



Collaborating to improve
the capacity of civil society
in energy transition and
land use governance.



Call for Proposal
Catalyzing Just Energy Transition through Biodiversity Safeguard Pilot
in Koto Panjang Hydropower Plant, Riau

1) Background

The “Enabling Civil Society's contribution to Prosperous, Fair and Sustainable Development in Energy Transition and Sustainable Land Use” Project aims to mainstream and strengthen civil society organizations (CSOs) at both national and sub-national levels. This will enable them to play a significant role in shaping energy transition and sustainable land use policies along with monitoring their implementation at field level. The proposed initiative unites WWF Indonesia and AURIGA, two organizations with extensive experience, grounded in lessons learned from policy work related to energy transition and land use management, while collaborating closely with other CSOs across various levels. To ensure credible participation and advocacy, CSOs must deliver data-driven, evidence-based approaches. This should be achieved through a robust CSO network, complemented by science-backed solutions based on reliable data and information. Additionally, public engagement must be intelligent and responsible, utilizing social media effectively to mobilize a wide and diverse constituency.

In relation to that, the Government of Indonesia has set ambitious targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2060 or earlier. As the state utility, PT PLN (Persero) is pivotal in driving renewable energy development to meet the goal. Although renewable energy development contributes to decarbonization, it also brings potential environmental and social risks, especially on biodiversity, highlighting the need for effective safeguards to ensure a just and sustainable energy transition.

To address the needed transition, since 2021, WWF-Indonesia has been collaborating with PLN to strengthen environmental and social standards in renewable energy infrastructure projects, particularly on biodiversity and nature aspects. The collaboration has produced a practical guideline for PLN to implement a biodiversity management plan across its assets. At the same time, it is realized that to ensure widespread applicability, an on-ground pilot of the guideline in targeted infrastructure is crucial. Hence, WWF-Indonesia is intended to have a local partner for this implementation.

The Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) aims to empower civil society organizations (CSOs) to play a key role in advancing the just energy transition in Indonesia. Through this program, CSOs will contribute to achieving the following targets:

1. Support the implementation of biodiversity safeguard pilot in a renewable energy infrastructure
2. Advocate for policies on just energy transition, particularly on biodiversity safeguard aspects, informed by lessons learned from the pilot

In order to achieve the two targets mentioned above, the program "Catalyzing Just Energy Transition through Biodiversity Safeguard Pilot in Koto Panjang Hydropower Plant, Riau" will support the CSO to undertake the following activities:

- Engaging local stakeholders and communities in planning and implementation of biodiversity safeguard measures to ensure inclusiveness and local ownership.
- Supporting PLN at the site level on planning and implementation of biodiversity safeguard.
- Conducting policy advocacy to amplify the impact of the pilot.

Through these efforts, we expect CSOs to play a crucial role in advancing a just energy transition in Indonesia, particularly at the site level of renewable energy infrastructure. By empowering CSOs to actively participate in these activities, the FSTP aims to contribute to a more just, inclusive, and resilient energy transition.

2) General Requirements for FSTP

CSOs applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Must have legal status in Indonesia.
- 2) Must be a Civil Society Organization, such as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or Community-Based Organization (CBO).
- 3) Must not be affiliated with any political interests.
- 4) Must demonstrate strong institutional governance, including transparent financial management.
- 5) Relevant experience in energy transition, safeguard, biodiversity conservation, or related environmental issues is preferred.
- 6) Established relationships or networks with relevant stakeholders are preferred.
- 7) Located in Riau

3) Proposal Assessment

In addition to the above requirements, WWF-Indonesia will also assess applicants based on the following criteria:

- a. Experience in on-ground implementation of a project.
- b. Experience in collaborating with various stakeholders at the local level.
- c. Experience in managing grant funds.
- d. Knowledge of energy transition, biodiversity conservation, safeguard or related environmental issues.
- e. Prior experience in Koto Panjang Hydropower Plant and/or its surrounding area would be a plus

WWF-Indonesia will announce the grant recipient, who will receive funding for a 11-month period, with a maximum amount of IDR 400,000,000. The funding period will run from November 2025 to September 2026.

The Call for Proposal will follow these stages:

1. WWF-Indonesia announces the open call for proposals through its website.
2. Prospective organizations submit proposals based on the specified criteria.
3. WWF-Indonesia reviews the proposals and invites shortlisted candidates for discussions.
4. Announcement of subgrant recipients and preparation of contracts.

4) Timeline of Grant Funding Proposals and Contracts

- 4 September 2025: Open for call proposal.
- 12 September 2025: Online information session.
- 21 September 2025: Deadline for submission of narrative proposal and requested budget by prospective partners.
- 22 September–20 October 2025: Interviews with shortlisted candidates for clarification of the submitted proposal and due diligence process.
- 21 October 2025: Announcement of the selected partner.
- 22–27 October 2025: Grant contract signing with partner.

- 28–31 October 2025: Disbursement of initial funds and commencement project implementation.

5) Proposal Structure (Maximum 15 PAGES)

- Project title and location
- Partner profile
- Background of the problem
- Project goals, objectives, strategies, and targeted stakeholder(s)
- Activities, expected results & timeline
- Structure of the implementation team
- Budget details (staff, operations, activities)

Notes:

- Proposal in Indonesian language is accepted.
- Templates are available and will also be distributed.

6) Proposal Submission

The full proposal can be sent to the email address: Chrisandini (chrisandini@wwf.id) with a copy (cc) to Ari Moch Arif (aarif@wwf.id) and Farah Nadiyah (fnadiyah@wwf.id)