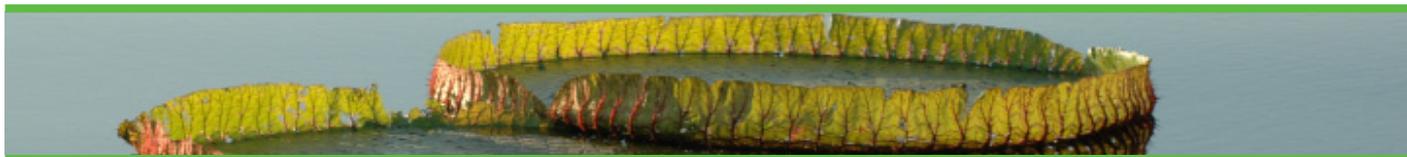


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BNDES launches a Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects Registration is open until July 26 for non-reimbursable support in amounts up to R\$ 10 million

O The Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) has launched a Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects aimed at selecting proposals to obtain non-reimbursable financial support for the development of economic activities in the sustainable use of the forest and biodiversity, in keeping with the Amazon Fund's purpose, rules and guidelines. Registration will be open from February 27 to July 26, 2012.

Projects must be integrators, that is, they must be undertakings managed by an entity and comprise sub-projects from other entities, focused on developing value chains related to the following categories: lumber and non-lumber forest management; aquaculture and fishing; and agro-ecological and agro-forestry systems.

The eligible amount for each proposal will be limited to a minimum of R\$ 2,000,000.00 (two million reais) and a maximum of R\$ 10,000,000.00 (ten million reais). Each sub-project will be limited to a maximum of R\$ 500,000.00 (five hundred thousand reais).

To disseminate the Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects, the BNDES will hold, in partnership with the Amazon state governments and support from the Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ), a road show and training sessions. The events will be held during from March 20 to April 20 in the following cities: Rio Branco (state of Acre), Macapá (state of Amapá), Manaus (state of Amazonas), São Luís (state of Maranhão), Cuiabá (state of Mato Grosso), Belém (state of Pará), Porto Velho (state of Rondônia), Boa Vista (state of Roraima) and Palmas (state of Tocantins).

Dissemination and Training Sessions

- March 20 and 21 – Palmas (Tocantins)**
- March 22 and 23 – Cuiabá (Mato Grosso)**
- March 26 and 27 – Manaus (Amazonas)**
- March 27 and 28 – Rio Branco (Acre)**
- March 29 and 30 – Boa Vista (Roraima)**
- March 29 and 30 – Porto Velho (Rondônia)**
- April 4 and 5 – Macapá (Amapá)**
- April 10 and 11 – Belém (Pará)**
- April 19 and 20 – São Luís (Maranhão)**



Photo: Araquém Alcântara

Fishing is one of the activities that can receive support

The meetings will be open to the general public, but it's the main focus is on applicant organizations, which offer support to sustainable production activities with traditional populations, indigenous people, family farmers and agrarian reform settlers in the Amazon Region. It is also aimed at organizations that can operate as integrating entities, that is, civil associations, co-operatives or private foundations established under civil law.

Selection Process – The Selection and Classification Committee will comprise representatives from: the BNDES, the Environmental Ministry, the Agrarian Development Ministry, the Fishing and Aquaculture Ministry, the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, the Brazilian Forestry Service, civil society members of the Amazon Fund Guidance Committee, state government representatives from the Amazon Fund Guidance Committee, besides a representative nominated by the Legal Amazonian States Forum for Environment Department Secretaries.

The selection process will be held in three phases. During the first, the BNDES will check if the registered projects meet the requirements for qualification, as detailed in the Call-to-Bid. During the second phase, the Committee will be responsible for choosing and classifying eligible projects. During the final phase of the Call-to-Bid, the BNDES' technical team will analyze the selected projects to be sent to the Bank's Board of Directors for approval.

All information can be consulted on the Amazon Fund's website (www.fundoamazonia.gov.br), including the script for drafting projects and a section with frequently asked questions on the Call-to-Bid. Further doubts and questions must be forwarded to: chamadapublicafundoamazonia@bndes.gov.br.

Amazon Fund promotes workshops to stimulate Rural Environmental Registration (CAR)

Events will be held in Manaus, Porto Velho and Brasília, in March and April

In March and April, the Amazon Fund will foster workshops to stimulate Rural Environmental Registration (CAR) in properties located in the Amazon Biome. Workshops will be held in the following cities: Manaus, state of Amazonas; Porto Velho, state of Rondônia; and Brasília, in the Federal District (see chart). These workshops integrate

the dissemination strategy to foster environmental regularization of rural properties, while providing more legal security so landowners can carry out their activities.

CAR is an important environmental management instrument, which records relevant information on the rural property for its owner, for the various government branches and for society. Based on the information provided, it is possible to environmentally regularize properties at the municipality, preventing illegal deforestation and making access to credit and financing viable for landowners.

In October 2011, the BNDES, manager of the Amazon Fund, in

partnership with the Ministry of the Environment (MMA), launched a package with specific conditions aimed at public and private institutions interested in drafting projects that stimulate CAR within the scope of the Amazon Fund.

Conditions – Projects contemplating one or more municipalities located in states, whose Legislation and CAR State Systems are already implemented, provided that these municipalities are not located in areas where there are other CAR draft projects at either contracting or execution phases.

Included in the eligible items are machinery and equipment, information technology resources, orbital or air-transported imagery; technical support and the hiring of services to carry out CAR projects.

Projects can be presented by the following institutions: municipalities (individually, or as consortiums of up to 10 municipalities); NGOs; state governments; and public agencies or companies.

All information on Support for Rural Environmental Registration can be consulted on the Amazon Fund's website: www.fundoamazonia.gov.br.



A leaflet drafted by the BNDES to disseminate support for CAR within the scope of the Amazon Fund

CAR Workshops

March 22 and 23 – Manaus (Amazonas)

April 09 and 10 – Porto Velho (Rondônia)

April 12 and 13 – Brasília (Distrito Federal)

Guideline tables and criteria for 2012 are available on the Amazon Fund's website



This set of "Summarized Guidelines and Criteria Tables for Amazon Fund Applications", with the changes approved at the 12th meeting of the Amazon Fund's Guidance

Committee (COFA), held in December 2011, are already available for consultation on the Amazon Fund's website (www.fundoamazonia.gov.br).

These tables, reviewed annually, contain the committee's main normative deliberations regarding the distribution of resources, project prioritization criteria, requirements, modalities for application of resources and their limitations.