

Mr. Herminio Sho
Pueblo Viejo Village
Toledo District
Belize C.A

Ref: Non reimbursable Technical Cooperation No.
ATN/OC-14168-RG Go Green with Innovative
Cacao Agroforestry System Project.

Dear Mr. Sho:

This letter of agreement, hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”, between, Mr. Herminio Sho, hereinafter referred to as the “Beneficiary”, and the Inter-American Development Bank hereinafter referred to as the “Bank”, (jointly referred as the “Parties”) is to formalize the terms and conditions of a grant for a nonreimbursable technical cooperation to the Beneficiary, up to the amount of five thousand dollars of the United States of America (US\$5,000), which shall be chargeable to the resources of the Fund Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Initiative (SECCI) Fund, hereinafter referred as the “Contribution”, to finance the corresponding expenses for the implementation of the project “Cacao Agroforestry System”, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, which is described in the Annex to this Agreement.

The Bank and the Beneficiary agree upon the following:

First. Components of the Agreement. (a) This Agreement consists of this part one, referred to as the “Special Conditions”; part two referred to as the “Annex”; and part three referred to as the “Appendix”.

(b) In case of inconsistencies or contradictions between the provisions of the Special Conditions or the Annex and Appendix, the provisions of the Special Conditions or the Annex, as appropriate, shall prevail. In case of inconsistencies or contradictions between the Special Conditions and Annex, as the case may be, specific provisions shall prevail over general provisions.

Second. Beneficiary. The Beneficiary represents and warrants that, at the date of signing of this Agreement and at the time of submission of each Disbursement Request, as defined in the Third paragraph of these Special Conditions: (a) he/she has the legal and financial

capacity to assume and comply with the obligations and other provisions of this Agreement; (b) neither his person nor any person or entity acting or that may act on its behalf in connection with the Project or any transaction contemplated under this Agreement has led or carried out an activity that would constitute a Prohibited Practice, as defined in the Bank's policies and procedures; (c) is at least 18 years of age, and his person as well as any member of their immediate family, including spouse, partner, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, great-grandfather, great-grandmother, great-great-grandfather, great-great-grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandson, great-granddaughter, cousin, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, political grandparents, spouse of brother-in-law, spouse of sister-in-law, great uncle, great aunt, grandnephew or grandniece is not an employee, consultant or bears any relation to the Bank or the Inter-American Investment Corporation.

Third. Disbursements. (a) The Bank shall make the disbursement of the Contribution, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.01 of the Annex, subject to the fulfillment by the Beneficiary, and to the satisfaction of the Bank, of the conditions set forth in this Third paragraph.

(b) In order for the Bank to make the first disbursement of the Contribution, it shall be necessary that the Beneficiary; (i) shall have submitted in writing or by electronic means in the form and conditions specified by the Bank, a disbursement request (the "Disbursement Request") and in support thereof, shall have supplied to the Bank such pertinent documents and other background materials as the Bank may have required; (ii) shall have opened and maintains a bank account in a financial institution in which the Bank shall make disbursements of the Contribution; and unless the Bank otherwise agrees, Disbursement Requests must be presented, no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the disbursement period or of any extension thereof which the Beneficiary, and the Bank may have agreed to in writing; (iii) shall have submitted the financial planning of the Project ("Project Budget"), which shall include, *inter alia*, the amount required for the performance of the activities of the Project in accordance with the cost of planned activities and future disbursements; and (iv) shall have submitted a plan for implementing the Project ("Implementation Plan"), including the "Milestones/Products" for future disbursements as referred to in paragraph 3.01 of the Annex, and the corresponding evidence or means of verification, previously agreed to with the Bank.

(c) Subsequent disbursements to the first disbursement, referred to in paragraph Third (b) above, shall be made by the Bank upon fulfillment by the Beneficiary, of the following requirements: (i) has submitted the corresponding Disbursement Request; and (ii) has complied with the relevant "Milestones/Products" referred to in paragraph 3.01 of the Annex, all in manner satisfactory to the Bank.

