

Call for Applications: LATAM Partner Expert

South-South Knowledge Exchange and Comparative Analysis

Project: Empowering Ethiopian Coffee: A South-South Approach to Climate Finance and Carbon Credits (2025–2026)

OSSREA seeks to engage a **Latin American Expert** to collaborate with an Ethiopian Lead Consultant in producing a comparative study and facilitating South-South exchange on coffee-sector climate finance and carbon-credit initiatives.

Responsibilities

- Document **3-5 case studies** from LATAM (Plan Vivo, Vera Gold Standard etc..).
- Provide inputs on governance frameworks, MRV, gender and cooperative models.
- Serve as panelist/presenter in two webinars with Ethiopian stakeholders.
- Review and validate LATAM sections of the draft comparative study.
- Contribute “success story” boxes to the final report and policy brief.

Deliverables

- Case Study Notes (max. 5 pages each, English).
- Webinar presentations and participation.
- Feedback on draft comparative study.
- Inputs to policy brief (success factors).

Duration & Level of Effort

- **October – December 2025.**

Budget & Payment

- **€3,000 (all-inclusive).**
- Payment schedule: 50% case study drafts, 50% webinar participation + draft review + final contributions.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated expertise in coffee-sector climate finance and carbon credits (LATAM).
- Experience with cooperative models, agroforestry, and MRV systems.
- Familiarity with gender and social inclusion in rural development.
- Strong presentation skills (Spanish; ability to deliver materials in English).

Application Process

Applications must include:

1. Technical proposal (methodology, work plan, and role description).
2. Financial proposal ($\leq$ €3,000).
3. CV.

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“Application – LATAM Partner Expert: South-South Knowledge Exchange”

Deadline: 30 September 2025

Terms of Reference (ToR)

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1. Background

The Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) is leading a two-year project (2025–2026) funded by AECID, aimed at strengthening climate resilience in Ethiopia’s coffee sector through piloting carbon-credit schemes and South-South knowledge exchange with Colombia and Honduras.

As part of Component 2 – *South-South Knowledge Exchange and Comparative Analysis* – OSSREA will engage a LATAM partner expert to provide technical insights and case studies from Latin America, working closely with an Ethiopian Lead Consultant to produce a comparative study and facilitate joint learning.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

The LATAM Partner will:

- Contribute case studies and lessons from coffee-sector climate finance and carbon-credit initiatives in Latin America.
- Provide technical inputs on institutional frameworks, MRV (Monitoring, Reporting & Verification), gender inclusion, and cooperative-based approaches.
- Participate in knowledge exchange activities (at least two webinars/workshops).
- Validate and enrich the Ethiopian-led comparative study.

3. Scope of Work

Specifically, the LATAM Expert will:

1. Case Study Contribution

- o Document 3–5 case studies from LATAM (e.g., Plan Vivo, and any other voluntary standards etc...) focusing on:
 - Governance and institutional arrangements.
 - Gender and community participation mechanisms.
 - Carbon credit methodologies, transaction costs, and digital MRV tools.
 - Successes and challenges in scaling climate finance.

2. Knowledge Exchange

- o Serve as panelist/presenter in two webinars/workshops with Ethiopian stakeholders.

- o Share LATAM experiences on cooperative models, market access, and policy frameworks.
- 3. **Technical Validation**
 - o Review the Ethiopia-LATAM comparative matrix.
 - o Provide clarifications, fact-checking, and validation of LATAM sections in the draft report.
 - o Supply “success story” boxes for integration into the study and policy brief.

4. Expected Deliverables

- **Case Study Notes** (max. 5 pages each, in English).
- **Webinar Inputs:** slides, presentations, and participation.
- **Feedback** on draft comparative study (written comments + one validation call).
- **Contributions to Policy Brief:** 1–2 short text boxes summarizing LATAM success factors.

5. Duration

- Period: **October – December 2025** (aligned with the 3-month consultancy window).

6. Reporting and Coordination

- Reports directly to the Ethiopian Lead Consultant.
- Coordinates with OSSREA for scheduling of webinars and stakeholder engagement.

7. Budget and Payment

- Allocation: **€3,000** (all-inclusive).
- Payment schedule:
 - o 50% upon submission of case study drafts.
 - o 50% upon webinar participation + draft report validation + upon delivery of final LATAM contributions (review notes, success story boxes).

8. Required Qualifications

- Proven expertise in coffee science, agriculture, development studies, climate finance and carbon-credit initiatives in the coffee sector (Colombia/Honduras).
- Demonstrated experience with smallholder cooperative models, agroforestry, or MRV systems.
- Familiarity with gender-sensitive approaches in rural development.
- Strong communication and presentation skills in Spanish (with capacity to submit materials in English).