

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNER SELECTION

### **Project Title: Reaching a Life Cycle Initiative recommendation on considering Biogenic Carbon in LCA**

#### Background

The Life Cycle Initiative, hosted by UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is implementing the Biogenic Carbon project, a two-year project which promotes clear technical guidance for considering biogenic carbon in LCA studies. The Biogenic Carbon Project aims at bridging the existing gap in globally recommended approaches for accounting the temporary storage of biogenic carbon. The project will utilize a collaborative, expert-driven, multi-stakeholder approach to formulate credible recommendations, enhancing the reliability of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) outcomes for bio-based products.

The objective is to produce succinct and harmonised technical guidance to consider biogenic carbon in LCA studies of biobased products and services. The project scope comprises an overview of current standards and approaches, the identification of impact categories, processes, and key questions to be answered to enable the consideration of biogenic carbon in product-level LCA. The key focus will be on quantifying the climate impact of biogenic carbon, and to the extent possible also its role on soil quality and biodiversity.

The project is supported by a [technical advisory committee](#) to ensure continuous inputs and expertise, working groups to secure participation of individuals with various levels of expertise and perspectives, and an implementation partner who is to be selected through this call for proposals.

#### Summary table:

Who can apply:	Registered non-profit organizations, with extensive experience in relation to modelling Biogenic Carbon in Life Cycle Assessment studies or comparable material cycles. Such organization could for example be Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Not-for-profit Organisations (NPOs), National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs), members of the RECPnet, research and innovation centres. Applications from the private sector will not be considered.
Focus sector:	Biogenic Carbon
Implementation period of the project:	25 months (Dec 2023 –Dec 2025)
How to apply:	Non-profit organizations should submit their proposal including completed application template and all annexes (see check list in 'application template'). The proposal, including the required attachments, is to be

	submitted via email to Archana Datta ( <a href="mailto:archana.datta@un.org">archana.datta@un.org</a> ) Cc to Marvin Lauenburg ( <a href="mailto:marvin.lauenburg@un.org">marvin.lauenburg@un.org</a> )
Selection process and timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for submission of proposals: 31 October 2023</li> <li>• Notification of selection: November 2023</li> <li>• Start of activities: December 2023</li> </ul>

### Who is this call for?

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### What will happen if you are selected (responsibilities and benefits)?

The selected organizations will act as the project's implementing partner for UNEP and will be responsible for coordinating the work including working groups and consensus-building workshops as well as subsequent finalization of guidance and recommendations. To deliver the necessary targeted attention and substantive leadership, the tasks of the implementing partner include the definition of the scope of the work, as their first deliverable and to coordinate the work of the Working Groups and ensure the regular and timely input from the Technical Advisory Committee.

The organization will be selected in consultation with the Steering Committee of the Life Cycle Initiative and the Technical Advisory Committee for Biogenic Carbon Project.

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