(d) If within one hundred eighty (180) days from the signing of this Agreement, or within a longer period agreed to by the Parties in writing, the conditions set forth in subsection (b) above are not fulfilled by the Beneficiary, the Bank may terminate this Agreement by giving proper notice to the Beneficiary.

(e) The Bank may make disbursements of the Contribution as follows: (i) by transferring to the Beneficiary the sums of Project costs which it is entitled, by means of reimbursement of expenditures or advance of funds; (ii) by making payments on behalf of and in agreement with the Beneficiary, to third parties; or (iii) by utilizing other modality as the Parties may agree upon in writing.

(f) The Contribution shall exclusively finance those categories of expenditures which are set forth as chargeable to the Contribution in the Project Budget. Only direct and actual expenditures incurred for the execution of the Project may be charged to the Contribution. Indirect or general operating expenses, which are not included in the Project budget, cannot be charged to the Contribution.

(g) The Bank may cancel the total aggregate balance of any funds in the event it determines that the resources of the Contribution disbursed have not been used or justified sufficiently and on a timely basis, to the Bank's satisfaction. Also, the Beneficiary shall return to the Bank, within a period of thirty (30) days from the date stipulated for the last disbursement of the Contribution; (i) the unused balance or not adequately justified resources of the Contribution disbursed; (ii) when the Bank has determined that the timely achievement of Project objectives are not possible; or (iii) the resources of the Contribution have not been used in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Fourth. Deadlines. (a) The period for execution of the Project shall be six (6) months, from the effective date of this Agreement. The period for the last disbursement of the resources of the Contribution shall be eight (8) months, from said date. Any part of the Contribution which has not been utilized within this period shall be canceled.

(b) The aforementioned deadlines and any others that may be stipulated in this Agreement may be extended only when duly justified, and with the written consent of the Bank.

Fifth. Currencies for Disbursements. The Bank shall disburse the Contribution in dollars of the United States of America.

Sixth. Suspension and cancellation of disbursements. The Bank may suspend disbursements or cancel the undisbursed portion of the Contribution if any of the following circumstances occurs: (a) the failure of the Beneficiary to fulfill any obligation stipulated in this Agreement; and (b) any circumstance which, in the Bank's opinion, may render unlikely the attainment of the objectives of the Project; (c) if the country where the Project is executed or where the final beneficiaries are located, ceases to be a member of the Bank; and (iv) if the Beneficiary or its employees, representatives or agents, or any of its suppliers of goods and services (including consulting services) for the Project, incur in a Prohibited Practice in accordance with the Bank's policies and procedures.

Seventh. Procurement. For purposes of the procurement necessary for the implementation of the Project, the Beneficiary shall follow procurement procedures that are consistent with private or commercial sector market practices, acceptable to the Bank, to ensure

the procurement results in competitive market prices for goods and services that meet the needs of the Project.

Eighth. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Beneficiary shall present to the Bank the following reports: (a) a progress report of the Project, within three (3) months of Project execution. This report shall include, *inter alia*: (i) an analysis of the Project's implementation progress and compliance with the Milestones set forth in the Project Implementation Plan; and (ii) the results obtained and their contribution to achieving the objectives of the Project; (b) a midterm unaudited financial report, which will be presented as an annex to the progress report mentioned in paragraph (a) above, on the costs of the Project; (c) a final progress report, within thirty (30) days, counted from the date stipulated for the last disbursement of the Contribution, which shall contain, *inter alia*, information on the results obtained, a sustainability plan and lessons learned; and (d) a final unaudited financial report, within thirty (30) days from the date stipulated for the last disbursement of the Contribution, including a statement of expenditures and supporting documentation of Project expenditures and other information that the Bank shall request.

