicable laws;
- C. Defending the rights of the FSC-IF and of its Patrimony and, in general,
- D. Ensuring compliance with the Law, the Charter, the Regulations and the Instructions received from the Founder.

# Would you like to know more about PIPC and FSC-IF?

- Appendix 1: PIPC précis
- Appendix 2: FSC-IF précis

# How do you qualify to service the FSC-IF?

PIPC shall consider gender balance to have a woman in the IFC as well as geographic diversity. In addition, you should:

- Be a member of Indigenous Peoples or a long history of involvement and engagement with Indigenous Peoples Communities.
- Be willing to fulfill the obligations of the capacity indicated above.
- Be willing to commit to a contribution of time, energy, creativity, and diplomacy to support and empower Indigenous Peoples.
- Have knowledge of the issues related to Indigenous Peoples and forest management.
- Have experience in managing organizations and/or projects.





- Be familiar with the participation of Indigenous Peoples in other organizations and international spaces related to environment, forests, climate change, and Indigenous Peoples rights.
- Excellent and well renowned international profile and recognition on Indigenous Issues.

# What are the expectations if your nomination is approved to the IFC?

- Serve as a member of the IFC for 3 (three) year starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Attend one annual meeting in person (or via videoconference), quarterly virtual meetings, and in extraordinary meetings and calls as determined by the IFC Chair.
- Participate in regional Indigenous meetings based on IFC annual calendar as determined by the IFC Chair.

## How to submit your application?

**Before July 24, 2020 (5:00pm Panama)** submit the following materials to Mr. Daniel Rosas (d.rosasgalicia@fsc.org):

- CV
- Cover letter
- One letter of support from an Indigenous Peoples organization





## APPENDIX 1: PIPC (PERMANENT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMITTEE)

The PIPC of the Forest Stewardship Council, A.C. was created in year 2013 by Motion 19 of the FSC General Assembly 2011, to assist the Organization in its efforts to fulfill its purpose of promoting a viable management of forest resources and a forestry production, which preserves the environment and respects the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Composed by 10 Indigenous members, PIPC constitutes a Indigenous Global Governance platform for 10 different sub-regions in the Planet.

The PIPC is a permanent standing committee established to provide the FSC Board of Directors with advice and recommendations on Indigenous Peoples matters, including the indigenous perspectives on policy & standards. At its discretion, PIPC also makes recommendations to the BoD on any indigenous matter even when advice is not specifically sought by the FSC BoD.

The mission of the Permanent Indigenous Peoples Committee is to focus Indigenous Peoples efforts in the FSC's certification system, to safeguard their rights and enhance forest management, through inclusion and recognition of indigenous knowledge, authority and traditional practices; and to support Indigenous Peoples in building FSC certified forest stewardship, increasing their market share and value.

The objectives of the PIPC are to strengthen Indigenous Peoples involvement with the FSC, by:

- Advising the FSC BoD on how to improve and enhance Indigenous Peoples involvement;
- Championing the FSC's commitment to affirming Indigenous Peoples Rights and traditional and customary values in the FSC's certification system and in relevant dialogue spaces;
- Supporting Indigenous Peoples engagement to build forest sector business that is coherent with the ethical principles of FSC, in addition to their social, environmental and economic commitment, and to create market share.





# APPENDIX 2: FSC INDIGENOUS FOUNDATION (FSC-IF)

The FSC-IF is a new global Indigenous-led entity working in collaboration with the FSC group to support Indigenous Peoples through recognizing their traditional practices, ancestral customary rights, knowledge, and self-determination objectives. FSC IF operates as a Network Partner of the FSC Group, under a signed contract with the FSC International. FSC IF is a legally independent entity registered as a private non-profit foundation in Panama City, Panama.

The Foundation convenes Indigenous stakeholders and multi-sectoral partners to develop a portfolio of solutions to secure Indigenous rights, strengthen territorial governance and promote Indigenous development based on sustainable resource management and partnership with the private-sectors through safeguard, voluntary certification systems, FPIC protocols connected to portfolios of Indigenous economies within an Indigenous Cultural Landscape approach.

## Mission | Vision

The mission of the FSC Indigenous Foundation is to unlock the enabling environment to secure Indigenous peoples' rights, value and promote sustainable forest-based solutions within 300 million hectares of Indigenous forests in the planet.

Our vision is that the global value of Indigenous peoples and their rights, livelihoods, ecosystem services & natural capital and territories are recognized and incorporated into forest governance, climate change governance, and market systems.

## **Governance structure**

The FSC IF is governed by a Council made up of five (5) individuals. One seat is reserved for the Director General of the founding entity (FSC), the remaining four (4) seats may include members nominated by PIPC and approved by FSC BOD elected among qualified individuals with long-history of commitment and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples. The four members must come from different regions or sub-regions, and a gender balance will be sought. PIPC will consider other criteria for the nomination process based on the FSC-IF Carter and Regulation.

## Headquarters

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