Ninth. Intellectual Property. (a) All rights of industrial or intellectual property that may result from documents, photos, videos and other end products sent by the Beneficiary to the Bank and received to the satisfaction of the Bank (the "Works"), under the Competition "Greenovators" (the "Competition") via the web <http://www.iadb.org/es/temas/cambio-climatico/innovadores-verdes/send-your-proposal,9727.html> page will be subject to: (i) the terms and conditions of the document "*Required Information for the Competition*" attached in the Appendix; (ii) the terms and conditions of the document "*Information on the proposal sent by the Beneficiary*" attached in the Appendix; and (iii) the terms provided in this paragraph Ninth. In case of any doubt, inconsistency or contradiction between the contents of the abovementioned documents the content of this paragraph Ninth shall prevail.

(b) The Beneficiary shall own the copyrights, patents and other rights of industrial or intellectual property arising from Works produced by the Beneficiary under the Competition.

(c) The Beneficiary declares and warrants that the Works are the original product of its work and creation and that there is no kind of third party claim, complaint or grievance by way of infringement on the copyright of the Works.

(d) The Beneficiary shall release and/or indemnify the Bank, its staff and/or consultants from/to any action that may be brought against the Bank, its staff and/or consultants, for the use and enjoyment of the rights licensed to the Bank and that have been licensed in violation of ownership rights which that third parties may have.

(e) The Beneficiary grants the Bank, without an additional authorization or consent from the Beneficiary, a perpetual, worldwide, exclusive, irrevocable, non-commercial, royalty-free license to use, distribute, disseminate, reproduce and publish the Works in any currently existing or subsequently developed media, at any website, blog, catalog of experiences, event, advertising, display, archive, academic and educational materials and standard Bank's promotions. Similarly, the Beneficiary grants the Bank a license with the same conditions

mentioned above in order that the Bank may: (i) create derivative works of the Works, in whole or in part; (ii) generate new products or materials; and (iii) improve existing Bank products; in this case, these new or improved products or materials, shall be exclusive property of the Bank.

(f) The Bank may sublicense to third parties the Works in the same conditions as those described herein without requiring new authorizations from the Beneficiary.

Tenth. Access to Information. The Beneficiary undertakes to notify the Bank, in writing, within a maximum period of ten (10) working days from the date of signature of this Agreement, whether it considers this Agreement to contain information that may qualify as an exception to the principle of disclosure of information under the Access to Information Policy of the Bank, in which case the Beneficiary undertakes to identify such information in the relevant provisions of the Agreement. In accordance with the aforementioned policy, the Bank will make available on its “Web” page the text of this Agreement once it has entered into effect and the aforementioned period has expired, excluding only that information which the Beneficiary has identified as an exception to the principle of disclosure of information under this policy.

Eleventh. Inspections. (a) The Beneficiary shall permit the Bank representatives to visit and inspect at any time, any offices where the Beneficiary conducts any Project related activities, and shall cooperate at all times with Bank representatives in the review of Project related documents, and provide to the Bank any such documents including procurement-related documents that the Bank may reasonably request.

(b) Upon the Bank’s request, the Beneficiary shall produce Project related documents in a timely manner, or shall present a sworn affidavit stating the reasons why the requested documentation is not available or is being withheld. If the Beneficiary, refuses to comply with the Bank’s request, or otherwise obstructs the Bank’s review of such documents, the Bank in its sole discretion may take such measures as it considers appropriate against the Beneficiary.

Twelfth. Environmental and Social Safeguards. The Beneficiary shall carry out the execution of all Project activities, in a manner consistent with the Bank’s environmental and social policies contained in the applicable Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy (GN-2208-20).

Thirteenth. Disputes Resolution. (a) The Beneficiary and the Bank undertake to resolve any differences and disputes which may arise under the Project, in good faith and through an amicable settlement. In the event of a difference or dispute between the Parties with respect to this Agreement or any other related matter, including the implementation of the Project, or any derived topic or aspect, the matter should be submitted to a final, conclusive and binding arbitration, provided that there is prior written notice by either Party to each other. The applicable law to the arbitration shall be the laws of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America and administered under the Rules of Conciliation and Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”). These rules are deemed incorporated by reference into this Agreement, and the Parties hereunder agree to submit to such arbitration. The arbitration will be held in Washington, DC, USA, and the language used in the arbitral proceedings shall be Spanish. The arbitral tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator selected in accordance with the

rules of the ICC. The costs of arbitration shall be divided equally between the Beneficiary and the Bank.

(b) The Bank assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of the Project.

Fourteenth. Modifications. Any amendment, resignation, or any consent given under this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.

Fifteenth. Privileges and Immunities. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as restricting, limiting and/or a waiver of the Bank's rights, privileges and immunities, which are reserved in its entirety.

Sixteenth. Other matters. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as establishing a joint venture, agency, partnership, labor relationship or any other similar relationship between the Beneficiary and the Bank. For all purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall be considered as independent Parties. None of them shall be authorized to appear as a representative, agent, power of attorney or otherwise, nor may they waive their rights, assume or create any obligation of any kind on behalf of the other Party, or make statements on behalf of the other Party.

Seventeenth. Taxes. The Beneficiary will be responsible to pay or retain on behalf of its officers, agents or employees, including, without limitation, payroll taxes and social security, or any other sales tax or other taxes that the Beneficiary has the obligation to pay.

Eighteenth. Using the name of the Bank. The Beneficiary shall not use the name of the Bank, for any purpose, without prior express written consent. The Beneficiary may in no circumstances refer to this Agreement, or any aspect thereof, in commercial advertising in terms that indicate or may give grounds for believing that the services provided or activities carried out by the Beneficiary are supported by or are preferred by the Bank over other services.

Nineteenth. Notice. Any notice, request, or communication from one party to another by virtue of this Agreement, shall be made in writing and shall be considered to have been made when the corresponding document is delivered to the addressee at the address indicated below, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

To the Beneficiary:

Mr. Herminio Sho
Pueblo Viejo Village
Toledo District
Belize C.A

To the Bank:

Inter-American Development Bank
1300 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20577
U.S.A.

Facsimile: (202) 623-3096

Please confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, by signing and returning one of the originals to the Bank's Country Office in Belize.

This Agreement shall be signed in two (2) equally authentic originals by the Beneficiary and the Bank, each acting through its duly authorized representative, and will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Bank.

Yours Faithfully,

/s/

Ms. Anneke Jessen,
Representative of the Bank in
Belize

Date: 22/04/2015

Agreed:

/s/

Mr. Herminio Sho
The Beneficiary

Date: 22/04/2015

ANNEX

THE PROJECT

Go Green with Innovative Cacao Agroforestry System

I. Objective

- 1.01** The objective of the Project is to reduce negative environmental impacts of the current practice of “slash and burn agriculture” in Toledo (southern Belize), by promoting among local selected farmers, the use of cacao in agroforestry system, as an alternative,.

II. Description

- 2.01** To achieve the objective referred to in Section I above, the Project involves performing the following activities:

- (a) Carry out trainings and workshops to selected farmers and individuals in local communities, on topics including, *inter alia*: plot establishment and maintenance; inter cropping; importance of biodiversity and climate change awareness; and land use.
- (b) Provide cacao agroforestry seedlings and technical assistance to selected families in San Jose, Pueblo Viejo and San Antonio.

- 2.02** The Project will have the following outputs: training of approximately 80 farmers to plant approximately 300 cacao plants and cover approximately 60 acres of the areas deforested.

III. Disbursement Schedule

- 3.01** Notwithstanding the terms of the Third paragraph of the Special Conditions of this Agreement, the following table specifies the Milestones and/or Products to be reached by the Beneficiary as conditions of withdrawal of Project funds, as well the disbursement dates for each of the payments:

Nº of payment	Products/Milestones	Date of delivery	Amount of disbursement in US\$
1	Evidence acceptable to the Bank of the fulfillment by the Beneficiary of the conditions prior to the first disbursement set forth in paragraph	Date of acceptance by the Bank of the	2,500

	Third of the Special Conditions of this Agreement	evidence of the fulfillment by the Beneficiary of the conditions set forth in paragraph Third of the Special Conditions of this Agreement.	
2	Midterm progress report and midterm unaudited financial report of the Project	Upon reaching 50% of the period for execution of the Project referred to in paragraph Fourth of the Special Conditions of this Agreement.	2,500
Total			5,000

3.02 The Beneficiary agrees to promptly provide any additional resources that may be necessary for the complete and uninterrupted execution of the Project.



Greenovators

First name: Herminio

Last name: Sho

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Proposal Number: 452

Proposal Information

Participant Information and Project Identification

1. Project Title

Go Green with Innovative Cacao Agroforestry System

2. Deployment Country or countries

Leader Country

Belize

Other countries involved

Belize -

3. The project involves: (in case of co-benefits, please explain)

Adaptation

Explanation:

Cacao Agroforestry is an area that involves the increase effort in conservation of soil nutrients, increases the amount of reforestation within an area that could have been influence by mono culture practice. Other important aspects of Cacao Agro forestry and most importantly is the resurgence of a more unique biodiversity. lastly Cacao Agroforestry help maintain a Greener Environment.

4. Aspectos innovadores contemplados en la propuesta:

Resilient Agriculture

5. Team Leader

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Executive Summary

Objectives: To indicate the central problem to be addressed. Include the objectives to be achieved.

Toledo located in the south where a vast majority of the country's tropical rainforest is located is also the home for the many ethnic groups but majority of whom are the indigenous Mopan Maya and Ketchi Maya who mainly depend on subsistence farming which involves the slash and burn practice, which is the process of cutting down the vegetation in particular plot of land, setting fire to the remaining foliage, and using the ashes to provide nutrients to soil for the use of planting food crops. When used properly, slash and burn agriculture provides communities with a source of food and income. However the good is always talked about as of oppose to the negative aspects in which slash and burn specifically contributes to a number of reoccurring problems specific to the surrounding environment where these people live. Deforestation; When practiced by large populations, or when fields are not given sufficient time for vegetation to grow back, there is a temporary or permanent loss of forest cover. Erosion; when fields are slashed, burned, and cultivated next to each other in rapid succession, roots and temporary water storage's are lost and unable to prevent nutrients from leaving the area permanently. Nutrient Loss; for the same reasons, fields may gradually lose the fertility they once had. The result may be desertification, a situation in which land is infertile and unable to support growth of any kind which many people still believe is not caused by slash and burn. Moreover and most importantly Biodiversity loss; When plots of land area cleared, the various plants and animals that lived there are swept away. If a particular area is the only one that holds a particular species, slashing and burning could result in extinction for that species. The negative aspects above are interconnected, and when one happens, typically another happens also. Having mentioned some of these factors, there are issues that may come about in how I could address this; because of irresponsible practices of slash and burn agriculture by a large amount of people. Knowledge of the ecosystem of the area and the new approach to an improved sustainable agricultural practice could prove very helpful and change the farming mentality and approach to using our land resource in southern Belize, which would also help reduce the environmental impact. Therefore, if farmers behavior or management decision have to be changed then there is the need to present options that are ecologically possible, socially adoptable and economically gainful. One of these options is by promoting the use of cacao in an agroforestry system that has a high demand in my village and surrounding communities. With the support of Greenovator I would be able to influence the involvement of 80 new farmers to plant 300 cacao each covering 60 acres of the areas deforested. Trainings and workshops on some topics such as plot establishment, maintenance, inter cropping, biodiversity awareness and importance, climate change awareness, proper land use etc to be conducted in each community which will motivated farmers and the communities to think Green.

Beneficiaries: indicate the groups that would benefit from the project, directly and indirectly. Include approximate number of individuals, families, households, etc.

Toledo District in southern Belize has more than 33,000 inhabitants, many living in very remote communities. 70% of the population does not have enough income to cover basic needs, and 70% of the population is also indigenous Maya (Country Poverty Assessment 2009). Because of high poverty levels and a growing population, harmful slash and burn agriculture is depleting Belize's pristine jungle. With this initiative I will be able to provide cacao agroforestry seedlings and technical assistance to families in three communities (San Jose, Pueblo Viejo, and San Antonio)

that are being badly impacted by the slash and burn system. The total number of families that will benefit directly from this would be 80 families at an average of 6 household members.

Expected results: indicate measurable results at project completion.

After the continued monitoring of the growth of these cacao seedlings, I want to see families stop cutting down more forest for slash-and-burn, harvesting at least three crops from their agroforestry plot, and achieving a per-acre cacao yield of at least 300 lbs. My goal is for families to increase their income by at least 20% by 5 years after planting. Also I will seek to measure the interest of these families impacting other farmers to shift to a mixed farming system (agroforestry).

Environmental, Social and Economic Impact: Indicate the potential impact the project in terms of social and economic development, as well as how it will help mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Cacao farming has been growing in Central America now that there is an increasing demand for cacao beans across the globe. By having farmers planting and expanding their fields, the increase in production of cacao will help them increase income. Aside from Cacao farmers will also have other cash crops that they could both consume and sell locally which would add more income generated within their household. Having farmers adopt and implement these new ways of farming will also influence other farmers from surrounding communities to build interest and support. In doing so, farmers will reduce the practice of slash and burn, farmers will be more conservative with their land and moreover create a more friendlier and healthier environment. This in return will motivate farmers and younger farmers to plant more trees and not just only cacao.

Scale, feasibility of the transfer and adoption of project results: indicate how the project can grow over time, transfer capability and efficiency of the implementation mechanism to bring the project to a larger scale.

Now that cacao is increasingly growing its demand, the supply however is low. What does this mean when it reaches to the farmers' ears today? Farmers today are becoming more business minded which is something I encourage. Farmers will first look at the price of what is being demanded, secondly they will look at the market or the buyer is its permanent, thirdly farmers will look at the starting of planting to the time of production of a cacao tree versus the time that will be spent to nourish and develop and have a product for a consumer. All these are real facts that farmers consider before venturing into. How Cacao farming (mix farming) is something unique that many farmers today are willing to consider doing because today's world of new innovative ideas in doing agriculture is becoming a reality. Farmers today are seeing the change in weather and when this happens most of the time short term crops are affected, in the end the farmers lose but then who is there to blame? Farmers today can't think of a turn back, but rather move forward with a more sustainable approach to managing and using our land. This however at least in my country is something that can work not just for today but a life time. Belize could be a part of that change and I personally will want to grow that idea to farmers more so that whatever they start to do in their new way of farming creates a balance between society and the environment, because in the end we need both. However it cannot be accomplished if nobody dedicates their effort in doing it. In Belize

Cacao today is highly being considered Gold and that farmers are willing offering what they have to start developing their land in a more sustainable way taking into consideration the conservation of their surrounding environment. However like many developing countries farmers aren't capable of doing much with have a support system in place for them. So with this initiative and proper approach to developing a practice that could adopt to the new weather changes, farmers five to ten years from now will be more happier, more productive and more innovative to take the next step to grow their efforts to save our planet.

Degree of scalability: indicate whether the project can be replicated in other countries and regions

Cacao farming is not something new to Belize and to the world. However Belize as a developing country has its own uniqueness and wealth in so many ways. But historically there was no interest, support and motivation in growing the industry in a sustainable manner. Most cacao farms are located in southern Belize with the majority of them being under 3 acres on average each. There is the high interest in expansion especially considering the most suitable soil condition that most of these farmers are sitting on. There is the window for growth, there is the window to rebuild back our forest.

Projected risks: indicate the level of risk which needs to happen to achieve the project objectives.

for this initiative to get started there wont be much risk, because farmers from the mentioned communities would be well informed and trained in all the areas that has to do in Cacao AgroForestry. However in the later years when this grows there will be natural factors that could influence the interest of farmers, and these are natural disaster such as hurricanes, longer drought and diseases.

Dimension in Terms of Innovative Technology

Please briefly state the reasons why the project is innovative, using a maximum of 250 words. Implementing a cacao Agroforestry system through a small-scale seedling and technical assistance program specifically targeted on focus communities is an innovative approach, since it will enhance the participation of more farmers to change their way of farming, Moreover they will learn the importance of the preservation and conservation of their natural resources. It will also encourage younger farmers to better understand why cacao farming creates a unique biodiversity. It could be the start to motivate more farmers in Belize to building a more greener environment.

Involved Organization and Capabilities

Please give a brief summary (no more than 250 words) of the technical capabilities of the organization in which the participant works with which you want to work the project. Maya Mountain Cacao (MMC) combines high-impact sourcing from indigenous Maya smallholder farmers with agronomical technical assistance, centralized post-harvest processing, marketing, and export, accommodating completely transparent business transactions and a true direct farm-to-consumer story for chocolate makers. MMC's field work and technical assistance is

guided by FHIA-trained field officers and directed by the agronomist Dan O'Doherty of the University of Hawaii. MMC has planted over 150,000 trees since its founding in 2010 and has provided direct technical assistance to hundreds of farmers. MMC partners with local NGOs, community-based organizations, government agencies, the microlending organization Kiva, and others to reduce inefficiencies and empower communities in cacao production. MMC has received global recognition for impact from Ashoka, Agora Partnerships, the World Wildlife Fund, the McNulty Foundation, the William James Foundation, and more.

Please include two letters of recommendation from professionals in the field who know the work performed by the participant and the organization (PDF files).

[View Letter 1](#)

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Project Description

Through a video, no more than three minutes in length, please describe the project and include the most important details shortly. (Youtube and Vimeo only)

[View video](#)

Marketing Material

Please include direct links to photos of the project.

Curriculum Vitae of the applicant

[Curriculum Vitae](#)

Copyright terms and conditions

Once the project submitted through the website, the entrant agrees to share your pictures, ideas and videos with the sponsors of the competition. By entering the contest, entrants grant the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Earth University a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard IDB and Earth University purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The IDB and Earth University will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Yes



YOUTH GREEN INNOVATORS CONTEST

How to submit the proposal

Participants must complete the online form found on the contest page: www.iadb.org/greenovators

Each participant may submit only one proposal. Proposals may be submitted in English, Spanish, Portuguese or French. Only proposals from youth between 18 to 30 years old (at the time of registering the project), and that are citizens of the 26 IDB borrowing member countries will be accepted.

Participant Information and Project Identification

1. *Project Title*

2. *Deployment Country or countries*

- a) Leader Country
- b) Other countries involved

Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

3. *The project involves:* (in case of co-benefits, please explain)

Mitigation
Adaptation
Explanation:

4. *Innovative aspects referred to in the proposal:*

Please check one of the following options

- a) Education and Awareness
- b) Energy Efficiency
- c) Renewable Energy
- d) Sustainable Transport
- e) Sustainable Business
- f) Resilient Agriculture
- g) Water resources

5. *Team Leader*

Name:
Organization:
Job title:
Email:
Phone:
Street address:



YOUTH GREEN INNOVATORS CONTEST

Executive Summary

Please briefly summarize the project (no more than 500 words) taking into account the following elements:

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- c) **Expected results:** indicate measurable results at project completion.
- d) **Environmental, Social and Economic Impact:** Indicate the potential impact the project in terms of social and economic development, as well as how it will help mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- e) **Scale, feasibility of the transfer and adoption of project results:** indicate how the project can grow over time, transfer capability and efficiency of the implementation mechanism to bring the project to a larger scale.
- f) **Degree of scalability:** indicate whether the project can be replicated in other countries and regions
- g) **Projected risks:** indicate the level of risk which needs to happen to achieve the project objectives.

Budget and Extreme Activities

Please detail an estimated budget for the project. Complete the form found on the website detailing the specific activities for which the money received will be used. Similarly, if you have a project already running, you must include an outline of how the funds have been used for this project in the last year.

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